Descriptive Summary

Title: Maycie Herrington papers
Date: 1943-2005, undated
Date (bulk): 1943
Collection Number: MS 251
Creator: Herrington, Maycie
Extent: 0.44 linear feet (1 box, 1 flat file folder)
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.
Riverside, CA 92517-5900

Abstract: The Maycie Herrington papers are contained within the Tuskegee Airmen Archive. This archive consists of materials related to those individuals who served at Tuskegee Army Air Field, and its predecessors, as well as materials pertaining to Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., a non-profit organization. This collection contains photographic prints, a poster, and unpublished manuscripts regarding the military history of the Tuskegee Airmen as well as African American history.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access
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Acquisition Information
The Maycie Herrington papers were acquired as a gift in 2005.

Processing History

Biographical Note
Maycie Herrington was born in Raleigh, North Carolina on November 7, 1918 to Dicie and Thomas Copeland. She graduated from Washington High School in 1936 and continued her education at St. Augustine College, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in 1940. In 1943, Maycie married Aaron Herrington and the couple moved to Tuskegee, Alabama shortly thereafter so that Aaron could start flight training with the U.S. Army Air Force. While in Tuskegee, Maycie found employment at the Red Cross. Her husband Aaron was a cadet and graduated as a single-engine pilot in May 1943; due to a crash in the final phase of his training he did not serve overseas. Maycie and Aaron welcomed the birth of their first child, daughter Ann, on March 16, 1944. The family moved to Long Beach, California in 1948. Maycie began work for the U.S. Department of Social Services in 1949 until her retirement in 1981. To promote the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, Maycie created a set of Tuskegee Airmen trading cards which include a photograph and biography of individual airmen. Aaron died October 1, 1995 and Maycie kept his membership in the Los Angeles chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc.; she became an active member in 1996 and secretary in 1998.

1918: Maycie was born.
1936: Maycie received her High School diploma from Washington High School.
1940: Maycie graduated from St. Augustine College with a Bachelor of Science degree.
1943: Maycie married Aaron Herrington.
       The Herrington's moved to Tuskegee, Alabama.
1944: Maycie gave birth to daughter, Ann.
1948: The Herrington's moved to Long Beach, California.
1949: Maycie began work for the U.S. Department of Social Services.
1981: Maycie retired from the U.S. Department of Social Services.
1995: Aaron Herrington dies.
1996: Maycie became an active member of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.
**Collection Scope and Contents**
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The Maycie Herrington papers are comprised of both print and visual materials that document the military history of the Tuskegee Airmen as well as African American history. Photographic prints, a poster, and unpublished manuscripts are included.

**Collection Arrangement**
This collection is arranged into two series. The contents of each series are arranged alphabetically by format type. The series arrangement of this collection is as follows:

- **Series 1. African American History, undated.**
- **Series 2. Military History, 1943-2005, undated.**

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

**Subjects**
African American fighter pilots.
Herrington, Aaron.
World War II.

**Genres and Forms of Materials**
Documents.
Photographic prints.
Posters.

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**Series 1. African American history. undated.**
**Series Scope and Contents**
This series contains materials regarding African American history. Includes one poster that depicts the role of African Americans in the United States Air Force.

**Series Arrangement**
This series is arranged alphabetically by format type.

**Map-Case AA5, Folder 1**
**Poster, "African Americans and the United States Air Force". undated.**

**Series 2. Military history. 1943-2005, undated.**
**Series Scope and Contents**
This series contains materials regarding the history of the United States military. Two unpublished manuscripts that discuss the history of the Tuskegee Airmen, photographic prints regarding the Tuskegee Army Air Field, and collecting cards featuring a select number of the Tuskegee Airmen are included.

**Series Arrangement**
This series is arranged alphabetically by format type.

**Box 1, Folder 1**
Collecting cards, ten uncut sheets featuring select Tuskegee Airmen. undated.

**Box 1, Folder 2**

**Box 1, Folder 3**

**Box 1, Folder 4**
Photographic print, captioned "General Eisenhower and Colonel Noel Parrish at Tuskegee made during World War II" (2 copies). undated.

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Photographic print, captioned "Pictures of cadets and officers made on base at Tuskegee Army Air Force Field in 1943 and 1944". 1943-1944.

Photographic print, captioned "Pictures of cadets made at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in 1943". 1943.

Photographic print, captioned "Pictures of cadets made at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in 1943". 1943.

Photographic print, captioned "Pictures of cadets made at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in 1943". 1943.

Photographic print, captioned "Planes made at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base during World War II". undated.

Photographic print, captioned "Planes made at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base during World War II". undated.

Photographic print, captioned "Tuskegee Airmen servicing plane overseas during World War II". undated.

Photographic print, captioned "Tuskegee cadets during study session at U.S. Army Force Base". undated.

Photographic print, captioned "View of the Tuskegee Army Airfield made during World War II" (2 copies). undated.