Guide to the
Dr. Edward F. Sipe ’26 Papers

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MS – 151: Papers of Dr. Edward F. Sipe ’26
(2 boxes, 0.70 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1922-1976
Bulk Dates: 1922-1926

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Provenance
These papers were received as a bequest through the Development office.

Biography
Dr. Edward F. Sipe was a member of the Gettysburg College Class of 1926. He briefly participated in the Lincoln Club and was elected an Assistant Art Editor for the 1926 Spectrum. Dr. Sipe graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree in chemistry, and in 1928 began attending the Penn Dental School. Shortly after graduating in 1932, he opened a dental practice in Waynesboro, PA, which he ran until illness forced him to retire. In 1937, he married Mary Louise Cornwell, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Sipe died on July 15, 1969.

Scope and Content Notes
This collection consists primarily of letters, photographs, and academic materials from Gettysburg College in 1922-1926, as well as miscellaneous memorabilia from that time and a small amount of alumni materials. The academic materials include textbooks and lab manuals, mostly from biology and chemistry courses, as well as class notes written by Sipe. While the letters were written during Sipe’s time as a student, they are almost entirely from female friends of Sipe, none of whom appear to have attended Gettysburg College. Most of the photographs are unidentified and lack any sort of date, with the exception of Sipe’s graduation photo and the undated photos of Penn Hall. There are course registration materials, as well as cards and invitations from various events, but with no real focus or theme uniting them. The collection provides some insight into the life of a student at Gettysburg College during the 1922-1926 period, particularly with regard to academics.

Series Description
This collection is divided into five Series. Series 1: Coursework, Series 2: Miscellaneous Gettysburg Papers, Series 3: Pictures, Series 4: Letters to Ed Sipe, 1924-25, Series 5: Alumni Materials

Box 1
1-1 Finding Aid and Biographical Information
Series 1- Coursework
1-2 Biology Class and Lab Materials (1/2)
   This folder consists of loose pages of an anatomy notebook, a notepad of biology
   notes, a Guidebook for Vertebrate Dissection, a text entitled “A Laboratory Guide and
   Notebook in Biology, and two Gettysburg lab manuals.

1-3 Biology Class and Lab Materials (2/2)
   This folder consists entirely of loose pages of notes and diagrams on anatomy and
   biology.

1-4 Chemistry Class and Lab Materials (1/2)
   Professor E. S. Breidenbaugh’s Outline of Work in Qualitative Chemical
   Analysis, an accompanying hardcover notebook, and a lab notebook for organic
   chemistry.

1-5 Chemistry Class and Lab Materials (2/2)
   Book of “Exercises in Quantitative Chemistry” and a lab notebook for
   quantitative chemistry.

1-6 Geology Course Materials
   Syllabus of Lectures on Geology by Professor E. S. Breidenbaugh.

1-7 Psychology Course Materials
   Note pad of class notes, textbook titled Problems in Educational Psychology
   (unbound).

1-8 German Course Materials
   Typewritten pages containing an unlabeled English translation of A Village
   Romeo and Juliet by Gottfried Keller

Series 2- Miscellaneous Gettysburg Papers
1-9 Miscellaneous Gettysburg Papers
   Football ticket, YMCA card, dance card from 1923 Christmas Ball, Christmas
   card from President Hanson, 1924 Sophomore Banquet booklet, 1925 Mother’s Day
   Banquet program (2 copies), YMCA Charity Chest card, Chapel Absence notices (3),
   design and calculations for 1926 Spectrum Yearbook senior photo layout, registration
   cards (4), Course Catalogue book for 1924-1925

Series 3- Pictures
1-10 Pictures
   Envelope containing two photos of Penn Hall, envelope containing 10
   unidentified photos, graduation photo of Edward F. Sipe, two unidentified ink and paper
   drawings

Series 4- Letters to Ed Sipe, 1924-1925
1-11 Letters to Ed Sipe, 1924-1925
Postcard from Kugler’s Restaurant, advertising a new location in Philadelphia (undated)

Postcard dated September 15, 1924 from William and Mary College in Williamsburg, VA. Sent to home address of Sipe in Waynesboro, sender unknown. Image is “The Gypsy Tent” formation from Endless Caverns in New Market, VA.

Letter from Hazel, dated March 19th, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College mailbox from house in Hagerstown, MD. Discusses dances and weather.

Letter from Ellen T., dated March 24th, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College from unknown address in Gettysburg. Discusses dances.

Letters (2) from Johnny, current student at William and Mary College. Dated January 11, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College mailbox from Box 4, Blue Ridge Summit, PA. Discusses dances, school, sender’s family health issues. Dated January 15, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College from unknown address. Discusses dances and school.

Letters (4) from Alice, former classmate of Sipe from Waynesboro High School Class of 1922; nurse at Washington County Hospital Dated February 4, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College from house in Waynesboro. Discusses people in Waynesboro. Dated February 25, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College from house in Waynesboro. Discusses news from Waynesboro. Dated April 27, 1925 Sent to Gettysburg College from Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, MD. Discusses sender’s new job as a nurse. Dated May 31, 1925. Sent to Gettysburg College from Washington County Hospital. Invitation to Graduation of Class of 1925 Washington County Hospital Training School for Nurses and envelope included. Discusses sender’s new job as a nurse.

Letters (18) from Julia, presumably a fellow classmate of Sipe in high school. All sent to Gettysburg College from Smithsburg, MD. Most letters contain news of mutual friends and social events in Smithsburg. Dated September 19, 1924 Dated September 23, 1924 Dated September 26, 1924 Dated October 3, 1924 Dated October 22, 1924 Dated October 24, 1924 Dated November 6, 1924 Dated November 10, 1924 Dated November 17, 1924 Dated November 24, 1924 Dated December 16, 1924 Dated December, unknown day and year Dated January 7, 1925 Dated January 15, 1925
Dated January 1925, unknown day
Dated February 9, 1925
Dated February 27, 1925
Dated March 10, 1925

Series 5- Alumni Materials
1-12 Alumni Materials
   Invitation and program for the Centennial Celebration, commemorative 1970
   “Old Dorm” Restoration coin (bronze version), Class of 1926 50th Reunion Book