

Guide to the Samuel Harrington Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1118

CREATOR: Harrington, Samuel Milby, 1882-1948

TITLE: Samuel Milby Harrington papers

DATES: 1901-1920

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist entirely of letters from Samuel M. Harrington to his parents describing life in the Marine Corps, including his posting to the Dominican Republic (1916-1918).

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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 in 1961.

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Samuel Milby Harrington Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Samuel Milby Harrington

B.A. 1906

Born November 13, 1882, in Annapolis, Md.

Died March 31, 1948, in Annapolis, Md.

Father, Rear Admiral Purnell Frederick Harrington, U.S.N., retired (grad. U.S. Naval Academy 1863); son of Samuel Maxwell and Mary (Lofland) Harrington of Dover, Del. Mother, Mia Nelthropp (Ruan) Harrington; daughter of Dr. John Ruan and Henrietta (von Krause) Ruan of St. Croix, Danish West Indies.

Phillips-Exeter. An editor *Yale Literary Magazine* and *Yale Record* Senior year; chairman *Yale Courant* Senior year; member Chi Delta Theta.

Cub reporter *New York Evening Sun* 1906-7; with W. R. Grace & Company, New York City, 1907-8; in Washington, D.C., winter 1908 and Atlantic City, N.J., 1908-9; commissioned Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps, January 6, 1909, and attended Marine Officers School, Port Royal, S.C., 1909-10; junior officer Marine Detachment U.S.S. *Idaho* at Philadelphia and on cruise with Atlantic fleet to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Europe 1910-11; promoted First Lieutenant May 23, 1911; post quartermaster Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., 1911-13; stationed with American Legation Guard, Peking, China, 1913-16 (with 38th Company 1913-14 and post adjutant 1914-16); on duty with 4th Regiment at Exposition Grounds, San Diego, Calif., 1916; commander 32d Company, 4th Regiment, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 1916-18; promoted Captain August 29, 1916; adjutant Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., 1918-19; liaison officer Fort Benning, 1919-20; promoted Major in November, 1920; instructor Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, 1920-22 and 1926-27; with Gendarmerie D'Haiti, Republic of Haiti, 1922-25; completed field officers' course at Army Infantry School 1925-26; on duty with Constabulary Detachment, Guardia Nacional, Nicaragua, 1927-29; at Marine Corps headquarters, Washington, 1929-34; completed senior course at Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1934-35; promoted Lieutenant Colonel May 29, 1934, and Colonel June 30, 1935; assigned to U.S.S. *California* on duty in Pacific 1935-36; commandant Marine Barracks, Boston, 1936-37 and Fifth Regiment, Quantico, 1937-39; chief of staff Marine Barracks, Quantico, 1939-40; promoted Brigadier General January 1, 1940; president Marine Corps Equipment Board, Quantico, April-July, 1940; president Naval Examining Board, Washington, 1940-41; commandant Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, 1941-43; president Permanent General Court Martial Board, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 1943-45; retired for physical disability January 1, 1943, but not released from active duty until February, 1945; member Episcopal church.

Married July 27, 1921, in Atlanta, Ga., Marion Nutting Meehan, daughter of Willard Holmes and Margaret Jessie (Wallace) Nutting. Children: Samuel Milby, Jr. (St. John's Coll. 1942-44; George Washington Univ. 1949-), and Margaret Willard.

Death due to arteriosclerosis. Buried in Naval Cemetery, Annapolis. Survived by wife, children, and a sister, Miss Helen Nelthropp Harrington of Yonkers, N.Y.

(Taken from *Yale Obituary Record*, 1948, p. 81).

Scope and Contents

The Samuel Milby Harrington Papers consist of letters to his father and mother spanning 1901-1920. The letters from 1906-1920 contain details of his routine daily activities in the United States Marine Corps. Lt. Harrington saw action in the summer of 1916 as his Thirty-second Company of the Fourth Regiment marched eighty miles from Monti Cristi, Dominican Republic to Santiago. Harrington eventually became a brigadier general. He died March 31, 1948.

The letters were purchased in 1961 by the Yale Library from C. E. H. Whitlock.

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Correspondence

1901-1920

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

Armed Forces

Geographic Names

Dominican Republic -- Description and travel

Occupations

Soldiers

Names

Harrington, Samuel Milby, 1882-1948

Corporate Body

United States. Marine Corps