Guide to the Francis John Baker Boer War Diary

MS 1957

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1957

CREATOR: Baker, Francis John, 1869-

TITLE: Francis John Baker Boer War diary

DATES: Circa 1885-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 Linear Feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The collection comprises a manuscript diary covering the years 1901-1902, written in 1912 from notes taken during that time period. Francis John Baker provides lengthy, detailed descriptions of his experiences in the Boer War and daily camp life. Military documents, family correspondence, and photographs are included.

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Biographical / Historical

Francis John Baker was born August 10, 1869, in Somerset, England. A corn merchant by trade, he joined the 48th North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, arriving in South Africa in 1901. Lance Corporal Baker was honorably discharged in 1902.

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South African War, 1899-1902 -- Personal narratives
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Baker, Francis John, 1869-