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Guide to the George B. Gantt Collection, Class of 1919



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MS-12: The George B. Gantt Collection

(4 Boxes; 1.80 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: c. 1914-1990

Bulk Dates: 1935-1950

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Biography

George Bourne Gantt, born November 8, 1903, graduated from McDonogh in 1919. Affectionately known as “shrimp” due to his short stature, Gantt was a sergeant in Company “A,” an assistant editor for *The Week*, business manager of the 1919 edition of *The Dragon*, and was engaged with the Allan Debating Society, the choir, and the baseball team during his five-year tenure at McDonogh. Because of his diverse engagement with the community, his peers voted that he had “Done Most for the Class,” but he was also the “Most Happy-go-Lucky,” the “Biggest Nuisance,” and the “Worst Roughhouser.” Gantt kept in touch with the school and returned to campus for his 50th reunion in 1969.

After graduating from McDonogh, he spent the majority of his career in the military, serving two deployments abroad in England and Belgium from 1941 to 1946 as a finance officer. After being discharged with the rank of major, Gantt spent the remainder of his career at Fort Meade, MD, in the finance department. George was a dutiful member of the United States Army, rarely missing a day of work and contributing 30 years of service at the time of his retirement in 1963.

Gantt married Marian Kleintank in 1928 and resided predominantly in Laurel, MD. In his free time, he enjoyed collecting coins and stamps and solving crossword puzzles. He is a distant cousin of Henry L. Gantt, class of 1878 and Charles Gantt, class of 1887. He passed away at the age of 84 on October 7, 1988. McDonogh was the primary benefactor of his will, and in recognition of his generosity, the Gantt Room in the Kiplinger Library bears his name.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection primarily consists of George B. Gantt’s military papers, including orders, evaluations, finance and budget forms, and other assorted files. However, there are also photographs from his time at McDonogh, his time in the military, and personal photos. His military insignia, which are stored with the textiles collection, are also a part of the collection. There are some mailings and correspondence in the collection, primarily concerning Gantt’s promotions and retirement.

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- 1-1 Certificates and awards – predominantly recognizing his military service, 1935 – 1985.
- 1-2 Correspondence – notes written to him upon promotions and retirement, 1943 – 1985.

- 1-3 Crossword Puzzle Dictionary, June 1980
- 1-4 Genealogy of the Gantt Family/Folder 1, 1937
- 1-5 Genealogy of the Gantt Family/Folder 2, 1937
- 1-6 Genealogy of the Gantt Family/Folder 3, 1937
- 1-7 Mailings, 1936 – 1986
- 1-8 McDonogh Alumni Association Papers – membership card and event invitations, 1919 – 1969
- 1-9 Military Identification Cards, 1944 – 1951
- 1-10 Military Papers/Folder 1, 1933 – 1941
- 1-11 Military Papers/Folder 2, 1933 – 1941
- 1-12 Military Papers/Folder3, 1933 – 1941
- 1-13 Military Papers/Folder 4, 1933 – 1941
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- 1-15 Military Papers/Folder 1, 1941 – 1946
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- 2-2 Military Papers/Folder 5, 1941 – 1946
- 2-3 Military Papers/Folder 6, 1941 – 1946
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- 2-6 Military Papers/Folder 3, 1946 – 1949
- 2-7 Military Papers/Folder 4, 1946 – 1949
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- 3-2 Military Papers/Folder 5, 1950 – 1953
- 3-3 Military Papers/Folder 6, 1950 – 1953
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- 4-1** Military Permits/Exchange and Ration Cards, 1942 – 1946
- 4-2** Miscellaneous, c. 1938 – 1990
- 4-3** Newspaper Clippings, 1928 – 1946
- 4-4** “Finance Journal” Newspapers, 1953 – 1957
- 4-5** Photos (McDonogh), 1915 – 1919
- 4-6** Photos (Military), c. 1940 – c. 1960
- 4-7** Photos (Personal), c. 1945 – c. 1961
- 4-8** Retirement Forms, 1963
- 4-9** SAO Exceptions/Folder 1, 1944 – 1947
- 4-10** SAO Exceptions/Folder 2, 1946 – 1951
- 4-11** Stamp Collection, c. 1945-1965
- 4-12** Photograph and Pin of Unknown Man, n.d.
- 4-13** Stripes from McDonogh Uniform, c. 1919
- 4-14** Army Badges, c. 1920-1963