

Dwight Emerson Mitchell Essays, 1969-1980

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Mitchell, Dwight Emerson, 1898-1988
Title	Dwight Emerson Mitchell Essays
Dates	1969-1980 (inclusive) 1969 1980
Quantity	0.5 linear feet, (1 box)
Collection Number	MSS 027
Summary	Short essays by Mitchell, an educator and journalist in Montana, Idaho and California, distributed in a newsletter format entitled DEMly and containing philosophical musings and reflections on current events, youth revolt of the 1960s, literature, comedy, Chaucer, and other topics; together with autobiographical essays about his college days at the University of Oregon in the 1920s, focusing on the development of personal values.
Repository	Boise State University Library, Special Collections and Archives Special Collections and Archives 1910 University Drive Boise ID 83725 Telephone: 208-426-3958 archives@boisestate.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is available for research.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided, in part, by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities

Historical Note

Dwight Emerson Mitchell was born on July 4, 1898. He received a B.A. in English from the University of Oregon in 1926 and an M.A. in Education from the University of Washington in 1932. During the 1920s he also taught high school English in Billings, Montana, and in Mullan and Challis, Idaho. From 1930 to 1939 he taught journalism at Boise High School. He taught journalism at Boise Junior College from 1939 until 1946. He then went on to a career in journalism in California. He wrote two books, *Journalism and Life* (a textbook) and *Migrant Angels*.

Content Description

The Dwight Emerson Mitchell collection consists entirely of issues of his personal newsletter, entitled DEMly. The run begins with Volume I, number I (dated February I, 1969). The last issue in the collection is Volume 12, number 24 (dated December 15, 1980). There are approximately 280 items in the collection.

The subject content of issues of DEMly varied, though the predominant topics were Chaucer, literature, youth revolt, and personal values. A number of issues of DEMly were subtitled "Clint" and explored in great detail the evolution of his own personal value system while a student at the University of Oregon in the 1920s.

Forms part of the Idaho Writers Archive.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

[item description], Dwight Emerson Mitchell Essays, Box [number] Folder [number], Boise State University Special Collections and Archives.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The issues of DEMly contained in this collection are arranged chronologically, except for those of the "Clint" series, which have been placed in one folder.

Acquisition Information

Gifts of Mr. Mitchell, Palo Alto, Calif., 1976-1980.

Related Materials

There is a contract file for Mitchell in the Boise State University Archives (Record Group 5.0) with additional biographical details. While the contract files are closed to researchers, staff of the Special Collections Department can extract certain biographical information for those interested.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
1	1	Title list of DEMly issues
1	2	DEMly 1969
1	3	DEMly 1970
1	4	DEMly 1971

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	5	DEMIy	1972
1	6	DEMIy	1973
1	7	DEMIy	1974
1	8	DEMIy	1975
1	9	DEMIy	1976
1	10	DEMIy	1977
1	11	DEMIy	1978
1	12	DEMIy	1979
1	13	DEMIy	1980
1	14	"Clint" series of DEMIy	1974-1975

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Authors, English--Middle English, 1100-1500
 Boise Junior College--Faculty--Personal and professional papers
 Chaucer, Geoffrey, d. 1400--Criticism and interpretation
 College students--Conduct of life
 Comedy
 Conflict of generations
 English literature--Middle English, 1100-1500
 Great Britain--Cultural affairs--Literature
 Literature
 Philosophy
 Universities and Colleges--Oregon
 University of Oregon--Students
 Values
 Youth