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Abstract

This collection contains an American war ration book printed during World War II, issued to Mart Barton of Alton, Missouri.

Creator

United States. Office of Price Administration

Creator

Barton, Mart, 1879-1962

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Historical Note

During World War II, the shipment of food to troops abroad, rationing of supplies like fuel and rubber, and trade import restrictions caused a shortage of foods and materials in the United States. As a solution, the U.S. government utilized the Office of Price Administration to create a rationing system to evenly distribute foods. Advertisements also urged Americans to use less of foods such as sugar and meat.

External source:

The National World War II Museum. "Ration Books." Accessed October 2022.

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/student-resources/research-starters/take-closer-look-ration-books>

Biographical Note

Mart Barton was born to James and Sarah (Custer) Barton on January 17, 1879. He worked as a farmer in Alton, Oregon County, Missouri. He died on August 29, 1962, and he and his wife Vera May are buried in Cave Springs Cemetery in Alton.

External sources:

"Mart Barton" death certificate in the Missouri, U.S., Death Certificates, 1910-1969 database, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/discoveryui-content/view/1837491:60382>, accessed September 19, 2023.

"Mart Barton", Findagrave.com, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/103565513/martin-lee-barton>, accessed September 19, 2023.

Scope and Content

This collection contains an American war ration book printed during World War II, issued to Mart Barton of Alton, Missouri. The pages contain printed, rip-out stamps for various rationed items. Some stamps have been torn out. The back of the ration book warns recipients to "NEVER BUY RATIONED GOODS WITHOUT RATION STAMPS" and "NEVER PAY MORE THAN LEGAL PRICE."

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