

Jack Shepard Papers
1918 – 1958

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Title: Jack Shepard Papers

Creator: Jack Shepard, Milton Shepard

Collection: No. 101

Dates of Processing: 2011 - 2012

Volume: .5 feet in one box

Restrictions: None

Access: During open library hours of the Society; 12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month; by appointment.

Related Collections: None

Abstract:

This collection is comprised mainly of an assortment of memorabilia saved by Jack Shepard during his time as an engineer in WWI. His activities in the civic life of Flemington, NJ and the operation of the Flemington Fair are included. There is also a handwritten travel journal by Milton Shepard dated 1877.

Biographic Notes:

Jack Shepard lived in Flemington NJ. From information in his correspondence he was involved with the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the Flemington Fire Department. He trained for service in WWI at Camp AA in Humphery, VA and was deployed to Dchtending[?], Germany as an engineer soldier with the 6th US Engineer Regiment, Company H. After the war he returned to Flemington and became active in a variety of civic organizations, and in operating the Flemington Fair Exhibition.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains three series in 9 folders. The first is documents and memorabilia related to Jack Shepard's training at Camp AA in Humphery, VA during the summer of 1918, and the correspondence he received while there. The letters from family and friends reference other men serving in the military, news about the Hunterdon County

Democrat newspaper and activities at the Flemington Fire Company. There is abundant information about daily life in Flemington during July, August, and September of 1918.

The second series contains documents concerning the American Legion Parade of 1935, and Jack's activities with the Flemington Merchants Association. During the 1950's Jack Shepard worked with the Flemington Fair Exhibition and recorded Statements of Operations. The collection also contains Fair Exhibition Programs intermittently from 1914 through 1930. There are 3 photographs.

The third series consists of a single travel log from 1877 recorded by Milton Shepard.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Military Service 1918- 1919

Folder 1 (OV1). Military Documents, 2 items;
Military Discharge paper, Military History document.

Folder 2.

Military Memorabilia, 17 items;
Ration cards, postcards, newspaper clippings and other miscellaneous items.

Folder 3. Correspondence from 7/12/1918 to 8/15/1918, 22 items;
Letters received from friends and family while stationed at Camp AA in Humphery, VA.

Folder 4. Correspondence from 8/16/1918 to 9/31/1918, 21 items;
Letters received from friends and family while stationed at Camp AA in Humphery, VA.

Series 2. Civic Activities in Flemington, NJ, 1935 – 1958

Folder 5. Activities associated with the Flemington Merchants Association, 5 items;

Two documents about American Legion Parade of 1935, the Membership List of the Flemington Merchants Association, undated, list of Contributors to Flemington Merchants' 1938 Christmas Lighting Drive, Let's Send Flemington's Champion Marble Shooter to Wildwood in 1937 list of contributors.

Folder 6. Papers of the Flemington Fair, 14 items;

Newspaper clippings about the legality of certain gaming activities, ticket books, Statement of Operations from 1952 to 1958, a contract, two undated lists of expenses or revenues.

Folder 7. Flemington Fair Exhibition Programs, 7 items;
Programs intermittently from 1914 to 1930.

Folder 8. Photographs, 3 items;
Three photographs: one identified as Jack Shepard, one of two unidentified men, one of a house with a fence, woman and boy in front, heavily damaged. Caption on back might read as Ida Shepard, John (Jack), 12 Court Street.

Series 3. Travel Journal 1877

Folder 9. Travel Journal, 1 item;
Handwritten travel journal of Milton Shepard. Beginning in Ringoes, NJ on January 30, 1877 it chronicles the geography and towns passed through during three camps in diary form. The last diary entry is the third camp near the Allegany area along the Waukill (sic) River.