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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 162 BEASLEY, Robert, Sr., b. 1926**

1 box. 6 folders. 262 items. Photocopies. 1942-1946.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Robert Beasley was born and raised in Caneyville, Kentucky. He married his high school sweetheart in 1944; they had a son, Robert, Jr., in September 1944. Beasley, Sr. joined the U.S. Army in August 1944. After receiving training at Camp Benjamin Harrison in Indiana and Camp Robinson in Arkansas, Beasley served with the 84th U.S. Infantry Division in Germany. He served a full year in Germany in addition to seeing action in France and Belgium; he was promoted to Sergeant in September 1945. After the war was over Beasley was moved to Austria, where he served briefly with occupation forces. Beasley returned home in March 1946.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of letters written by Robert Beasley, Sr. to his girlfriend and later wife, Louise (Buckles) Beasley. The early letters (1942-43) are courtship letters, but the bulk of the collection is written between 1944 and 1946, when Beasley was serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. There is one letter written from Louise to her husband dated 17 January 1946. The letters express Robert's desire to be with his wife and son, expound on everyday Army life, and occasionally relate war news.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Letters to Louise Beasley</b>	<b>1942-1946</b>	<b>262 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical information		2 items
Folder 2	Letters to Louise Buckles	1942-1943	4 items

Folder 3	Letters to Louise (Buckles) Beasley	1944	55 items
Folder 4	Letters to Louise (Buckles) Beasley	Jan.-June 1945	64 items
Folder 5	Letters to Louise (Buckles) Beasley	Jul.-Dec. 1945	84 items
Folder 6	Letters to Louise (Buckles) Beasley (1 Letter from Louise to Robert dated 17 January 1946)	1946	53 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Letters written by Robert Beasley, Sr. to his wife, Louise (Buckles) Beasley while he is serving in the 84th U.S. Infantry Division during World War II. Beasley served chiefly in Germany, but also saw action in Belgium and France. He discusses Army life and relates war news to his wife in Caneyville, Kentucky.

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Beasley, Louise (Buckles) – Letters to, 1942-1946  
 Beasley, Robert, Jr., b. 1944 – Comments about, 1944-1946 B1,F4-6  
 Camp Dick Robinson – Comments about, 1944 B1,F3  
 Courtship, 1942-1943 B1,F2  
 Fort Benjamin Harrison – Comments about, 1944 B1,F3  
 Germany – World War II, 1939-1945 – Comments about, 1945 B1,F4-5  
 Military life – World War II, 1939-1945 B1,F4-6  
 World War II, 1939-1945 – Letters, 1944-1946  
 World War II, 1939-1945 – Soldiers from – Grayson County

### ***SEE and SEE ALSO CARDS***

Buckles, Louise

See:

Beasley, Louise (Buckles)

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