Finding Aid for the Ruth Hoffman Second World War correspondence 2015.086.w.r

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Abstract: This collection contains correspondence written by numerous authors sent to Ruth Hoffman during the Second World War. Also included are photos and other documents.

Storage Unit: 1-2
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Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Sharon S. Nardone.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type and author: Series 1: Correspondence to Ruth Hoffman--Series 2: Valentine's Day card--Series 3: Photographs--Series 4: Souvenir postcards--Series 5: Manual--Series 6: Pamphlets and ephemera--Series 7: Newspapers

Biographical / Historical
Ruth Hoffman was born January 2, 1922 in Baltimore, Maryland. She passed away on October 18, 2013. She was married to Clifford Earl Stanley on December 16, 1945. There are photographs of Clifford in the collection but no letters saved by Ruth. They had three girls, Sharon (donor), Milanie, and Stephanie.

Clifford Earl Stanley was born June 8, 1920 in El Paso, Illinois. According to the donor, he spent the Second World War in England in a munitions unit, though there is no information on his specific unit or rank.

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Content Description
This collection contains correspondence written by numerous authors sent to Ruth Hoffman during the Second World War. Also included are photos and other documents. Inventory:
954 correspondence
1 Valentine's Day card
53 photographs
48 souvenir postcards
3 souvenir postcard booklets
1 manual, War Department Technical Manual, Bombs for Aircraft
1 program, Easter Church Service
1 pamphlet, sing along book
1 pamphlet, Scottish National War Memorial guidebook
1 pamphlet, Around Bedfordshire with a camera
8 newspapers
1 clipping

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945
Correspondence -- World War, 1939-1945
World War II
World War, 1939-1945 -- Homefront
Nardone, Sharon S.
Hoffman, Ruth
Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence sent to Ruth Hoffman by multiple authors. The correspondence include friendly letters as well as those of a romantic nature. Many of the authors wrote very few letters. A list of the authors by carton:

---Carton 1:
Baggert, Oris
Baldwin, Jack
Bassett, Anita
Bastin, Jack
Bauers, The
Belt, Gene
Berg, Les
Bowser, Floyd
Brown, Carol
Buckel, Katherine
Carlson, Paul
Cator, F.P.
Cavey, Earl
Charlshe, Harry
Chicagus, Andy
Chicagus, William
Clifford, J.P.
Cockey, John
Cook, Jim
Counelis, Jimmy
Cunniffe, Jr., Edward
Davies, Dave
Davison, Doris
De Matteis, John
Edwards, Dorothy
Fabiano, John
Fenzel, H.R.
Fischhaber, George
Fix, Gannet
---Carton 2:
Geiak, Joseph
Goetzinger, G.R.
Green, Elihue
Hague, Katherine
Haistea, J.B.
Havener, Cletus
Hoffman, Ed
Hoffman, Ernest
House, Jr., Norman
Hughes, Harold
Jacobson, Charlotte
Kastsaridis, Nicholas
Keating, Naomi
Kelly, Edwin
Leon, Jesse
Lloyd, Russ
Long, Bertis
Mansananes, Martin
McFayden, Ed

Series 2, Photographs

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet (4 folders)

Scope and Contents
This series contains photos taken during the Second World War. They are arranged in series by subject in the photos.

Subseries 1, Ruth Hoffman

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This subseries contains three photographs of Ruth Hoffman. One photo is from 2002, and one photo includes Clifford Earl Stanley.

Subseries 2, Clifford Stanley

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This subseries contains 17 photographs of Clifford E. Stanley, as well as one United States Army Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit dated January 26, 1942.

Subseries 3, William Chicagu

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This subseries contains 30 photographs of William G. Chicagus.

Subseries 4, Other Photographs

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This subseries contains three black and white photographs without dates or notes. One photograph shows a man standing on bombs, another photograph of bombs, and a photograph of a castle.

Series 3, Souvenir postcards

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This series contains 48 souvenir postcards, blank, from England and Scotland, as well as three souvenir postcard booklets from West Virginia and Ohio.

Series 4, Manual 1944-11

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This series contains one War Department Technical Manual, "Bombs for Aircraft."
Series 5, Pamphlets and Ephemera 1943-1945

box 3, folder 99

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This series contains pamphlets and ephemera from England and the United States.

Inventory:
1 Valentine's Day card, undated. The back reads "to Ruthie"
1 pamphlet, "Sweet and Low," sing-along booklet
1 program, Easter Service, Village Church, England, 1st April 1945
1 pamphlet, Scottish national War Memorial: Official Guide, guidebook
1 pamphlet, "Around Bedfordshire with a Camera"

box 3, folder 100

Series 6, Newspapers 1939-09-03-1945-08-15

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This series contains newspapers, and one clipping, published during the Second World War.

Inventory:
1 newspaper, "War Declared," The Sun, Baltimore, September 3, 1939
1 newspaper, Army Times, June 13, 1942
1 newspaper, "Casualties in French Invasion Light, Claim," The Baltimore News-Post, June 6, 1944
1 newspaper, "Invasion Forces Advancing," The Evening Sun, Baltimore, June 6, 1944
1 newspaper, "Truman Says Japs Give Up," The Baltimore News-Post, August 14, 1945
1 newspaper, "War's End," picture, The Evening Sun, Baltimore, August 15, 1945
1 newspaper clipping, news about the return of Lieutenant George F. Fischhaber, United States Army Air Force, undated