

Albert H. Vestal collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Vestal, Albert H. (Albert Henry), 1875-1932
Title	Albert H. Vestal collection
Date	1899-1932, bulk 1917-1932
Extent	1.3 Cubic feet 4 manuscript boxes
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Albert Henry Vestal was born on January 18, 1875, near Frankton, Madison County, Indiana. His parents were William and Mary (Jackson) Vestal. He taught for over six years in Nebraska and Indiana. On September 15, 1895, he married Madge Horn with whom he had two children, Vivian and Ralph. In 1896, he graduated from Valparaiso University, was admitted to the bar, and began practicing in Frankton, Indiana. After a short time in the office of Wood and Ellis, he formed his own partnership with James M. Farlow. His wife died on August 5, 1899. Vestal was remarried to Hulda Maude Malone on January 8, 1903.

From 1900-1906, Vestal was prosecuting attorney of the 50th judicial circuit. After leaving this office, he practiced in Anderson, Indiana, at the firm Vestal and Van Nuys. He ran for U.S. Congress in 1908 and 1914 and was defeated in both races. He was finally elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1916 and served in the next eight Congresses (1917-1932). Vestal served as the majority whip from 1923-1932. He died on April 1, 1932, in Washington, D.C.

Sources:

Brandon, Rodney H. Who is Who in Anderson. Anderson, IN, 1908.

Commemorative Biographical Record of Prominent and Representative Men of Indianapolis and Vicinity Containing Biographical Sketches of Business and Professional Men and of Many of the Early Settled Families. Chicago: J. H. Beers and Company, 1908.

Scope and Contents

The bulk of the collection is invitations, programs, and announcements for social events in Washington, D.C. Other items include clippings related to Vestal's work in Congress; his diary and other materials from his trip to California and Alaska (1927); speeches; a record of assistance given to World War I veterans and their families in his congressional district; and a transcript of headlines made by Vestal during 1917.

Arrangement

The collection is organized by document type and subject. All of the folders are arranged alphabetically by title.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2006/04 by Christina Baich. EAD finding aid created 2017/06/20 by Bethany Fiechter.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L384 Maude Vestal papers, 1920-1940

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Congress. House of Representatives.

Genre(s)

- Legislative bills
- Theater programs

Geographic Name(s)

- Alaska
- California
- Frankton (Ind.)
- Madison County (Ind.)
- Washington (D.C.)

Personal Name(s)

- Vestal, Hulda Malone

Subject(s)

- Judges--Indiana
- Lawyers--Indiana
- Legislators--Indiana
- Legislators--United States

- United States--Description and travel--20th century
- World War, 1914-1918

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Alaska and California trip materials, 1923, 1927 July-1927 Sept.	1	1
Alaska and California trip diary, 1927 July-1927 Sept.	1	2
Bills proposed by Vestal, 1929-1931	1	3
Clippings, 1924-1932, undated	1	4
Correspondence and financial papers, 1899-1929	1	5
Correspondence and financial papers, 1930-1931, undated	1	6
Headlines transcript, 1917/04/01-1917/04/21	1	7
Headlines transcript, 1917/08/22-1917/12/30	1	8
Invitations and calling cards, 1925-1927	1	9
Invitations and calling cards, 1928/01/01-1928/02/14	1	10
Invitations and calling cards, 1928/02/15-1928/03/31	1	11
Invitations and calling cards, 1928/04/03-1928/05/13	2	1

Invitations and calling cards, 1928/05/15-1928/11/17	2	2
Invitations and calling cards, 1928/12/05-1929/01/31	2	3
Invitations and calling cards, 1929 Feb.	2	4
Invitations and calling cards, 1928/03/01-1929/06/31	2	5
Invitations and calling cards, 1929/07/02-1930/01/01	2	6
Invitations and calling cards, 1930/01/17-1930/02/15	2	7
Invitations and calling cards, 1930/02/16-1930/05/30	2	8
Invitations and calling cards, 1930/04/02-1930/05/30	2	9
Invitations and calling cards, 1930/06/07-1932/06/20, undated	3	1
Membership and pamphlets, 1924-1931, undated	3	2
Memorial addresses delivered in Congress, 1932/05/25	3	3
Notes, 1925, undated	3	4
Programs and menus, 1927-1928	3	5
Programs and menus, 1929	3	6

Programs and menus, 1930 Jan.	3	7
Programs and menus, 1930 Feb.-1932, undated	3	8
Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929 (folder 1 of 6)	3	9
Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929 (folder 2 of 6)	3	10
Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929 (folder 3 of 6)	3	11
Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929 (folder 4 of 6)	4	1
Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929 (folder 5 of 6)	4	2
Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929 (folder 6 of 6)	4	3
Speeches, 1925-1931, undated	4	4