



**Guide to the
Donald F. Lybarger Collection, Class of 1919**



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Biography:

Donald Fisher Lybarger, valedictorian of the 1919 graduating class of Gettysburg College was born in Harrisburg, PA on December 19, 1896. He earned an LL.B. in 1923 from Western Reserve Law School and was admitted to the Ohio Bar that same year, and to the United States Supreme Court in 1926. In 1959 he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and chosen Chief Justice of the Court in 1967. While a student at Gettysburg College, he was President of the Student Government, Editor of the Gettysburgian, Secretary of the Press Club and member of the Penn and Sword and Phrenakosmian Societies. He won letters in varsity track and debating and was one of the founders of the Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity chapter on campus. During World War I, he served as an officer in the military training corps and also on the Battleship Minnesota.

He married Cornelia Marjorie Hartshorne in 1924 and had four children, Cornelia, Virginia, Lee and Leonard, and remarried Helen Baldwin Dean in 1956 after the death of his first wife. He died November 6, 1970 in Lakewood, OH.

Scope and Content Notes:

This collection consists of a disbound class memorial which has been kept in its original order. The original letters have been removed for archival preservation and replaced with copies. Almost all letters are written from Gettysburg College students stationed in stateside military training camps between 1917 and 1919 and addressed to Lybarger or "Brothers of Phi Sigma." A scrapbook kept by Lybarger while a student at Gettysburg between 1914-1919 includes photographs, programs, dance cards and other college memorabilia.

Box 1:

- 1 - 1** Gettysburg College Memorial, Class of 1919 (disbound)
- 1 - 2** Gettysburg College Memorial, Class of 1919 (disbound)
- 1 - 3** original letters, 1917 - 1919
- 1 - 4** original letters, 1917 - 1919
- 1 - 5** original letters, 1917 - 1919

Box 2:

- 1 - 2** Scrapbook, 1914 - 1919, bound