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Acorne family letters, 1915-1919 and 1942-1945

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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.
Repository: Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library, Sonoma County Library
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Abstract: This collection contains letters from Melville G. "Curley" Acorne to his wife Beatrice Marian (Boman) 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

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 (Boman) 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

**Access Information**
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