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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 472 DALLAS, William Robert, Sr., 1910-1997

1 box. 6 folders. 189 items. 1944-1946. Originals and photocopies

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William "Buddy" Robert Dallas, Sr. was born on 14 October 1910 in Paducah, Kentucky, the eldest son of Robert T. and Lizzie Mae (Stetson) Dallas. While in the Army Air Corps, he met Virginia "Ginny" Eileen Lindsay, the daughter of Warner and Ethel Lindsay. When they met, Ginny was working for the Red Cross in Atlantic City. Their budding romance was hampered by Dallas' assignment to Louisville, where he worked for the Air Corps' Personnel District Command, which was located in the Gibbs Inman building at 8th and Broadway downtown. He was often at Bowman Field. At one point during the war, he did serve in Panama. William had two brothers: Raymond D., who was killed in action in World War II (1944), and Tony; and three sisters. William and Virginia moved to Bowling Green in the late-1940s, where William worked as an agent for Continental Insurance. He died on 18 April 1997.

Virginia "Ginny" Eileen Lindsay Dallas was born the eldest daughter of Warner and Ethel Lindsay of Atlantic City, Virginia on 30 December 1923. She had one sister, Jewel Lindsay Hirsh. Buddy and Ginny married on 15 September 1945 in Ventnor, New Jersey. After their marriage they began their married life in an apartment on Cherokee Road in Louisville. She died on 29 July 2010.

Both Buddy and Ginny died in Bowling Green, where they had lived for years, and were buried in Fairview Cemetery. They were members of The Presbyterian Church, where Buddy was a deacon. They had two children: William Robert Dallas, Jr. (1951-2000) and Susan (Dallas) Gibson.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists almost exclusively of the correspondence between William Robert Dallas, Sr., and his girlfriend, fiancé, and later wife Virginia "Ginny" Eileen Lindsay. The couple wrote each other almost daily between June and September of 1945. The letters discuss their mutual love and concern for each other, their social lives during the latter part of the war, how the war had affected their lives, their engagement and impending wedding and honeymoon. William also spends considerable time explaining how difficult it was to get a good

used automobile for Ginny and his difficulty in locating an apartment for the newlyweds. Her letters include general information about her work with the Red Cross in Atlantic City, her family's daily activities, wedding plans, wedding showers, and lists of gifts received for the wedding. There are a few letters from the bride and groom's mothers as well as a few friends.

The correspondence stops abruptly after the wedding. Only two post-wedding letters from Robert to Virginia are included in the collection. The collection documents a war bride, although Dallas is not in foreign service during the time of the correspondence. They also mention some difficulty in obtaining housing and consumer goods (rationing) in Louisville and Atlantic City.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 3	Correspondence	Jun. 1945	22 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	Jul. 1945	52 items
Folder 5	Correspondence	Aug. 1945	46 items
Folder 6	Correspondence	Sept.-Oct. 1945	17 items

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Correspondence, almost exclusively between William Robert Dallas, Sr., and his girlfriend, fiancé, and later wife Virginia "Ginny" Eileen Lindsay. Dallas was in the Army Air Corps and stationed in Louisville, Kentucky, while Ginny was living in her hometown of Ventnor, New Jersey, right outside Atlantic City. The letters are courtship related and are filled with plans for their wedding on 15 September 1945.

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Dallas, Virginia “Ginny” Eileen (Lindsay)
 See also:
 Lindsay, Virginia “Ginny” Eileen

 Horse trading
 See also:
 Horse sales

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