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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: 1.4 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: Correspondence from Mary and Marguerite Snider (VC 1918) to their parents and brother Frank that tell of the day-to-day life of Vassar students, their classes, extra-curricular activities, and social life. Also includes letters to and from Frank that 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 Snider 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, and died in October 1980.

Mary Snider 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, and died in 1997.

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Scope and Content Note

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Access and Use

Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

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Related Material

Related Materials

- [Vassar College Student Materials Collection](#)

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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

Document Types:

- Correspondence

VCL Categories:

- Family
- Vassar College

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Encoding Information

Original encoding by Jessica Kemm, November 2009.

Updated by Emma Gronbeck, November 2025.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Snider Family Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Jessica Kemm, November 2009.

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

Updated by Laura Streett, April 2010.

Acquisition Information

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

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Series List

[Series I. Marguerite Snider](#)

This series includes letters to and from Marguerite Snider, as well as official Vassar College documents and correspondence.

[Series II. Mary Snider](#)

This series includes letters to and from Mary Snider, as well as official Vassar College documents and correspondence.

[Series III. Frank Snider](#)

This series 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](#)

This series 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

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| Folder 1.1 | Vassar documents and correspondence, 1912-1920 |
| Folder 1.2 | To parents and brothers, Frank and Joe, 1914 Sep-Dec |

Folders 1.3-1.6	To parents and brother Frank, 1915 Jan-1916 Apr
Folder 2.10	To parents and brother Frank, 1916 Apr-Jul
Folders 1.7-1.10	To parents 1916 Oct-1918 Jun
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, 1914 Sep-1916 Dec
Folder 2.11	To parents and brother Frank, 1916 Apr-Jul
Folders 1.18-1.21	To parents, 1917 Jan-1918 Mar
Folder 1.22	To parents, 1918 Apr-Jun, 1920
Folder 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, 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
Folder 2.8	To Mrs. Frank (Hannah/Happie) Snider, 1937-1938
Folder 2.9	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1916-1920

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