

Guide to the Francis John Baker Boer War Diary

MS 1957



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1957

CREATOR: Baker, Francis John, 1869-

TITLE: Francis John Baker Boer War diary

DATES: Circa 1885-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection comprises a manuscript diary covering the years 1901-1902, written in 1912 from notes taken during that time period. Francis John Baker provides lengthy, detailed descriptions of his experiences in the Boer War and daily camp life. Military documents, family correspondence, and photographs are included.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased by the African Collection curator and transferred to Manuscripts and Archives, 2009.

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Francis John Baker was born August 10, 1869, in Somerset, England. A corn merchant by trade, he joined the 48th North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, arriving in South Africa in 1901. Lance Corporal Baker was honorably discharged in 1902.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Material is arranged as received from the vendor.

Collection Contents

Inventory of the Original Accession

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Diary containing reminiscences about service during the Boer War in South Africa
1912 |
| | Baker's service in the war was during 1901-1902. Diary written from the leaves of a pocket pad in 1912. |
| | A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. |
| b. 1, f. 2 | British Army and Navy forms and a letter from Baker to his mother removed from the diary
Circa 1885-1919 |
| | Includes a photocopy of two photographs of Baker. |
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

South African War, 1899-1902
South African War, 1899-1902 -- Personal
narratives

Names

Baker, Francis John, 1869-