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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 380 CRIDER, Stephen Bayes, b. 1940

1 box. 8 folders. 178 items. 1960-2003. Originals, photographs.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Stephen Bayes Crider was born on 31 August 1940 in Atlanta, Georgia to Marvin and Jimmie B. Crider. The Crider family first moved to Kentucky in 1950 when Marvin was transferred by the Southern Bell Telephone Company; they located to Louisville in 1955.

Stephen entered Western Kentucky State College in 1958 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962. While at college, Stephen was a member of the ROTC unit, and he entered service at Fort Knox, Kentucky, following his graduation. After completing Officer Basic Training, Stephen was sent to Paratrooper School at Fort Benning, Georgia, which he completed in 1963. The following month he was assigned to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Baumholder, Germany, where he served a three-year tour of duty. Stephen was then transferred to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. In July, 1966, his unit was rotated to Vietnam. Stephen completed a one-year tour of duty there and was reassigned to the Automotive Department of the U.S. Army Armor School in Fort Knox. Stephen left the service in 1968 to return to school and received a Master of Science degree in Zoology from Western Kentucky University in 1970.

Stephen married Norma Ann Glass of Princeton, Kentucky, in July 1961. They became the parents of two children, Stephen James Crider and Murray Bayes Crider.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of letters written by Stephen Bayes Crider to his family (parents and siblings still at home) during his military service from 1962 to 1967. The letters cover his training at Fort Benning, Georgia and his tours of duty in Baumholder, Germany, Fort Meade, Maryland, and Vietnam. He writes of his paratrooper training and military activities, and of recreational trips to France and Switzerland. While in Germany he also writes of family life and his impressions of the east-west divide in that country (Folder 3).

While in Vietnam, Crider writes of day-to-day military life, casualties and military operations, including Operation Cedar Falls, a major assault by U.S. forces near Saigon in January 1967 (Folder 7). He comments on a visit to the troops by actress Lana Turner and is

highly critical of boxer Muhammad Ali's refusal to report for military service (Folder 7). Photographs in the collection relate mostly to Vietnam and include Crider and his comrades, military bases and the Vietnamese countryside.

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BOX 1	Crider, Stephen Bayes	1960-2003	178 items
Folder 1	Inventory, biographical data, correspondence	1991-2003	18 items
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Folder 3	Letters to parents and siblings while serving in the U.S. Army	Dec. 18, 1962- Dec. 29, 1963	33 items
Folder 4	Letters to parents and siblings while serving in the U.S. Army	Jan. 14, 1964- Dec. 13, 1964	17 items
Folder 5	Letters to parents and siblings while serving in the U.S. Army and letter from wife, Norma Ann	Jan. 3, 1965- Dec. 19, 1965	22 items
Folder 6	Letters to parents and siblings while serving in the U.S. Army	Jan. 21, 1966- Dec. 20, 1966	23 items
Folder 7	Letters to parents	1967	32 items
Folder 8	Photographs	1966-1967	31 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Letters of Stephen Bayes Crider, written mostly to his parents while Crider was serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Georgia; Baumholder, Germany; Fort Meade, Maryland; and in Vietnam.

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