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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1932-1936

Language

English

Creator

Eager, George B., Jr., 1888-1942

Extent

.2 Linear Feet 1 small archival box, 2 folders

Repository

Arthur J. Morris Law Library Special Collections

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was a gift from George B. Eager Jr. in 1933.

Biographical / Historical

George Boardman Eager received a BA and LLB from the University of Virginia in 1910. After practicing law in Louisville, Kentucky, Eager joined the Law School faculty as an adjunct professor in 1911. He became an associate professor in 1915, and full professor in 1916. Eager played a key role in William Minor Lile's term as dean by assisting him in the discharge of administrative responsibilities. Eager later became the first assistant dean of the Law School, a position which he filled from 1932-36. He served as acting dean from 1931-32 and 1936-37. As a professor, Eager taught such subjects as administrative law, agency, admiralty, insurance, bankruptcy, and damages. During the 1918-19 session, he taught French in the student army training corps of UVA. His former law student Jack [John] Ritchie (Law 1927) has credited him for his "selfless devotion to the University of Virginia, particularly its Law School" and his "willingness to perform the nitty-gritty that had to be done if the law school was to function." He died in 1942.

Scope and Contents

The George B. Eager collection fills only one folder and spans less than one year, 1933. As the first letter indicates, Eager solicited alumni to write to the Rector and Visitors of the University endorsing the appointment of John L. Newcomb as president. The rest of the collection is mostly letters from alumni endorsing Newcomb. Correspondence and clippings at the end of the file indicate that Eager was successful.

Keywords

letters (correspondence)
University of Virginia. School of Law -- Alumni and alumnae
University of Virginia. School of Law -- History
Newcomb, John Lloyd, 1881-1954
Eager, George B., Jr., 1888-1942
Clemons, Harry, 1879-1968

Description of Subordinate Components

George B. Eager Correspondence with Harry Clemons [5 items]

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George B. Eager Correspondence re support for the appointment of Dr. John L. Newcomb for president of the University of Virginia [43 items]

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