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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 377 CARY, Larry Burr, 1946-2000

1 box. 8 folders. 210 items. 1959-1972. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Larry Burr Cary was born in Indianapolis, Indiana 15 September 1946, the older of Erastus and Ebbie (Felty) Cary's two sons. As a child and young man he lived in rural Cumberland County, Kentucky. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after his graduation from Cumberland County High School and, after training at Lackland and Amarillo Air Force Bases in Texas, was stationed as a supply clerk at Royal Air Force Base Bentwaters, England from 1966 to 1969. He was discharged at Webb Air Force Base, Texas with the rank of sergeant. After his return to Kentucky, Cary married Mary Ann McCool and moved to Louisville where he worked at Belknap Hardware and BGM Equipment Company. He and his wife had one son, Larry Curtis Cary. Larry Burr Cary died 30 January 2000 and is buried in the Burkesville Cemetery (Cumberland County).

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of letters written by Larry Burr Cary to his parents and brother while he was serving with the U.S. Air Force in Texas and England. His letters reveal he adapted well to military life, assuring his mother that he was safe and complaining only about inspections and the weather. Though he traveled to London and other places in England during his three years there, and was assigned to temporary duty in Africa and Germany, the focus of Cary's letters was his family's rural Cumberland County, Kentucky, home. He continually inquires about the health and well-being of his parents, brother, and other relatives and friends. He reminds his folks not to work too hard and admonishes his brother to do well in high school and go to college, as he wishes he had. The changing seasons of the year remind him of chores on the farm as he wonders if the garden has been planted, or if the tobacco has been stripped. He comments briefly on the Kentucky governor's election of 1967, the presidential election of 1968, and other news articles he reads in the local paper that is sent to him.

The collection also includes a folder of five 1968 letters written by Cary's brother Denny Gene Cary to their parents while he was in Landover, Maryland, and a folder of three miscellaneous letters.

Folder 9 contains two letters written to Cary from his father Erastus while he was a patient at the state tuberculosis hospital at Glasgow.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	CARY, Larry Burr	1959-1972	210 items
Folder 1	Inventory		2 items
Folder 2	Letters from Larry Burr Cary to family	8 Feb. 1966-31 May 1966	47 items
Folder 3	Letters from Larry Burr Cary to family	2 June 1966-24 Dec. 1966	38 items
Folder 4	Letters from Larry Burr Cary to family	2 Jan. 1967-15 Nov. 1967	47 items
Folder 5	Letters from Larry Burr Cary to family	9 Jan. 1968-6 Nov. 1969	32 items
Folder 6	Letters from Denny Cary to parents	22 July 1968-5 Nov. 1968	5 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous	18 Jan 1966-14 March 1966	3 items
Folder 8	Service Records	1966-1972, n.d.	34 items
Folder 9	Letters written by Erastus Cary to his son Larry Burr Cary	1959	2 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Chiefly letters from Larry Burr Cary, serving with the U.S. Air Force in England, to his family in rural Cumberland County, Kentucky. He mainly inquires about the health of his parents, brother, and other relatives and friends, as well as about the weather and the crops. He comments only briefly about his own duties and travels.

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