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Abstract

The collection includes the papers of World War I fighter pilot Alan Campbell Cameron (1895-1960) of Riverside, Cook County, Illinois, including letters from relatives and friends, primarily his father John M. Cameron (1867-1939), a Chicago attorney at the law firm of Custer and Cameron, and Dorothy Abbott, a romantic interest of Cameron during his school years. The letters document Cameron's life as a college student, his service as an aviator in the war, and his post-service years while leasing the Sanford Hotel in San Pedro, California. The collection also includes *Chicago Daily Tribune* clippings.

Creator

Cameron, Alan Campbell, 1895-1960

Creator

Cameron, John M. (John McRae), 1867-1939

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Alan Campbell Cameron was born on December 29, 1895, to Anna May Iverson (1866-1917) and John McRae Cameron (1867-1939), a Chicago attorney at the law firm of Custer and Cameron. He was a World War I fighter pilot from Riverside, Cook County, Illinois. He served as a first lieutenant in the 258th Aerial Squadron of the United States Air Service. Following the war, Cameron lived in San Pedro, California and went into business by leasing the Sanford Hotel. He moved back to Cook County by 1930 and worked as a civil engineer for a railroad company. Cameron died in 1960 and is buried with family in the Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum in Chicago.

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Scope and Content

The papers of Alan Campbell Cameron consist of letters written to Cameron by family and friends and *Chicago Daily Tribune* clippings, including political cartoons. The predominant author of the letters is Cameron's father, John M. Cameron, a Chicago attorney at the law firm of Custer and Cameron, though one folder features the letters of Dorothy Abbott, a romantic interest of Cameron during his school years. The letters document Cameron's life as a college student, his service as an aviator in the war, and his post-service years while leasing the Sanford Hotel in San Pedro, California.

Please note: The collection may contain outdated language, which may be offensive to researchers.

Keywords

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Description of Subordinate Components

Letters [primarily from Dorothy Abbott]

Unit Date 1914-1916

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Miscellaneous letters

Unit Date 1916-1918

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters [primarily from John M. Cameron]

Unit Date 1918

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters [primarily from John M. Cameron]

Unit Date 1918-1919

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters [primarily John M. Cameron]

Unit Date 1919-1922

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Chicago Daily Tribune clippings

Unit Date 1919

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)