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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Snider Family
Title:	Snider Family Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1912-1938
Bulk Dates:	1914-1918
Quantity:	1.3 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Abstract:	Correspondence from Mary and Marguerite Snider to their parents and brother Frank tell of the day-to-day life of Vassar students, their classes, extra-curricular activities, and social life. Letters to and from Frank tell a similar story of his days at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, and Amherst College in Massachusetts.

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Biographical Note

Twins Mary and Marguerite Snyder graduated from Vassar in 1918. Born December 20, 1895 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to Frank and Hannah (Happie) L. Snider, they returned to Uniontown after their graduation. Both Mary and Marguerite worked with the Red Cross during World War and after, Marguerite until 1925 and Mary until at least 1947. Marguerite earned a certificate in economic research and

community organization at Bryn Mawr in 1921 and her C.L.U. from the College of Life Underwriters. She worked as an underwriter for the Equitable Life Assurance Society beginning in 1925. She married attorney Buell B. Whitehill in 1945. She died in October 1980. Mary did not marry and lived at the family home on Kensington Avenue in Uniontown until at least 1960. Alumnae surveys in 1947 and 1956 indicate that she was the Home Service Secretary of the American Red Cross's Fayette County chapter. In 1960, she reported that she was the part-time Executive Secretary of the Mental Health Association of Fayette County. She retired in 1971. Mary Snider died in 1997.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Snider, Frank
- Snider, Marguerite Lyons
- Snider, Mary Lyons

Organizations:

- Amherst College--Students
- Mercersburg Academy--Students
- Vassar College--Students

VCL Categories

- Family
- Vassar College

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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Dates added in brackets are from postmarks on original envelopes. Those envelopes have been discarded.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mary and Jacob Leed, August 2009 (M2009-026). An additional accession, folders 2.10-2.11, were given in April 2010 (M2010-009).

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Series List

Series I. Marguerite Snider
Series I includes letters to and from Marguerite Snider, as well as official Vassar College documents and correspondence.
Series II. Mary Snider
Series II includes letters to and from Mary Snider, as well as official Vassar College documents and correspondence.
Series III. Frank Snider
Series IV includes letters to and from Frank Snider, as well as correspondence related to his academic record and documents regarding his military training.
Series IV. Miscellaneous
Series V includes letters to and from brother Joe Snider and to mother Hannah (Happie) Snider as well as other miscellaneous correspondence.

Container List

Series I: Marguerite Snider	
Folder 1.1	Vassar documents and correspondence, 1912-1920
Folder 1.2	To parents and brothers Frank and Joe, Sep – Dec 1914
Folders 1.3 - 1.6	To parents and brother Frank, Jan 1915 - Apr 1916
Folder 2.10	To parents and brother Frank, Apr - July 1916
Folders 1.7 - 1.10	To parents Oct 1916 - June 1918
Folder 1.11	To Frank Snider at Mercersburg Academy and Amherst, 1916-1918
Series II: Mary Snider	
Folder 1.12	Vassar documents and correspondence, 1912-1918
Folders 1.13 - 1.17	To parents and brother Frank, Sep 1914 – Dec 1916
Folder 2.11	To parents and brother Frank, Apr - July 1916
Folders 1.18 - 1.21	To parents, Jan 1917 - Mar 1918
Folder 1.22	To parents, Apr - June 1918, 1920
Box 2.1	To Frank Snider at Mercersburg and Amherst, 1916-1918
Series III: Frank Snider	
Folders 2.2 - 2.3	Parents and friends to Frank Snider, 1914-1919
Folders 2.4 - 2.6	From Frank Snider, Mar 1917 - 1920
Series IV: Miscellaneous	
Folder 2.7	To and from Joe Snider, 1915-1917
Folder 2.8	To Mrs. Frank (Hannah/Happie) Snider, 1916-1918, 1937-1938
Folder 2.9	Miscellaneous, 1916-1920

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Finding Aid Date

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