BIOGRAPHY

William Perry Stamps, Jr., was born on December 20, 1914, at Bowling Green, Ky., the son of Esther Pearl (Hills) Stamps, a Bowling Green native, and William Perry Stamps, an Allen County, Ky. native. His mother died in childbirth with William, and his father died in 1919 from influenza. His maternal aunt, Sallie Hills, and her husband, George Hills, brought William into their home (849 Fairview Avenue) with their five children: Henry, Dorothy, Thelma, Laura (“La”), and Ashley. George Hills was employed by the Turner Day Woolworth Axehandle Factory. Although he used the name William “Billy” Hills during his public school days, the Hills never officially adopted William. Upon entering the Army, he was required to assume his legal name, William Perry Stamps, Jr. Stamps worked for Deemer’s Floral Company of Bowling Green prior to his military service and returned to work there afterwards. He later worked for The Daily News and Master Printers. He married Rosalyn Marie Gourley, a social worker, on August 23, 1947. He died on January 16, 2006 in Bowling Green, Ky.

COLLECTION

This collection of letters date from 1942 to 1945. The bulk of the letters (99) were written by Stamps to Sallie Hills of Bowling Green, his adopted mother, and letters (37) to Laura Hills Savord of Lakeland, Florida. The letters describe military life in the U.S. Army, particularly Stamps’ training in Indiana, Texas and Mississippi. His
letters from 1944 through 1945 describe his service in Italy and in French Morocco. The letters frequently inquire about family members and local happenings.

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MSS 102 STAMPS, William Perry, Jr., 1914-2006 1942-1945

World War II correspondence of Stamps, Bowling Green, KY, includes chiefly letters (99) to Sallie Hills, Bowling Green, and Laura H. Savord (37), Lakeland, FL. Stamps was stationed at military bases in IN, TX, MS, and Italy. Also includes letters of George L. Smith, Bowling Green, to Sallie Hills.

1 box. 8 folders. 150 items. Originals.
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Gift of William P. Stamps, Jr., Bowling Green, KY, 1996.

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