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Dix Teachenor (1892-1961) Papers  
1911-1935  
21 folders (MICROFILM)

*A scrapbook of letters, maps, photographs, postcards, and other memorabilia from Teachenor's tour of duty during World War I. Additionally, there are scattered newspaper clippings and other material related to Teachenor's tennis activities and his insurance sales career.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Dix Teachenor was born June 4, 1892 to Richard B and Mary C. Teachenor in Kansas City, Missouri, and attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence where he studied liberal arts and was an excellent tennis player. Upon graduation he began working for the Kansas City Life Insurance Company.

On June 15, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army and served at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Camp Merritte, New Jersey, before being sent to England and then to Limoges, France, where he worked in the medical lab of Base Hospital #28. He served at Base Hospital #28 from July 2, 1918, through the end of the war. From January 13, 1919, he traveled to Bar le Duc, Verbun, and St. Mihiel, where he viewed the battlegrounds prior to their being cleaned up. Teachenor returned to the United States in April, 1919, and was discharged, with the rank of sergeant, on May 14, 1919. Dix Teachenor's brother, Dr. Frank R. Teachenor, MD served as a Captain, also with Base Hospital #28.

Teachenor returned to his employment with the Kansas City Life Insurance Company and became a highly successful salesman. He continued his interest in tennis and represented the Kansas City Athletic Club in numerous tournaments.

Dix Teachenor was married to Vivian Thompson. He died in January, 1961.

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## DESCRIPTION:

The bulk of the collection consists of a scrapbook of letters, maps, photographs, postcards, and other memorabilia from Teachenor's tour of duty during World War I. The correspondence is a complete file of his letter to his parents from the time of his enlistment until his return to Kansas City. Teachenor attempted to number the letters in order, however, he apparently did not succeed in maintaining a chronological order, nor did he assign a number to all items. After microfilming the items were removed from the scrapbook and foldered in the sequence in which Teachenor had pasted them into it. Loose clippings and other items have been inserted into this sequence based upon the date of the document.

Additionally, there are scattered newspaper clippings and other material related to Teachenor's tennis activities and his insurance sales career. Three sets of class notes from his studies at the University of Kansas are also included in the papers.

## INVENTORY:

- Folder 1-14. Scrapbook, 1917-1919  
Contains letters, photographs, postcards, clippings, and other material relating to Teachenor's World War I service.
- Folder 15. Personal  
Announcements of Teachenor's wedding and birth of his daughter, clippings and other items related to Teachenor's life and home.
- Folder 16. Career in the Insurance Field  
Clippings, company magazine articles, sales reports, and speeches that Teachenor made while working for the Kansas City Life Insurance Company.
- Folder 17. Amateur Tennis Career  
Clippings about Teachenor as a participant in Kansas City Athletic Club tournaments.
- Folder 18. Ornithology  
Contains a program from the Wilson Ornithological Club (December 28-29, 1925) and a small booklet, The Birds of Kansas, (June 1913) which Teachenor helped write.
- Folder 19. Elementary Psychology Notes  
Reading notes, class notes, charts, diagrams, and specific papers for this course taken at the University of Kansas, 1913-1914.
- Folder 20. American Government Notes  
Reading notes, class notes, charts, diagrams, and specific papers for this course taken at the University of Kansas, 1914.
- Folder 21. Money and Credit Notes  
Reading notes, class notes, charts, diagrams, and specific papers for this course taken at the University of Kansas, 1914-1915.