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Descriptive Summary

Title: James Fenton Wylie papers
Date (inclusive): 1941-1945, 1987
Collection number: 1842
Creator: Wylie, James Fenton
Extent: 4 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)
Abstract: Scrapbooks of Wylie’s service in the Marine Corps during World War II, short stories and collected poetry.
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Biography
James Fenton Wylie was born February 4, 1923. He graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1951. From March 18, 1941 until his discharge in September 1945, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps. Wylie died September 28, 1987.

Scope and Content
The scrapbook was compiled by Wylie and contains transcripts of diary entries, letters to and from family and friends, clippings and ephemera from his time in the Marine Corps. "Notes on an Island Invasion: Betio, Tarawa Atoll, November 21-29, 1943" is described by the author as "a record of what an enlisted man of no importance saw in the nine days he was involved in the Battle of Tarawa" and draws from Wylie's diary entries of November 1943. "Short Stories," "Two Children's Stories" and "Two Fables" are works of fiction. "Amores" and "Erotikon" are collections of Latin and Greek poetry, respectively, selected by Wylie. "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" is a transcript of a translation by Edward Fitzgerald and edited by Wylie.

Organization and Arrangement
The scrapbook is arranged chronologically as Wylie compiled it. Some letters and clippings are arranged by the date they were read or received by him, rather than the date on the item. The short stories are arranged alphabetically by title. The collected poetry is arranged alphabetically by title.

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

Subjects
James Fenton Wylie---Archives.
Marines--United States--Archival resources.
World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American.
Genres and Forms of Material

Scrapbooks.

Poetry

Box 4, Folder 1  Amores, an anthology of ancient love poetry and prose of the Latins 1987
Box 4, Folder 2  Erotikon, an anthology of ancient love poetry and prose of the Greeks (1 of 2) 1974-86
Box 4, Folder 3  Erotikon, an anthology of ancient love poetry and prose of the Greeks (1 of 2) 1974-86
Box 4, Folder 4  Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, translated by Edward Fitzgerald, edited by J. Fenton Wylie 1946

Scrapbook

Box 1, Folder 1  Scrapbook
Box 1, Folder 2  Scrapbook 1942 January-July
Box 1, Folder 3  Scrapbook
Box 1, Folder 4  Scrapbook 1942 October
Box 1, Folder 5  Scrapbook
Box 1, Folder 6  Scrapbook
Box 1, Folder 7  Scrapbook 1943 January
Box 1, Folder 8  Scrapbook
Box 2, Folder 1  Scrapbook 1943 April
Box 2, Folder 2  Scrapbook
Box 2, Folder 3  Scrapbook
Box 2, Folder 4  Scrapbook 1943 September-October
Box 2, Folder 5  Scrapbook
Box 2, Folder 6  Scrapbook 1944 January
Box 2, Folder 7  Scrapbook
Box 2, Folder 8  Scrapbook
Box 3, Folder 1  Scrapbook 1944 July-August
Box 3, Folder 2  Scrapbook
Box 3, Folder 3  Scrapbook 1944 December
Box 3, Folder 4  Cartoon book
Box 3, Folder 5  Message book (1 of 2)
Box 3, Folder 6  Message book (2 of 2) 1944
Box 3, Folder 7  Scrapbook
Box 3, Folder 8  Scrapbook 1945 March-May
Box 3, Folder 9  Scrapbook

Short Stories

Box 3, Folder 10  Notes on an Island Invasion
Box 3, Folder 11  Short Stories 1987
Box 3, Folder 12  Two Children's Stories
Box 3, Folder 13  Two Fables 1987