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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Lewis A. Wileden (1888-1969) of Oxford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, was the first student at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) to earn a degree in veterinary medicine. After graduating in 1913, he accepted the position of Sanitary Inspector for Lansing, Michigan. In 1914, he married Carolyn D. Gornitz. In 1917, he enlisted in the Second Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces, and he was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps in France. Upon his return, in 1919, he set up a veterinary practice in Cassopolis, Cass County, Michigan, which he relocated to Mason, Michigan, in 1922. He was elected president of the Michigan Veterinarians' Association in 1927, and he served on the Mason Board of Education from 1927 to 1935.

In 1941, he was injured in a train accident in Lansing. In 1946, he sold his veterinary practice to become the meat inspector for the Ingham County (Michigan) Health Department, from which he retired in 1957. He also served on the Mason City Council from 1954 to 1956.

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Scope and Contents

The collection documents Lewis A. Wileden's military service during World War I, including personal notebooks, military vouchers and orders, and personal reports. Also present is a 1919 copy of the Second Division newspaper, *The Indian*, a small publication about the accomplishments of the division during the war, a scrapbook of postcards and photographs of Europe, postwar correspondence with the Second Regiment Engineers, wartime newspaper clippings, and military identification papers, one of which holds a photograph of Wileden. The collection includes a personal synopsis of his war experiences and copies of speeches he made concerning the war in later years.

Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) materials include a personal expense notebook, social programs, a scrapbook including photographs of family and friends from the Ortonville and Lansing (Michigan) areas, programs, invitations, and ribbons, and articles and programs of alumni events.

Postwar materials include veterinary accounts, records, and day books, articles, records of his service with the Ingham County (Michigan) Health Department, the Mason (Michigan) City Council, and his jury duty tenures, speeches, and personal correspondence. There are also numerous materials relating to his accident on the Grand Trunk Railway system in 1941, his claim against the railroad company, his medical expenses, and a hospital diary. Also an account of his 1949 hernia operation and a scrapbook of get well cards from both hospital stays.

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Gift of Lewis A. Wileden, 1968-10-09.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Veterinary medicine
- Veterinary medicine -- Michigan
- World War, 1914-1918 -- France
- Mason (Mich. : Township)
- Ortonville (Mich.)
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Diaries
- Ledgers (account books)
- Photographs
- Postcards
- Scrapbooks
- Speeches
- Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company
- Ingham County (Mich.). Health Department
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Michigan State University. Alumni and alumnae

Collection Inventory

Papers

Michigan Agricultural College/Michigan State University

Title/Description	Instances	
Memorabilia, 1908, 1912	box 6206	folder 1
Alumni Activities, 1950, 1954, 1960, undated	box 6206	folder 2

World War I Military Service

Title/Description	Instances	
Diary, 1918	box 6206	folder 3
Synopsis of service, undated	box 6206	folder 4
Orders, 1917-1919	box 6206	folder 5
Monthly Personal Reports, 1917-1919	box 6206	folder 6
Vouchers, 1917-1919	box 6206	folder 7
"The Second Division: American Expeditionary Forces 1917-1919", February 1919	box 6206	folder 8
"The Indian" volume 1, no. 1, April 15, 1919	box 6206	folder 9
Speeches on War Experiences, 1932, undated	box 6206	folder 10
Bonus Loan, 1925, 1931, 1933	box 6206	folder 11
Correspondence with Second Regiment Engineers, 1968	box 6206	folder 12
Newspaper clippings, 1917-1919	box 6206	folder 13
Miscellaneous [including correspondence, leave paperwork, vaccination registers, and identification card], 1918-1919	box 6206	folder 14

Veterinary Practice

Title/Description	Instances	
Accounts, 1924-1925, 1932-1942	box 6206	folder 17
Day Books, 1927-1928	box 6207	folder 1
Day Book, 1929	box 6206	folder 18
Income Tax Return, 1942	box 6206	folder 19
Miscellaneous [including correspondence, taxes for dispensing narcotics and narcotics licenses], 1933, 1935, undated	box 6206	folder 20

Grand Trunk Freight Train Accident

Title/Description	Instances	
Hospital Diary, 1941	box 6206	folder 21
Personal and Medical Expenses, 1941-1942, undated	box 6207	folder 2
Correspondence Concerning Claim, October 1941 - February 1942	box 6206	folder 22
Correspondence Concerning Claim, March - June 1942	box 6206	folder 23
Notes, undated	box 6206	folder 24
Newspaper Clippings, 1941	box 6207	folder 3

Public Service

Title/Description	Instances	
Ingham County Health Department, 1925, undated	box 6206	folder 25
Jury Duty, 1950, 1958, 1964, undated	box 6206	folder 26
Mason, Michigan. City Council Campaign, 1954-1956	box 6206	folder 27
Speeches, 1908, 1925, 1952, 1956	box 6206	folder 28
Personal Correspondence, 1942, 1949, 1954, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1968	box 6206	folder 29
Account of 1949 Hernia Surgery, undated	box 6206	folder 30
Newspaper Clippings, 1922-1963, undated	box 6207	folder 4
Miscellaneous Memorabilia, 1915, 1916, 1948, 1956, 1957	box 6206	folder 31

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Volumes

Title/Description	Instances	
Income and Expense Book, 1909-1913	box 6206	volume 1
Diary, 1917-1918	box 6206	volume 2
Diary, 1919	box 6206	volume 3
Ledger, 1919-1927	box 6207	volume 4
Ledger, 1928-1932	box 6207	volume 5
Ledger, 1933-1938	box 6207	volume 6
Ledger, 1939-1942	box 6207	volume 7
Ledger "And Odd Memoirs", 1943-1944	box 6207	volume 8

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Scrapbooks

Title/Description	Instances
1908-1916	volume Scrapbook #70
Scrapbook of get-well cards received after train accident and later hernia operation, 1942, 1949	volume Scrapbook # 109
Photographs and Postcards of Europe during World War I, 1918-1919	volume Scrapbook #122

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Photographic Materials

Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
American Expeditionary Forces. Insignia of Second Regiment Engineers	
Mason, Michigan City Council Photograph, 1955	box 6206 folder 15
Mason, Michigan photographs and postcard, 1911, 1956, undated	box 6206 folder 15
Meat Inspection	box 6207
Michigan. Oxford Township. Oxford Cornet Band	box 6207
Michigan. Oxford Township. Oxford High School. Physics Class	box 6207
People. Unidentified	box 6207
People. Wileden, Lewis A. (American Expeditionary Forces Identity Card)	box 6207
Railroads. Accidents	box 6207

Photographs - CDVs

Title/Description	Instances
People.Groups	

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Photographs - Oversized	box OS 18
Title/Description	Instances
People. Groups. Classroom	

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Postcards	box Collection Postcards
Title/Description	Instances
Bridges. Lincoln Highway Bridge Across Mississippi River at Clinton, Iowa	
Iowa. Cedar Rapids. Roosevelt Junior High School	
Iowa. Postcard Folder	
People. Wileden, Lewis A. (?)	
Railroads. Train en Route to Escanaba, Michigan	
Utah. Great Salt Lake	
Utah. Salt Lake City. Capitol Building	
Utah. Salt Lake City. Memory Park	
Virginia. Arlington. Curtis Lee Mansion	
Virginia. Mt. Vernon. Buildings	
Virginia. Mt. Vernon. Buildings. Interiors	

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