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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 637 HATCHER, William Paul, 1929-2003

3 boxes. 22 folders. 1,828 items. 1943-2003 Originals, photographs, and photocopies 2004.133.6

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Paul Hatcher was born 2 November 1929 to Maburn Clyde Hatcher (1882–1959) and Tempye Clay Sharer Hatcher (1887–1971); and he had an older sister, Edna Earl Hatcher (1909-1959). He fought in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of corporal. In 1955, he graduated with his bachelor of science degree from the Bowling Green College of Commerce, he also attended Western Kentucky University. He was a member of the Bowling Green-Warren County Jaycees and the Hilltopper Athletic Association, and he was also a member of the The Presbyterian Church. He was employed at the Swifty Oil Company which he later retired from. Hatcher died in 2003 and is interred in Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains letters written to William Paul Hatcher by his family and friends throughout his service in the Korean War. The majority of the letters in this collection were written from Bowling Green, Kentucky, and contain town gossip, local news, weather, newspaper clippings, and photographs of relatives and friends. Box 3, Folder 6 contains newsletters from military units in which Hatcher served.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Hatcher, William P.	1952-2003	932 items
Folder 1	Inventory	1952-2003	10 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	Mar-May 1952	98 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	Jun 1-13 1952	71 items

Folder 4	Correspondence	Jun 15-30 1952	74 items
Folder 5	Correspondence	Jul 1-16 1952	64 items
Folder 6	Correspondence	Jul 17-31 1952	74 items
Folder 7	Correspondence	Aug 1-16 1952	96 items
Folder 8	Correspondence	Aug 17-31 1952	100 items
Folder 9	Correspondence	Sept 1-20 1952	101 items
Folder 10	Correspondence	Sept 21-30 1952	62 items
Folder 11	Correspondence	Oct 1-17 1952	106 items
Folder 12	Correspondence	Oct 18-31 1952	76 items
BOX 2	Hatcher, William P.	1952	283 items
Folder 1	Correspondence	Nov 1952	135 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	Dec 1-19 1952	91 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	Dec 20-31 1952	57 items
BOX 3	Hatcher, William P.	1943-1953	613 items
Folder 1	Correspondence	January 1953	182 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	February 1953	118 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	March 1953	126 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	Apr-Dec 1953	96 items
Folder 5	Letters from Christine Prather	Mar 1952 – Feb. 1953	30 items
Folder 6	Company newsletters	Apr. 1943-Jun. 1952	36 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous	Jan. 1948- Sept. 1953	25 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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> Letters written by William P. Hatcher's family and friends to him whilst he served in the Korean War. The letters discuss community gossip as well as family news. 3 boxes. 22 folders. 1,828 items. Originals, photographs and photocopies. 2004.133.6

SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Adams, Barbara B1,F2-12; B2,F1-3; B3,F1-4

Christmas cards B2,F1-3; B3,F4 Korean War, 1950-1954 - Military life

Hatcher, Tempye Clay (Sharer), 1887-1971 B1,F2-12; B2,F1-3; B3,F1-4 Hatcher, Edna Earl, 1909-1959 B1,F2-6,8-9,11-12; B2, F1-2; B3,F1-3

Prather, Christine B3,F5

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