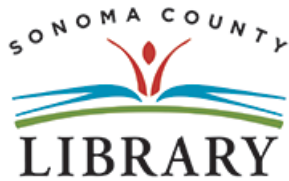

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Acorne family letters

Dates: 1915-1973

Date (bulk): (bulk, 1915-1919 and 1942-1945)

Identification: SPC.00041

Creator: Acorne, John B.

Creator: Acorne, Melville G.

Creator: Acorne, Beatrice Marian

Physical Description: 0.5 linear foot1 archival postcard box

Language of Material: Materials are in English.

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Abstract: This collection contains letters from Melville G. "Curley" Acorne to his wife Beatrice Marian (Bomani) Acorne, 1915-1919; and letters from John B. "Jack" Acorne to his parents Melville G. and Beatrice M. Acorne, 1942-1945. Collection also includes undated letters, postcards, newspaper clippings, funeral notice for Curley Acorne.

Biography/Organization History

Melville G. "Curley" Acorne

Melville G. (Curley) Acorne (Apr. 4, 1898-July 13, 1973) came to Petaluma, California in 1908 from Humboldt County, California. A man of many talents, he worked as a driver for a bakery, was employed by the Petaluma Silk Mill, the Corlis Engine Works, and the Pioneer Hatchery--all before entering World War I. Upon his return, Acorne managed the Merritt Ranch and then went to work for the Poehlmann Hatchery. In 1925, he became owner of AA Electric Hatchery, located at 1106 Petaluma Boulevard North, near Shasta Avenue. (Source: Rinehart, Katherine J. *Petaluma : a history in architecture*. Charleston, SC : Arcadia Publishing, 2005, page 51). Curley Acorn was married to Beatrice Marian (Boman) Acorne (June 12, 1898-Jan. 26, 1973) and had two sons, John B. Acorne and Robert Edwin Acorne (July 5, 1920-Aug. 7, 2009).

John Burton "Jack" Acorne

Jack Acorne (July 17, 1922-Jan. 30, 1952) was the son of Melville G. "Curley" Acorne and Beatrice Marian Acorne. He served in the Marine Air Corps during World War II and remained in the Reserves following his discharge after the war. He worked as a salesman with the Gene Paige Motor Company in Petaluma and was married to Helen Acorne. They had a son shortly after the end of the war, Michael J. Acorne. Acorne died at age 29 of stomach wounds incurred in a suicide attempt in Cypress Hill Cemetery on January 24, 1952 after he cashed \$1,000 in bad checks, including one to his employer. Acorne was never charged prior to his death.

Scope and Contents

Personal letters of Melville G. "Curley" Acorne and John B. "Jack" Acorne, as well as undated letters, postcards, newspaper clippings, funeral record collected by the Acorne family.

Arrangement of the collection

Organized into three series:

1. Letters from Melville G. "Curley" Acorne to his wife Beatrice Marian (Bomani) Acorne, 1915-1919
2. Letters from John B. "Jack" Acorne to his parents Melville G. and Beatrice M. Acorne, 1942-1945
3. Miscellaneous documents, 1918-1973

Access Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Personal Names

Acorne, John Burton, 1922-1952--Correspondence

Acorne, Melville G., 1898-1973--Correspondence

Acorne, Beatrice Marian, 1898-1973--Correspondence

Family Names

Acorne family--Correspondence

Genre and Format Terms

Letters (correspondence)

Personal correspondence

Clippings (information artifacts)

Postcards

Archival materials

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