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Content Description
This collection contains five correspondence which pertain to Christmas time written to Maude and Mack Witty during the Second World War. Most of these correspondence are from friends and family of the Witty's. Most inquire about the Witty's boys who were fighting in the war and that they were praying for their safe return. Maude and Mack Witty lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado. One letter, dated December 10, 1943, is from Private Mack "Riley" Witty to his mother and father. Riley explains how he has been in the war for two years from that point and how he is still stationed at Birkindale RAF base in Southern England. He also mentions the Modernaires and Glenn Miller. Riley then goes on to say how he was newly assigned to be a Ball turret gunner on a B-17. He then apologizes for not being there for Christmas. All other correspondence in this collection are Christmas cards. Some correspondence of interest is dated December 15, 1944 from a Mrs. Lewis. She mentions how her sister and mother died that year and how hard these years have been with the war. She says "This is certainly a changing world for all of us, - bringing far more sadness to many homes than it seems their lot to bear." Another correspondence of interest is dated December 18, 1944 from Pat and Edna. They lived in Port Neches, Texas and either could be the sibling of Mack Witty. They write about family news and briefly mention the boys they know to be in the war. When talking about the war they said "Wayne hasn't gone yet but the war looks awful bad to me afraid we are not gaining much."

Arrangement
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