

Arms, William Tyler (1904-1970)

Diaries; 1915, 1919, 1923, 1928, 1931-1941, 1944, 1945-1955, 1953-1947, 1958-1968, 1969

William Tyler “Billy” Arms, son of Winthrop Tyler and Jennie Chapin Arms, was born in 1904 in Deerfield, and died in 1970. William’s varied career began as a columnist for the *New York Times*. His publications include *The History of Leyden Massachusetts, 1676-1959* (1959) and *Salute to Courage* (1966). He was active in politics, town events, and environmental causes.

His diaries are in different formats, but most (especially the earlier ones) have sporadic entries. The early ones include more notes than diary entries.

Diaries before 1928 are small pocket diaries; handwriting is difficult to read. The 1944 volume is entitled “Daily Aide” and mostly details World War II. The 1969 volume is a notebook that records Arms’s time in a hospital.

The other years are loose, typed pages featuring longer entries, with information on ferns, flowers, and natural history. A variety of topics are discussed.

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