

Arkansas State Archives

Arkansas Digital Archives

[Finding aids](#)

[Guides and finding aids](#)

Robert Ragsdale papers, 1918-1930

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/finding-aids>



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Robert Ragsdale papers, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Use and reproduction of images held by the Arkansas State Archives without prior written permission is prohibited. For information on reproducing images held by the Arkansas State Archives, please call 501-682-6900 or email at state.archives@arkansas.gov.

Robert Ragsdale papers

SMC.0170.0002

Finding aid prepared by the Arkansas State Archives

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit

June 15, 2020

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Arkansas State Archives
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201
501-682-6900
state.archives@arkansas.gov

Table of Contents

<u>Summary Information</u>	3
<u>Biographical/Historical Note</u>	4
<u>Scope and Contents</u>	4
<u>Administrative Information</u>	4
<u>Collection Inventory</u>	5

Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Robert Ragsdale papers
Date [inclusive]	1918-1930
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

Preferred Citation

Robert Ragsdale papers, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Biographical/Historical Note

Robert Arthur Ragsdale was born in Polk County, Arkansas, on May 28, 1884, to Lewis and Alleen Ragsdale. He served as a Seaman Second Class in the United States Navy during World War I until his discharge on December 2, 1918. Robert was stationed in Newport News, Virginia, with the Intelligence section of the Fifth Naval District. He traveled between Newport News and Norfolk during the influenza epidemic of 1918. The state of Virginia estimated 200,000 cases of influenza by October 15, 1918, and a number of those cases were sailors traveling the coast line. Robert was one of those sailors that contracted the flu in Newport News.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains material related to Ragsdale's military service and a typed account of his personal struggle with influenza while on duty in Virginia.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 5/23/2016

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use.

Condition Governing Use

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17-U.S. Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. The person using this material is liable for any infringement.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Nancy Gilien and Anna Gentile, Napa, California, 2015.

Collection Inventory

1918 June 5: Navy identification card

1918 July 9: Note directing Robert Ragsdale to be examined for transfer

1918 July 10: Orders to report for duty

1918 December 2: Discharge Orders

1918 December 3: Insurance premium upon discharge

1918 December 11: Statement of Account

1918 December 11: Correspondence to Robert Ragsdale from Navy disbursing officer William Miffin

Circa 1930: Statement by Robert Ragsdale about his case of influenza while on duty in Virginia