



## Guide to the James Duane Squires (1904-1981) Papers, 1941-1974

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

James Duane Squires Papers, 1941-1974, bulk 1941-1950

**Repository:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
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Concord, NH 03301  
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**Collection Numbers:**

1970.031  
1981.113  
2014.039

**Author of Finding Aid:**

Finding aids for the first two accessions were written by unidentified persons. Sandra L. Wheeler rewrote and reformatted them when adding the third accession.

**Creator:**

James Duane Squires, 1904-1981

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

Total six boxes, approximately 30 linear shelf inches, in three parts:  
1970.031: three boxes  
1981.113: one half box  
2014.039: one box, one bound volume (1/2 box)

**Abstract:**

James Duane Squires (1904-1981) was a Professor of History and Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH. He wrote about the history of New Hampshire and the United States and was active in a variety of

academic and civic organizations. His papers document his World War II work with the National War Chest, American Red Cross and U.S.O.; his Old Home Day talks and publications; his interest in and writings about railroads, especially the Northern Railroad in New Hampshire.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The James Duane Squires Papers came to the New Hampshire Historical Society in three waves. Dr. Squires donated the first items, accession 1970.031 on October 5, 1970. Mrs. James Duane Squires donated accession 1981.113 on August 10, 1981. Their son, James W. Squires, donated accession 2014.039 on June 13, 2014.

### **Processing Information:**

The first two accessions in this collection were processed by unknown persons at unknown times. The 2014 accession was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in July, 2014. This finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in July, 2014, and incorporates information about the earlier accessions written by unidentified persons.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

This collection is paper-based and requires no special techniques for use.

### **Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:**

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information:**

James Duane Squires was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on November 9, 1904, son of Vernon P. and Ethel Wood Squires. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota in 1925 and his PhD from Harvard University in 1933. His academic career was spent at Colby Junior College (later Colby Sawyer College), where he was Professor of History and Chairman of the Department of Social Studies until his retirement in 1970. After retirement, he was chairman of New Hampshire's Bicentennial Commission. He received many awards and honors and published many articles and books about New Hampshire and United States History. He married Catherine Tuttle in 1928 and they had two sons, Vernon T. (b. 1935) and James W. (b. 1937). He died in 1981 in New London, NH.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The James Duane Squires Papers contain the creator's published papers, speeches, writings, articles about him and secondary source material he used in writing some of his articles. Correspondence relates to his many civic activities and to publishing his writings. There is no family or personal correspondence in the collection. The papers are in three parts:

**Accession 1970.031** consists of materials related to Squires' World War II activities. The collection has correspondence and printed materials from state and national committees on recreation and morale for the State Council of Defense. There is also lists of average amounts contributed by students in dorms, committee member lists, speakers handbooks, and an issue of a newsletter for the National War Chest and War Fund. Squires also had materials from the Franklin Red Cross, which included by-laws and annual reports, correspondence about fundraising and blood drives, and manuscript notes of a speech. This accession of materials also has United Service Organization (USO) I programs, outlines for a hostess training course, annual reports and newsletters, correspondence regarding the State Night Party Kit, and a list of volunteers eligible for a Distinguished Service Award.

**Accession 1981.113** consists of materials about New Hampshire Old Home Day events in the late 1940s to 1970s. The materials include manuscripts of Squire's speeches for Old Home Day and correspondence on Old Home Day and Old Home Week. There is one folder of correspondence resulting from an effort to produce a New England Bibliography in the early 1970s.

**Accession 2014.039** consists of materials about Squires' interest in the Northern Railroad of New Hampshire. This includes copies of his 1948 speech and publication on the topic, some secondary research material and ephemera on the same subject, and correspondence about his membership in the Newcomen Society, for which he gave the talk.

**Arrangement:**

Each accession has been arranged separately.

1970.031 is arranged by organization, then chronologically.

1981.113 is arranged by subject, then chronologically.

2014.039 is arranged by subject, then chronologically. Secondary source materials are alphabetical by author, when author is known.

**Contents List:****Accession 1970.031**

Box 1: State Council of Defense

Folder 1 Correspondence, 1941-1942 (24 items)

Folder 2 Clippings and brochures, 1941-1942 (8 items)

Box 1: National War Chest and War Fund

- Folder 3 Publications, 1943 (6 items)
- Folder 4 Correspondence to New London: bills, lists, etc (106 items)
- Folder 5 Form letters to New London, 1943-1944 (21 items)
- Folder 6 3<sup>rd</sup> War Loan, correspondence, 1943 (14 items)
- Folder 7 3<sup>rd</sup> War Loan, pamphlets, 1943 (5 items)
- Folder 8 New London Committee, National War Fund Drive, 1944 (34 items)
- Folder 9 Miscellaneous handbook, speech outlines (12 items)
- Folder 10 Correspondence, minutes, bulletins, voters lists, etc., 1945 (72 items)

Box 1: American Red Cross

- Folder 11 Correspondence, 1942-1944 (93 items)
- Folder 12 Correspondence, 1945-1947 (25 items)
- Folder 13 Correspondence with Marguerite Barnes, Secretary, 1943-1945(119 items)
- Folder 14 War Fund Drive correspondence with lists, pamphlets, 1944 (117 items)
- Folder 15 Correspondence, 1945 (53 items)

Box 2: U.S.O.

- Folder 1 Printed materials, 1942-1944 (42 items)
- Folder 2 Community Club, 1944-1946 (52 items)
- Folder 3-4 Correspondence re chairpersons and workshops (166 items)
- Folder 5 "State Nights—A Link to Home" agenda and topics, 1944 (40 items)
- Folder 6 Portsmouth programs, parties and entertainments, 1944-1945 (18 items)
- Folder 7 Conference and council meeting, 1944 (49 items)
- Folder 8 Correspondence and awards, 1945 (52 items)
- Folder 9 Councils in Boston, 1945 (47 items)
- Folder 10 Post-war council and committee, 1945 (59 items)
- Folder 11 Trends in USO operations, 1944-1945 (1 item)
- Folder 12 USO quarterly and annual reports, 1944-1945 (71 sheets)
- Folder 13 USO bulletins and newsletters, 1944 (7 items)
- Folder 14 USO Camp Shows (6 items)
- Folder 15 USO hostess training (3 items)

Box 3: U.S.O., continued

- Folder 1 USO Bear Mountain Conference, 1946 (52 items)
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1946 (46 items)
- Folder 3 Speakers Bureau, 1946 (25 items)
- Folder 4 USO New Hampshire correspondence, 1946 (107 items)
- Folder 5 USO New Hampshire correspondence, 1947-1950 (40 items)
- Folder 6 New Hampshire campaign bulletins, 1946 (32 items)
- Folder 7 Newsletters and articles to state executives, 1946-1947 (95 items)
- Folder 8 Comments by military (3 items)
- Folder 9 Miscellaneous, 1949 printed Tri-State Campaign (9 items)
- Folder 10 Printed brochures and handbooks, 1945-1947 (8 items)
- Folder 11-15 Directories of USO operations, 1944-1945 (5 items)

### **Accession 1981-113**

#### Box 1: Old Home Day

- Folder 1 Old Home Day talks, 1943-1968 (64 items)
- Folder 2 New Hampshire Old Home Week Association, May 1947-June 1953 (39 items)
- Folder 3 New Hampshire Old Home Week Association, 1957-1974 (97 items)
- Folder 4 Committee for NE Bibliography and Western History Quarterly Bibliography, 1970-1973 (23 items)

### **Accession 2014.039**

#### Box 1: The Northern Railroad of New Hampshire

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1948
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1949
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1951, 1958, 1974
- Folder 4 Lists, memoranda. Not dated
- Folder 5 Photographs, 1948
- Folder 6 Ephemera: Newcomen Society Meeting program etc., 1948
- Folder 7 Ephemera: "Northern Railroad Directors Inspection Trip," 1948
- Folder 8 Ephemera: printed matter re. J.D. Squires, 1948
- Folder 9 Writings: Squires, J.D., "Centennial Reflections on the Building of the Northern Railroad", *New England Social Studies Bulletin*, October 1948
- Folder 10 Writings: Squires, J.D., "The Northern Railroad of New Hampshire 1844-1848," proof copy, 1948
- Folder 11 Writings: Squires, J.D., "The Northern Railroad of New Hampshire 1844-1848," typescripts [two copies]
- Folder 12 Writings: Squires, J.D., "To Make a Mockery of the Things Schools are Trying to Do," *The Profile Papers*, February 1963 [about the possibility of a NH state lottery]
- Folder 13 Secondary Sources: Newspaper articles re Centennial of Northern Railroad, 1948
- Folder 14 Secondary Sources: Newspaper articles re railroads, general, 1948-1976
- Folder 15 Secondary Sources: Newspaper articles, non-RR, 1948-1949
- Folder 16 Secondary Sources: Anon, "Railroad Transportation, a Statistical Record 1911-1947" published by the Association of American Railroads, 1948
- Folder 17 Secondary Sources: Brown, R.W., "Daniel Willard – From Woodburners to Diesels," published by Newcomen Society, 1948
- Folder 18 Secondary Sources: Colburn Helen, letter to the editor re Potter Place, *Winding Roads*, October 1974
- Folder 19 Secondary Sources: Eddy, Harry, "Railroads 100 Years Old 1945-1955," Published by the Association of American Railroads, 1948
- Folder 20 Secondary Sources: Metzman, Gustav, "Cincinnati and Ohio – Their Early Railroads," published by Newcomen Society, 1948
- Folder 21 Secondary Sources: Thurston, Percy, "The New Englander, The Ambassador and The Peanut," *Winding Roads*, May 1974

Box 2 – Bound Volume of memorabilia about the Bicentennial Year 1976, to J.D. Squires from his children. Scrapbook.

**People:**

Barnes, Marguerite  
Blood, Robert O.  
Dale, Charles M.  
Squires, James Duane, 1904-1981

**Organizations:**

American Red Cross  
New Hampshire State Council of Defense  
Old Home Week Association  
United Services Organization  
United States – History – World War II – Civic Organizations  
United States – History – World War II – National War Fund

**Subjects:**

Charities  
Railroads  
Scrapbooks  
Social Welfare  
United States Bicentennial  
World War II

**Locations:**

New London, NH  
Portsmouth, NH

**Occupations:**

Historians  
Professors