Register of the Shirley Mae Stark papers

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1930
February 28
Shirley Mae Stark (née Gust) born in Michigan City, Indiana
1930 May 28
William Robert Stark born to George and Gladys Stark in Michigan City, Indiana
1949
October 22
Shirley and William Stark married in Key West, Florida
1951
October 29
Daughter Susan born
1967 May 19
1973 March 4
William Stark released during Operation Homecoming

Scope and Content of Collection
The Shirley Mae Stark papers, the bulk of which date from 1967 to 1974, document the experience of American POWs and their families during the Vietnam War through correspondence, newsletters, press releases, clippings, other printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia.
After her husband was captured in Vietnam, Shirley Stark became involved with various advocacy groups, particularly the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia, that worked to raise awareness of the plight of missing and captured American soldiers. As a member of these groups, she received correspondence and newsletters...
providing information about efforts on behalf of POWs/MIAs, which can be found in the Correspondence series, under POW/MIA advocacy groups. She also participated in fundraising activities, which included the sale of rubber stamps, bumper stickers, and bracelets. Examples of some of these items can be found in the Memorabilia series.

Of particular note are the bracelets, each of which featured the name and date of capture of a POW. Individuals who purchased the bracelets could opt to receive further information about the POW and his family, and many went on to correspond with family members and the returned POWs. William Stark’s name was on one of the bracelets, and as a result, there is a large amount of correspondence from members of the public, particularly after his release, inquiring about his well-being and welcoming him home. This can be found in the Correspondence series, under General, particularly in the folders for 1973.

Shirley Stark also received regular updates from the Department of the Navy relating to her husband’s pay and benefits, instructions for sending mail and packages to Vietnam, and the POW situation generally. These letters, many of which included informational attachments, can be found in the Correspondence series, under Department of the Navy. Other Navy and POW-related publications can be found in the Printed Matter series, which also contains clippings collected by Shirley Stark about the experiences of the POWs and their families, the work of the government and advocacy groups, and the return of the POWs to the United States. Some of these articles are specifically about the Stark family. Additional clippings, as well as some correspondence, photographs, and printed matter, can be found in the albums created by Shirley and Gladys Stark in the Oversize Materials series.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Navy wives.
Prisoners of war.
United States--Armed Forces.

Box 1-13 Correspondence, 1967-1974

Box 1-7 General, 1967-1974
Scope and Contents note
The majority of this series consists of letters received (and in some cases sent) by Shirley Mae Stark and her husband, William Stark. Some letters received by their daughter Susan are included as well. There is also a file of letters received by Mrs. Gladys Stark, William Stark’s mother.

Box/Folder 1 : 1 Undated
Box/Folder 1 : 2-3 1967
Box/Folder 1 : 4 1968-1969
Box/Folder 1 : 5-6 1970
Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence relating to the activities of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia, mostly in the form of letters requesting bumper stickers or rubber stamps.

Box/Folder 1 : 7 1971
Box/Folder 1 : 8, 1972
Box/Folder 2 : 1-2 1973
Scope and Contents note
Making up the bulk of this series, the correspondence from 1973 consists of a large number of cards and letters reacting to news of William Stark’s release from the POW prison in Vietnam and welcoming him home. Much of this correspondence came from school children, particularly those who had worn the POW bracelet with his name on it.
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<td>File created by Shirley Stark consisting of invitations sent to William Stark after his release from Vietnam. Other invitations that were not contained in this file may be found within the rest of the folders of the 1973 subseries.</td>
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<td>Correspondence received (and in some instances sent) by Mrs. Gladys Stark, mother of William Stark.</td>
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<td>Handwritten and typed drafts of letters by Shirley and Susan Stark to William Stark while he was a POW in Vietnam. Includes some correspondence from the Department of the Navy, Naval Intelligence Command with suggested revisions to a few of the letters.</td>
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<td>The majority of the letters are photostats or transcriptions handwritten by Shirley Stark.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Form letter sent by William Stark after his return from Vietnam to friends, family, and other well-wishers (particularly those who had worn the POW bracelet with his name on it) expressing gratitude for their support and providing an update on himself and his family.</td>
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Correspondence, 1967-1974

**Addressed to others, 1970**

Scope and Contents note

Consists of correspondence, presumably forwarded to Shirley Stark, addressed to others (there are similar items intermingled with the rest of the general correspondence, though those usually included a note or envelope addressed to Shirley Stark). Of note are letters from the United Nations, the Swedish Embassy, the Swedish Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs addressed to a Mr. and Mrs. Fitz in response to their letters regarding William Stark and other POWs in Vietnam.

**Department of the Navy, 1967-1973**

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Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence from Commander Fleet Air, San Diego and Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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Scope and Contents note

Correspondence sent to Shirley Stark from a variety of other POW/MIA and peace advocacy groups, including the Allied War Prisoners Rescue Mission, American Friends Service Committee, Inc., Rescue Line, and POW/MIA Families for Immediate Release, among others.
### Box/Folder 12: 8

**Petitions and sample letters, undated**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes blank petitions produced by various advocacy groups addressed generally to heads of state and governments of the world (and specifically to the President of Vietnam and Xuan Thuy of the North Vietnamese Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks) appealing for adherence to the Geneva Conventions in relation to the treatment and release of POWs. Also included are addresses of foreign dignitaries and press for letter-writing campaigns, as well as sample letters.

### Box/Folder 13: 1-3

**United States government, 1968-1973**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes correspondence sent to Shirley, Susan, and William Stark from The White House, the Department of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Veterans Administration. Also includes instructions and forms for applying for insurance benefits under the Social Security Act and for compensation for those who were POWs in Vietnam.

### Box/Folder 13: 4

**Notes and drafts, circa 1967-1973**

**Scope and Contents note**

Shirley Stark's (mostly) handwritten notes and drafts of outgoing correspondence. Includes drafts of letters to her husband in Vietnam, as well as to politicians and military personnel regarding the POW situation in Vietnam.

### Box/Folder 13: 5

**Subject File, 1980-1981**

**Iran hostage bracelet project**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes a copy of a letter from Ken Taylor, who was the Canadian ambassador to Iran during the Iran hostage crisis, to Barbara Wyatt, publisher of *We Came Home* (a book honoring Vietnam POWs), thanking her for sending a copy of the book and referencing a hostage bracelet he received. An excerpt from *We Came Home* is included. There are also two informational sheets about the Voices for Freedom hostage bracelet project, an order form (which references the Vietnam POW/MIA bracelets), and photocopies of newspaper articles about the hostage crisis and the bracelet project.

### Box 13, 21

**Photographs, undated**

- **William Stark**
- **Family and friends**
- **Navy and POW-advocacy**
- **Negatives and slides**
- **Oversize Material, 1967-1972**
Scrapbooks, 1967-1972

Scope and Contents note
Consists of five scrapbooks, organized chronologically, one of which appears to have been created by Gladys Stark (mother of William Stark). Mainly filled with newspaper clippings, the scrapbooks also contain some correspondence, invitations, photographs, programs, and newsletters. Loose material from the front and back of each scrapbook was placed into an envelope and kept with the relevant scrapbook.

Box 14, 21
Memorabilia, circa 1970s

Awards, 1970, 1974

Box/Folder 14 : 1
Coronado Floral Association, 1970 April
Scope and Contents note
Certificate and second prize ribbon from the Coronado Flower Show awarded to 465 "C" Ave (Shirley Stark's address) for home front.

Box/Folder 21 : 2
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 1974 February
Scope and Contents note
Mounted honor certificate given to William Stark in the category of Singing American POWs, 1973, "an outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

Box/Folder 14 : 2
Name tags and patch, circa 1973
Scope and Contents note
Includes Navy visitor badges for Shirley, Susan, and Gladys Stark; name tags for Shirley and William Stark for the Vietnam Veterans Homecoming Celebration; and an Operation Homecoming Flight to Freedom patch.

Box/Folder 14 : 3
Name tags, circa 1973
Access
May not be used without permission of the Archivist. Use copies of the items are available in box 14, folder 2.

POW advocacy, undated

Scope and Contents note
Consists of items produced by POW advocacy groups and sold to raise awareness about the POW situation in Vietnam.

Box/Folder 14 : 4
Bracelets, undated
Scope and Contents note
The bracelets are engraved with the names of POW/MIA American soldiers (including Commander Stark) and the date they were captured or went missing. Many of the individuals who bought and wore these bracelets corresponded with the families of the soldiers and eventually returned the bracelets to the soldier when he was released.
Memorabilia, circa 1970s
POW advocacy, undated

Box/Folder 14: Bumper stickers, undated
Scope and Contents note
Also includes bumper stickers in support of President Nixon.

Box/Folder 14: Pin-back buttons, undated
Box/Folder 14: Stickers and rubber stamps, undated

Returned parcels packaging, 1967, 1971-1972
Scope and Contents note
Outer packaging and tags for care packages sent by Shirley Stark to William Stark while he was in captivity that were refused by the Vietnam Postal Service.

Box 15-19 Printed Matter, 1963-1974
Scope and Contents note
Some of these items were originally attachments to letters (many sent by the Department of the Navy) that had been separated from the original letters and thus placed with other printed matter.

Box/Folder 15: All Hands, 1972-1973
Scope and Contents note
Two issues of this publication of the Bureau of Naval Personnel: October 1972 and June 1973.

Box/Folder 15: The Amphibian, 1970
Scope and Contents note
Bi-weekly publication mailed to all ships and units of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force by the Force Public Affairs Office. Includes two issues: October 2, 1970 and December 11, 1970.

Box/Folder 15: Bridge & Bay: The Coronado Magazine, Summer 1973
Box/Folder 15: Bureau of Social Science Research, Inc., 1963
Scope and Contents note

Box/Folder 15: Commanders Digest, 1970
Scope and Contents note
Published by the Department of Defense. Includes Vol. 8, No. 8, May 23, 1970; Vol. 8, No. 11, June 13, 1970; and Vol. 8, No. 15, July 11, 1970.

Box/Folder 15: Congressional bills and resolutions, 1969
Scope and Contents note
Congressional committee prints, 1970, 1972
Scope and Contents note
Includes the following:

Congressional hearings, 1971-1973
Scope and Contents note
Includes the following:
Hearing on Problems of Prisoners of War and Their Families Before the Committee on Armed Services, 91st Congress, March 6, 1970.

Congressional Record, 1969-1971
Scope and Contents note

Current Foreign Policy, "The United States and the People's Republic of China," 1971 August

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<td>The Forge, 1974 April</td>
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Scope and Contents note
Informational booklets provided by the VA to Commander Stark upon his return from Vietnam. Titles include:
- Pointers for the Veteran Homeowner, May 1971.
- To the Home-Buying Veteran, July 1972.

Box/Folder 17 : 3  Viet-Nam Information Notes, 1970 April

Box/Folder 17 : 4  The Voice of POWs and MIAs, 1972-1973
Scope and Contents note

Box/Folder 17 : 5  Miscellany, 1967-1973, undated
Scope and Contents note
Includes the following:
- Flyer in support of Bob Wilson's campaign for Congress, undated.
- Reproduction of a political cartoon by Jeff MacNelly for The Richmond News Leader featuring a North Vietnamese man on a tricycle with a sweater that reads "Jane Fondle for President," undated.
- "P.O.W.S. And Now a Darker Story," undated.
- "SVNLNF's Policy Towards the Officers and Men in the U.S. and Alien Army," The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, undated.
- "A Prayer for Prisoners," Kelly, James W., Rear Admiral, CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains, undated.
- "A Litany for Peace," undated.
- "A Litany for Our POWs and MIAs," undated.
Scope and Contents note

Newspapers and clippings, 1966-1978
Scope and Contents note
Newspapers and clippings collected by Shirley Stark about American POWs in Vietnam and their eventual release. Largely from *The San Diego Union* and *The Evening Tribune*, there are also some clippings from other local papers, such as *The Coronado Reminder* and *The Coronado Journal*, as well as out-of-state and national newspapers. The bulk of the clippings are from 1973 and cover the return of the POWs and their stories about their time in Vietnam.

Chicago Sunday Sun-Times, Viewpoint section, 1973 December 23
San Diego Union, selected articles, 1973 January-April
Scope and Contents note
Consists of articles from *The San Diego Union* (and some from *The Evening Tribune*) about POWs and their release clipped and stapled together by Shirley Stark almost daily from January 23 - April 3, 1973.

Vietnam Courier, 1967-1968
Scope and Contents note

William Stark and family, circa 1969-1975
Family and friends of POWs, 1969-1973
POW advocacy and support, circa 1969-1973
Scope and Contents note
Includes selection of articles about H. Ross Perot and his attempts to deliver supplies to POWs in Vietnam.

POW release and return, 1973, 1978
Scope and Contents note
Includes selected articles about James Stockdale.

Vietnam War and POWs/MIAs, general, circa 1966-1974

Press releases, 1969-1971
Scope and Contents note
Selected news releases from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), as well as one press release from the United States Mission to the United Nations. Other news releases can be found as attachments to correspondence received from the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Naval Personnel.
Programs, 1967-1974

Box/Folder 18 : 6

Reprints, 1969-1973

Scope and Contents note

Includes the following:

"Excerpts from Remarks by Honorable James D. Hittle, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Navy Federal Credit Union." Original speech delivered August 29, 1969.


Box/Folder 18 : 7

Speech transcripts, 1969-1973

Scope and Contents note

Includes the following transcripts:

"Briefing Outline for Remarks by Captain G.E. Hill, Public Affairs Officer, COMNAVAIRPAC, Presented to the Wives of NAVAIRPAC Naval Aviators Deployed to the Western Pacific," undated.


"Public Opinion Influences Hanoi - You Are Public Opinion," written by Sybil Stockdale for use by members of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia (also includes sample questions and answers and speaking suggestions), circa 1970.


Also included is a guide for public speaking engagements for the returned POWs with suggestions of topics to cover.