

Jonathan Daniels Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	College Archives & Special Collections / Wallace E. Mason Library / Keene State College
Title	Jonathan Daniels Collection
Date [inclusive]	1940-2000
Extent	1.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Files pertaining to Keene resident and civil rights martyr Jonathan Myrick Daniels. The collection contains his personal writings, research material on him and his family, correspondence by Daniels and about him, clippings, and other artifacts.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Jonathan Myrick Daniels was born on March 20th, 1939 in Keene, New Hampshire. He was an Episcopal theological student who was killed on August 20th, 1965 by deputy Tom L. Coleman trying to protect Ruby Sales, a young black woman, in Hayneville, Alabama.

Prior to his civil rights work, Daniels attended the Virginia Military Institute where he graduated as valedictorian and later attended Harvard University to study English literature. Daniels decided to pursue ordination and began attending the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1963.

In March of 1965, Daniels and several other students headed down to Selma, Alabama to participate in the civil rights movement. Originally, he was only supposed to stay a few days but decided to spend the rest of the semester there while studying on his own. He returned to school at the end of the semester to finish his exams and then returned back to Selma in July to continue his work. While there, he helped to tutor children, sign up poor residents for aid, register voters, integrate the Episcopal church in the area.

Tom L. Coleman was acquitted of manslaughter by an all-white jury and lived to the age of 86, passing away on June 13th, 1997. Jonathan Daniels death put civil rights on the map for the Episcopal Church who made it one of their goals. Daniels was designated a Martyr of the Episcopal church. The Virginia Military Institute created the Jonathan Daniels Humanitarian Award in 1998.

Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Daniels

http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Jonathan_Daniels.htm

<http://www.newenglandfilm.com/news/archives/03november/benaquist.htm>

Scope and Contents note

4 Series, 3 subseries, 6 boxes

Series 1: Paper Material Subseries 1: Daniels' Writing Subseries 2: Paper Material About Daniels
Subseries 3: Historical Research on Daniels

Series 2: Clippings

Series 3: Correspondence

Series 4: Artifacts

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Here I Am Send Me Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Jonathan Daniels

Subject(s)

- Civil Rights Movement

Series 1: Paper Material

Collection Inventory**Series 1: Paper Material****Subseries 1: Daniels' Writing****Box 1****Folder 1**

"Macomium, Impasto" Creative Writing Assingment for English 322 at VMI March 2, 1959

"The Giver and the Given" for VMI class (no information) n.d.

Statement of Proposed Study for VMI Spring, 1961

Senior Thesis on Camus for VMI Spring, 1961

Folder 2

E.T.S Examination Books 1-2 for Theology 112 January, n.y.

Subseries 1: Daniels' Writing

"Reaction to the Problems of DeMythologizing" New Testament 122 January 29, 1965

"Proskynesis in the First Gospel" New Testament 122 January 20, 1965

Pre-Nicene Sources for Liturgics class March 1, 1965

To the Question in "Tell Us" [1964]

Foreclosure of a Mortgage for E 112 May, 1965

Folder 3

Cadet VMI Newspaper editorials and letters to the editor Valedictory Address 1960, 1965, n.d.

Poems: E.R.D, C.V, East by West May/June, 1962

Autobiographical Statement for E.T.S 1963

A Burning Bush Spring, 1965

Folder 4

Subseries 2: Paper Material About Daniels

Sermon for Theological Education Sunday January 27, 1963

The Collect Sermon I Easter 1964

Sermon: A Little Girl Has Died 1964

Sermon: Theological Education Sunday Spring, 1965

Sermon: At Theological Education n.d.

Sermon about Theological Education Sunday January 27, 1963

Box 2

Folder 5

Phillip Daniels' Diary ca. 1940's

Folder 6

"Things to Do" note August 28, n.y.

Subseries 2: Paper Material About Daniels

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Box 2

Folder 1

Photocopy of Jonathan Daniels' Funeral ca. August, 1965

Folder 2

State of New Hampshire Accommodation for Daniels January 10, 2000

Folder 3

Report to E.T.S from book "The Jonathan Daniels Story" n.d.

E.S.C.R.U. Statement April 29, 1965

Book Inscriptions n.d.

Listing of books in Daniels' Library n.d.

Folder 4

Material related to the Jonathan Daniels' Statue Committee ca. 2000

Subseries 3: Historical Research on Daniels

Folder 5

ETS Student Evaluation of Jonathan Daniels Summer, 1964

Subseries 3: Historical Research on Daniels

Box 3

Folder 1

Material relating to Woodstock, Windsor, and Shelbourne, VT (where some of Daniels' ancestors were from) n.d.

Folder 2

Material for Historical research and notecards w/ interview subjects/contact information n.d.

Folder 3

Historical material from the West Windsor Historical Society May 28, 1992 - November 5, 1993

Folder 4

Series 2: Clippings

Geneological research on Stephen Farnsworth III and Jonathan Daniels n.d.

Box 4

Folder 5

Historical material on Daniels' geneology July 2, 1992 - October, 1993, n.d.

Folder 6

Geneological Research of the Daniels family December 22, 1999

Folder 7

Research material related to George A. Weaver June 24, 1949 - April 6, 1992

Series 2: Clippings

Box 5

Folder 1

Keene Sentinel article August 21, 1965

Series 3: Correspondence

Folder 2

Keene Sentinel article August 23, 1965

Folder 3

News photocopies of papers around the country ca. Sept. - Oct., 1965

Folder 4

Permissions and photocopied articles from Birmingham News ca. 1965

Series 3: Correspondence

Box 5

Folder 1

Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity envelope July 13, 1995

Folder 2

Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity letter contents July 13, 1995

Series 3: Correspondence

Box 6

Folder 3

Letter from Daniels to Gene Felch re: VMI October 10, 1957

Letter from Daniels to Gene Felch re: Christmas and visiting December 13, 1957

Letter from Daniels to Gene Felch re: meeting up, schoolwork, VMI February 25, 1958

Letter from Daniels to Gene Felch re: VMI courses and work December 10, 1958

Letter from Daniels to Gene Felch re: meeting up, Gene's "gal" January 10, 1959

Folder 4

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: Students at Harvard February 22, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: boredom April 2, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: Suicide and salvation May 7, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: enjoying E.T.S and courses September 25, 1965

Series 3: Correspondence

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: defines his Christianity July 7, 1964

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: called to be a saint May, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: B shop carpenter, events in the south May 1, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: having difficulties July 23, 1964

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: ministry, Em and Vin August 4, 1964

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. Daniels re: Wedding gifts March 29, 1965

Folder 5

Letter from Daniels to Mary Elizabeth McNaughton re: his love for her and his calling to be down south March 29, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Mary Elizabeth McNaughton re: communication and events in the south, plans for the future, mention MLK jr. April 12, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Mary Elizabeth McNaughton re: happenings in Birmingham, plans for Mary to join him May 1, 1965

Folder 6

Series 3: Correspondence

Letter from Daniels to Mrs. L.L. Barrett re: attending VMI August 26, 1957

Letter from Daniels to Critturs re: concert, girl, new friends July 13, 1961

Letter from Daniels to Howard Reed re: Harvard and return to monastery May 10, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Bill re: withdrawal from Harvard May 16, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Carleton Russell re: looking for advice July 12, 1962

Memo to Dallas County residents in need of Public Assistance July 30, 1965

Folder 7

Letter from Daniels to Bill re: his religious learning and education June 4, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Russ re: growth of faith, joy of teaching October 3, 1962

Letter from Daniels to Carl re: discussion of freedom n.d.

Letter from Daniels to [Em and Vin] re: sense and role of Christianity May, 1964

Series 3: Correspondence

Letter from Daniels to John re: E.T.S. Spiritual Community and failure to go beyond intellectual religion n.d.

Letter from Daniels to Carleton and Lorna re: his experience and returning to field work October, 1964

Folder 8

Christmas Cards from Daniels 1964

Letter from Daniels to Molly D. Thoron re: initial turn to violence April 15, 1965

Letter from Gary Thoron to Rev. William Schneider which includes a letter from Daniels to Mary May 3, [1966]

Letter from Daniels to Right Rev. CC J. Carpenter re: events in the south April 21, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Right Rev. CC J. Carpenter re: concerns Carpenter isn't doing all he can April 28, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Rev. John Morris re: St. Paul's affairs May 9, 1965

Letter from Daniels to Bill re: shift in ministry from academic to street May 1, 1965

Series 4: Artifacts

Letter from Daniels to Whom it May Concern re: events at St. Paul's May 12, 1965

Folder 9

Letter to Daniels from Right Rev. CC J. Carpenter re: obscene remarks directed towards Daniels April 23, 1965

Letter to Daniels from unidentified sender re: field work May 10, 1965

Folder 10

Letters to and from Dr. Charles W. Eagles and Harvel R. Sanders re: Daniels December 7, 1987, n.d.

Series 4: Artifacts

Box 6

Folder 1

Jonathan Daniels' NAACP card October, 1964

Religious linoleum carving done by Jonathan Daniels n.d.