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## Peters (Shannon L.) Correspondence, 1968-1969

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Peters (Shannon L.) Correspondence

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**Location:** Erickson Vault

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**Contributing Institution:** San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum  
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**Language of Material:** Records written in English

**Abstract:** The Shannon L. Peters Correspondence includes two hundred letters between Manteca, California, resident Shannon L. Peters, his wife, Velma L. Peters, and their eight children in 1968 and 1969, while Peters served in the Vietnam War. The letters afford insights into emotional strains that American military families experienced at that time.

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### Historical Background

A native of Iowa, Shannon L. Peters (1922-2010), served in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War. After it ended in 1945, he moved to Manteca, California, where he resided for the next sixty-five years, thirty-five of which he worked at the nearby Tracy Defense Depot. In 1968 and 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War, Peters served in the U.S. Army Supply Depot at Qui Nhon, Vietnam.

### Scope and Content

Included in this collection are two hundred handwritten pieces of correspondence between Shannon L. Peters, his wife, Velma L. Peters, and their eight children, Brenda, Geneva, Steven, Karen, Sharon, Leila, Stella, and May, written in 1968 and 1969. Members of the family express affection for each other and discuss events at work and home. The letters are arranged in chronological order.

### Subjects and Indexing Terms

Manteca (Calif.)--History  
Peters, Shannon L. (1922-2010)  
Peters, Velma L. (1923-2004)  
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