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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 229 AKERS, Sammie D., 1918-2002

3½ boxes. 34 folders. 709 items. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sammie D. Akers was born in Logan County on 27 January 1918 to John B. and Betty A. (Whitney) Akers. He had one sister, Nell, who married Floyd Branum and lived for many years in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Akers went to public schools in Logan County and later served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After his military service he worked as a Kentucky probation officer. He was a member of the New Union Baptist Church and a Mason for over fifty years. He did not marry. Akers died on 17 October 2002 and was interred at Russellville's Maple Grove Cemetery near his parents.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists almost exclusively of Sammie D. Akers's World War II correspondence with his family and friends. Approximately two-thirds of the correspondence is with his mother, Betty W. Akers. This collection is the rare one that includes correspondence (both letters to and from) of a soldier. After 1944, a great deal of Sammie's letters home are V-mails. The letters to his parents are generally addressed to his mother, with whom he discusses the home farm, potential land purchases, local news, and church events. Correspondence with his friends deals with the same topics, although he will sometimes mention matters related to courtship. Very few letters from Sammie to any other correspondent, outside his parents, are found here.

The letters were removed from envelopes, dated, and collated with vinyl-coated paper clips. The correspondence of Akers and his parents was arranged chronologically. Individual folders of correspondence with other family or friends were created if there were at least five letters from that individual; the rest were placed together in folders at the end of the collection. The collection also contains a folder of letters sent to John B. and Betty W. Akers and a folder related to the settlement of the Virgil I. Whitney estate.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Sammie D. Akers	1942-1943	184 items
Folder 1	Descriptive Inventory		
Folder 2	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	1942	19 items
Folder 3	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Jan.-Feb. 1943	36 items
Folder 4	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Mar.-April 1943	29 items
Folder 5	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	May 1943	22 items
Folder 6	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	June 1943	16 items
Folder 7	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Jul.-Aug. 1943	38 items
Folder 8	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Sept.-Oct. 1943	24 items
BOX 2	Sammie D. Akers	1943-1945	257 items
Folder 1	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Nov.-Dec. 1943	16 items
Folder 2	Correspondence with parents, John B and Betty A. Akers	Jan.-Feb. 1944	22 items
Folder 3	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Mar.-April 1944	20 items
Folder 4	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	May-June 1944	17 items
Folder 5	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Jul.-Aug. 1944	31 items

Folder 6	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Sept.-Oct. 1944	33 items
Folder 7	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Nov.-Dec. 1944	24 items
Folder 8	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Jan.-Mar. 1945	42 items
Folder 9	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Apr.-May 1945	28 items
Folder 10	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Jun.-Aug. 1945	11 items
Folder 11	Correspondence with parents, John B. and Betty A. Akers	Sept. Dec. 1945	13 items
BOX 3	Sammie D. Akers	1943-1945	174 items
Folder 1	Letters from Mae Barrow	Jan.-June 1943	20 items
Folder 2	Letters from Mae Barrow	Jul.-Nov. 1943	16 items
Folder 3	Letters from Gennie Berry	1943	12 items
Folder 4	Letters from Ruby Berry	1942-1943	15 items
Folder 5	Correspondence with Fred Bradshaw, Jr.	1943-1944	21 items
Folder 6	Correspondence with Nell (Akers) Branum	1943-1945	35 items
Folder 7	Letters from Elizabeth Bruce	1943	21 items
Folder 8	Letters from Tandy Chestnut	1943	7 items
Folder 9	Letters from Howard W. and Carrie Lee	1943	10 items
Folder 10	Letters from Russell D. Lyne	1943	12 items
Folder 11	Letters from Mary Eleanor Neill	1943	5 items

BOX 4	Sammie D. Akers	1902-1959	94 items
Folder 1	Letters from assorted correspondents	1942-1943	27 items
Folder 2	Letters from assorted correspondents	1943	15 items
Folder 3	Letters to John B. and Betty Akers	1902-1945	42 items
Folder 4	Documents related to the estate of Virgil I. Whitney	1922-1959	10 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS AKERS, Sammie D., 1902-1959
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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Akers, Elizabeth Alice "Betty" (Whitney), 1885-1972
Akers, John Berry, 1881-1973
Barrow, Mae
Berry, Gennie
Bradshaw, Fred, Jr., 1920-1945
Branum, Nell (Akers), 1908-1979
Bruce, Elizabeth
Chestnut, Tandy P., 1918-1995
Lee, Howard W., d. 1993
Lyne, Russell D., 1910-1965
Neill, Mary Eleanor
U.S. – Army – Relating to, 1942-1945
Whitney, Virgil Isaac, 1881-1958 – Relating to
World War II, 1939-1945 – Soldiers from – Logan County

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