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Descriptive Inventory

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

1 box.  8 folders.  150 items.  1942-1945.  Originals.

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BIOGRAPHY

William Perry Stamps, Jr., was born on December 20, 1914, at Bowling Green, Kentucky, the son of Esther Pearl (Hills) Stamps, a Bowling Green native, and William Perry Stamps, an Allen County, Kentucky 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 23 August 1947. He died on 16 January 2006 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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.
SHELF LIST

BOX 1  Correspondence  1942-1945  150 items

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Folder 3  Letters from Stamps to Sallie Hills  1943  42 items

Folder 4  Letters from Stamps to Sallie Hills  1944-1945  35 items

Folder 5  Letters from Stamps to Sallie Hills  [1942-1944]  3 items

Folder 6  Letters from Stamps to Laura Hills Savord  1942-1945  37 items

Folder 7  Letters to Stamps  1944-1945  8 items

Folder 8  Letters from George L. Smith to Sallie Hills  1943-1944  5 items

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World War II correspondence of William Perry Stamps, Jr., a native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, which chiefly includes letters (99) to Sallie Hills, Bowling Green, and Laura H. Savord (37), Lakeland, Florida. Stamps was stationed at military bases in Indiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Italy. Also includes letters of George L. Smith, a native of Bowling Green, to Sallie Hills.  

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