Inventory of the Katherine Ream Sobeck Papers, 1942-2010

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Collection Summary

Title: Katherine Ream Sobeck Papers, 1942-2010

Dates: 1942-2010

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Abstract: Materials in this collection were acquired by Katherine Ream Sobeck. The collection is comprised of memoirs, correspondence, internee lists, newsletters, other printed matter, and photographs related to the experiences of American civilians interned by the Japanese during their occupation of the Philippines in World War II.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives

Languages: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
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Related Materials
Francis Willard Brush papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Ann Miller Depew papers, Hoover Institution Archives
James J. Halsema papers, Hoover Institution Archives
George C. Mora papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Renee Ream collection, Hoover Institution Archives

Biographical Note
Katherine Ream Sobeck was born December 7, 1929, in Manila, Philippines. She was living in Baguio, Philippines with her family at the time the Japanese invaded the islands during World War II. Members of Katherine Ream Sobeck's family were civilian internees throughout the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, at first at Camp John Hay and Camp Holmes in Baguio City, and subsequently at the Bilibid Prison in Manila. The Ream family moved to California in May 1945. Katherine married Frederick J. on Sobeck September 1, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and divorced in September 1977. She now resides in Maryland.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Katherine Ream Sobeck collection is comprised of memoirs, correspondence, internee lists, newsletters, other printed matter, and photographs related to the experiences of American civilians interned by the Japanese during their occupation of the Philippines in World War II. Content is comprised of transcripts, photocopies and copies of original materials. Over time Katherine Ream Sobeck came into the possession of unpublished copies of internee diaries and memoirs, newspaper clippings, camp related papers, and photographs documenting the experiences of American internees in Japanese-occupied Philippines, specifically at the Baguio and Bilibid internment camps. In 2010 Katherine Ream Sobeck donated these materials to the Hoover Institution Archives.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Americans--Philippines
World War, 1939-1945--Philippines
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons
World War, 1939-1945--Philippines--Concentration camps
Philippines--History--Japanese occupation, 1942-1945

Memoirs and Correspondence, 1942-2004

Scope and Content Note
All content photocopies and transcriptions of originals.

Box/Folder: 1 : 1
Camp John Hay memoirs, undated
Scope and Content Note
Written accounts by various authors who were children during internment. Includes letters by Ruth Ream, list of internees, illustrations and photographs. (3 copies)

Box/Folder: 1 : 2
Katherine Ream Sobeck correspondence, 2003-2004

Box/Folder: 1 : 3

Box/Folder: 1 : 4
Internee memoirs, 1942-2000, undated
Scope and Content Note
Memoirs from internees Woodrow and Sara Bartges, Patricia Briggs Dabbs, Carl B. Eschbach, Sidney Frankel, Betty Halsema Foley, Jim Halsema, Sylvan Katz, John F. Ream, Jim Thompson and unknown authors.

Box/Folder: 1 : 5
Ream family memoirs, undated

Box/Folder: 1 : 6
Rokuro Tomibe (former Commandant, Camp Holmes) correspondence and documents, 1975-1983, undated
Scope and Content Note
Newspaper clippings related to 1977 internee reunion, an early translated draft of war time memoir The Secret Story of the War's End by Rokuro Tomibe and published version.

Scope and Content Note
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