

# Joseph H. Haines Papers, 1917-1921

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Joseph H. Haines Papers, 1917-1921
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1917-1921
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Boxes Primarily letters of Joseph Haines to his father, William H. Haines, 1917-1921 while serving in France with AFSC (ca. 125 items) ; 2 HC class of 1898 photos; letter of C. Gourmond to Miss Glancy and letters of appreciation; background & supporting information
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

Haverford College Library, Haverford, PA, Quaker Collection, Joseph H. Haines Papers, Coll. No. 950

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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Joseph H. (Joseph Howell) Haines was the son of William Henry Haines, and a member of Germantown Monthly Meeting. He graduated from Haverford College in 1898. With the establishment of the American Friends Service Committee, Joseph Haines served in France with its Reconstruction Unit at Gruny (Somme) and in the Paris Office. In 1920, he was in England, later in the Paris Office and attending the Executive Committee meetings of the Friends War Victims Relief Committee. He returned home briefly in 1920, then traveled back to England. In 1921, he traveled in France with Ben Hoffman and George Lippincott, and then in England. Joseph Haines m. 1. Helen Whitall and 2. Margaret Mary Clark. On April 30, 1917, representatives of Five Years' Meeting, Friends General Conference and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Orthodox)(all Quaker bodies) met and created the Friends National Service Committee, soon renamed the American Friends Service Committee. The original vision was to provide conscientious objectors with opportunities to do relief work in France during World War I, which consisted of building, repairing, agriculture, horticulture, sanitation, medical aid, social work and feeding. It was to this work that Joseph Haines was called.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The Joseph Haines letters, dated 1917-1921, all written to his father William Henry Haines, report on conditions in France during World War I and give detailed accounts of a day's activities for Haines working for the Reconstruction Unit of the American Friends Service Committee, including building and repairing houses and schools, assisting local people, and altogether offering a picture of life in Gruny and other parts of France, especially Paris, during World War I.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Existence and Location of Copies note**

Microfilmed copies of Joseph Haines' letters, apparently located with Germantown Monthly Meeting Overseers' Minutes at Haverford and Swarthmore College Libraries. In addition, typed copies of these letters, which the donor states were offered for publication, accompany the collection.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Separated Materials note**

2 photographs of Haverford Class of 1898 have been moved to HCHC photos, Class Pix, 1890-1899

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Personal Name(s)**

- Haines, Joseph H., b. 1878
- Haines, William Henry

### **Subject(s)**

- International relief -- France
- Reconstruction (1914-1939)
- Society of Friends -- Missions
- Society of Friends -- War relief and reconstruction

## Collection Inventory

### Letters to William Henry Haines 1917-1921 100.0 Items

#### Scope and Contents note

The letters begin on September 10, 1917, with Haines' departure for France and mention a contingent from Haverford College of some 50 men; In succeeding letters, Haines defines his work to include running the German prisoners (9-13-17); Henry Scattergood has effected a union of their forces with English Friends and they will wear American Red Cross insignia and the red and black star and other personnel, including James Babbitt; Description of living conditions, including impact of war (10-3-17); Work in the village and detailed account of a day (10-18-17); Another account of day's work (11-25-17); Russian ideas may be the world's salvation in future (1-27-18); Amount to be remitted monthly by AFSC for relief work (2-24-18); Detailed account of war events and resulting refugees and assisting with evacuation efforts (4-6-18); James Babbitt's hospital work (5-5-18); Overwhelming size of military section of the Red Cross without reference to the Civil Affairs department and least of all to Quakers's views (6-23-18); Translation of letter from C. Gourmond (5-16-18) which accompanied Haines' letter, giving details of the war and being evacuated; Account of repatriated citizens in Samoens (7-7-18); "German resistance not shattered and the successes of the allies make them more inflexible" (9-1-18); Following a letter of Oct. 20, 1918 are two letter, one each from Belgium and France, thanking for cows and the distribution of milk to feed the children in France and two photos, depicting children and cows; Celebratory events following signing of armistice (11-17-18); On a tour through Tours & Amboise (1-5-19); Doesn't want to come home and speak of all that has been accomplished and doesn't like the idea of accolades for the work of the AFSC; there were so many c.o.s in Germany during the war that camps had to be created to contain them, and many feel that the U.S. troops like the Germans better than the French (2-23-19); Believes in the Bolsheviks' good intentions and ability to create a good government if U.S. doesn't interfere with arms (3-16-19); France continuing blockade of Germany resulting in starvation (4-6-19); has been asked to go to Vienna with Dr. Hilda Clark to investigate conditions and see what can be done to help; Clark has backing of Gen. Smuts (4-27-19); 200,000 people dying every month in Russia from starvation (5-4-19); Situation of Hungarian Communists

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(5-25-19); In England, much concern for future of Europe and much talk of Keynes book on the economic consequences of peace (3-2-20); Situation in France (3-12-20); Conditions in France (4-6-20)

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