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**E. JULIAN WILEY
BOY SCOUT DIARY, 1924**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 small (approx. 2.75" x 5.25" x .75") diary

COLLECTION DATES: 1924

PROVENANCE: Kathleen O'Brien, 2020

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *The scout : a history of Troop 82, organized May 15, 1917*
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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Everett Julian Wiley was born 25 June 1911, in Johnson County, Indiana to Everett and Marion [Demaree] Wiley. He was always called Julian to avoid confusion with his father, who was a teacher and school superintendent. He attended Greenwood High School, where he was valedictorian of his 1929 graduating class. He spent the early years of the Depression studying Zoology and other sciences at DePauw University, Indiana Central College (University of Indianapolis), and Franklin College. He and his father operated the Wiley & Son hatchery and feed store in Greenwood and had success breeding and showing rabbits and chinchillas. Julian served as a merchant mariner during World War II. By the 1960s, he was designing pontoons and kayaks out of the machine shop he operated out of his home. He later worked as a machinist for Michaels Engineering on the south side of Indianapolis. He died in 1981 at the age of 69.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

“E. Julian Wiley” [obituary], Indianapolis Star, 31 January 1981

Eric Mundell, Notes for Collections Committee meeting presentation

“Make Clean Sweep at Peru Rabbit Exhibit,” *Franklin Evening Star*, 11 Feb. 1930

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a small 1924 diary issued by the Boy Scouts of America and kept by Julian Wiley. Julian was a member of the Zionsville Troop #1, and it appears as though his father was a scoutmaster. Twelve-year-old Julian made his entries faithfully throughout the year and explains his many activities, mostly related to scouting. During the warm months, he and his father kept bees and frequently went fishing. In colder weather he built things with his erector set or radio kit, read Boy's Life magazine, and drew maps. He names many of his friends by their first names, and details their activities practicing signals and tracking, collecting eggs, hiking, and much more. The entry for 27 May (helping Civil War veterans decorate graves) is written in morse code. A detailed drawing of the knot board he created with a friend is inserted. On the few occasions that Julian did not write a diary entry, he often drew a cartoon, diagram, or map in the space. The diary served also as a reference guide, and includes scouting rules, protocols, and instructions.

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