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Guide to

Oral D. Page, Sr. Papers, 1917-1919

WE.MS.Coll.2

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This collection is open for research.

ORAL D. PAGE, SR. (1897-1973)

Oral D. Page, Sr. was born on September 24, 1897 and grew up in central Maine. When he was 20 years old, he traveled to Hingham, Massachusetts to work in the poultry barn at World's End Farm. Established by John Brewer in 1866, World's End was a vast farming estate on a peninsula, Sarah Island, and Langley Island. In addition to poultry, the farm raised pigs, cattle, and sheep, as well as thoroughbred horses. It also produced hay and grew crops such as potatoes, plums, and beans. Brewer's farm expanded to many other buildings and operations including a blacksmith shop, smokehouse, and houses for the workers and their families. It is not certain that Page lived in one of these homes, but his parents, younger brother, and cousins joined him in Hingham soon after he arrived in January 1917.

Page and his family stayed at World's End until the month before the United States entered World War I. The family returned to Belgrade, Maine, in March 1918 and Page found work building ships for the Navy. He received his induction papers in October and was sent for training in Lewiston, Maine, but was not sent overseas. The war ended right as influenza swept his army camp and Page, who had fallen ill, was discharged. He remained in Belgrade after the war, working for many years as a game warden for the state. He married Emma Goff in 1922 and they had three children. Page died in October 1973.

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Blog by Page's granddaughter, Susan Page Davis, about her grandfather can be found here: <http://www.hhhistory.com/search?q=World%27s+end> The ARC also retains a printout.

The World's End Collection. The Trustees of Reservations, Archives & Research Center.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The Oral D. Page, Sr. Papers document the period that Page and his family spent at World's End Farm. The collection contains details about Page's life between 1917 and 1918, including his daily work on the farm and what he and his family did with their free time. The papers are organized into two series: Diary of Oral D. Page, Sr. and Photographs.

Series I, Diary of Oral D. Page, Sr., contains a typed transcription of the diary Page kept between January 1917 and March 1918. The transcription was done by Page's granddaughter, Susan Page Davis, who added footnotes with people's full names and their relationship to Page, among other annotations. Davis included a few entries made after March 1918 that she thought were of interest. These mostly pertain to Page's experience of World War I.

Series II, Photographs, includes 23 copy prints of photographs taken by Page during his time at World's End Farm (1917-1918). The photos show the farm, other places in the Hingham area, and Page's family, friends, and other farmhands. Some of the images include captions that were written on the original photo, presumably by Page; others have captions that were written on the back of the print by Susan Page Davis.

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These materials were originally part of WE.MS.Coll.1, the World's End Collection, and were removed to be a separate collection in 2018.

Series I. Diary of Oral D. Page, Sr.

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Dates: 1917-1919

Series I, Diary of Oral D. Page, Sr., contains a typed transcript of daily entries made by Page during the time he worked at World's End Farm. The transcript is 13 pages and includes footnotes made by Page's granddaughter that identify many of the people mentioned and their relationship to Page.

DIARY OF ORAL D. PAGE, SR.

1	1	"From the diaries of Oral D. Page Sr. (1897-1976) of Belgrade, Maine"	1917-1919
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Selected, transcribed, and annotated by Susan Page Davis

Series II. Photographs

> 0.25 (2 folders)

Dates: 1917-1918

Series II, Photographs, includes 23 copy prints made from the original photos taken by Oral D. Page, Sr. during the time he worked at World's End Farm. Many of the images have captions on the back of the print that were added by Page's granddaughter, Susan Page Davis. The photos are divided by subject: images relating to World's End Farm and pictures of People and Places.

WORLD'S END FARM

1	2	13 black and white photos of the farmhands, barn, fields, horses, and haying (11 x 16 cm)	1917-1918
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PEOPLE AND PLACES

1	3	10 black and white photos of the Page family and friends, Rocky Point, Nantasket, and other views taken around Hingham (11 x 16 cm)	1917-1918
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