

Daley, Barney E. collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Friends of Wood Memorial Library and Museum
Creator:	Daley, Barney E., 1909-2008
Title:	Barney E. Daley collection
ID:	D2001.15
Date [inclusive]:	1909-2008
Physical Description:	7 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Barney E. Daley (1909-2008) was a South Windsor, Connecticut native who grew up in a tobacco farming family. As an amateur archaeologist, Daley amassed a large collection of Native American artifacts. He served in Europe during World War II and returned to South Windsor after the war. He was a historian, preservationist, and collector on various topics including local Anglo and Native American history, tobacco farming, and veterans affairs. The bulk of the materials are more than 5,000 archeological artifacts, including Native American projectile points, pottery shards, and tools. In addition, there is location data for almost all of the artifacts about where they were found. The photographic collections include photos of Daley's life in South Windsor and during World War II, slides of archaeological digs, and historical images of South Windsor, the region, and its residents, some of which came from the photo departments of local newspapers.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Barney E. Daley (1909-2008) was a South Windsor, Connecticut native who grew up in a tobacco farming family and often unearthed arrow points and other artifacts while working the land. These objects and the people who created them sparked in Daley a lifelong interest in history. As an amateur archaeologist, Daley amassed a large collection of Native American artifacts, particularly those of the Podunk tribe of the Connecticut River Valley. Daley served in Europe during World War II and returned to South Windsor after the war. He was a historian, preservationist, and collector on various topics including local Anglo and Native American history, tobacco farming, and veterans affairs. Daley wrote and self-published books on several of these topics, *God's Acre* (1984), about South Windsor's colonial-era cemetery of the same name; *5,000 Years at Podunk* (1984), about Podunk Indian artifacts found in South Windsor; and *Tobacco Parish: A Collection of South Windsor's Memories* (1998).

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Scope and Contents

The Barney E. Daley Collection represents Daley's varied interests, including South Windsor Anglo and Native American History, tobacco farming, veterans' affairs, and botany. His wife, Gladys Abbe Daley, participated in his research and created or contributed some of the materials in the collection. The bulk of the materials that Daley donated to the Wood Library are more than 5,000 archeological artifacts, including Native American projectile points, pottery shards, and tools. In addition, there is location data for almost all of the artifacts about where they were found.

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- Daley, Barney E., 1909-2008