
**Finding Aid for the Ruth Hoffman Second World War correspondence
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Title: Ruth Hoffman Second World War correspondence

source: Nardone, Sharon S.

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Physical Description: 2.5 Linear Feet(2 cartons, 1 document-box)

Date (inclusive): 1939-02-1946-02

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.

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Storage Unit: 1-2

Storage Unit: 3

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.

Preferred Citation

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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

carton 1,
folder 1-37,
carton 2,
folder 38-83,
box 3,
folder 84-92

Series 1, Correspondence to Ruth Hoffman 1939-02-1946-02

Physical Description: 2.5 Linear Feet(92 folders)

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

box 3,
folder 93-96

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.

folder 93

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.

folder 94

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.

folder 95

Subseries 3, William Chicagus

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains 30 photographs of William G. Chicagus.

folder 96

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.

box 3, folder 97

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.

box 3, folder 98

Series 4, Manual 1944-11

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

Physical Description: This manual is discolored and worn, and the binding is loose and/or broken.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one War Department Technical Manual, "Bombs for Aircraft."

box 3, folder 99

Series 5, Pamphlets and Ephemera 1943-1945

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