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1929-1950

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Scope and Contents

The bulk of this collection consists of letters to and from Norman E. Lau, who served as an aviation metalsmith for the U.S. Navy during World War II, and his family. The correspondence was written before and after the war, and concern Lau's search for a job in Chicago during the Depression, his training, his time spent overseas during the war stationed in the Philippines, and his life after the war in California. Many of the letters were written to or by his wife, "Kitty." Correspondence between other members of the Lau family are also included, along with items such as pamphlets, notebooks, and other ephemera. A more detailed description of the collection by the seller is filed in front of Box 1.

Keywords

Letters (correspondence)

Printed ephemera

United States. Navy--History--World War, 1939-1945

World War, 1939-1945--Pacific Area

Description of Subordinate Components

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/300770

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578557

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578558

Unit Date 1945 January

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578559

Unit Date 1945 February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578560

Unit Date 1945 March

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578561

Unit Date 1945 April

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578562

Unit Date 1945 May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578563

Unit Date 1945 June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578564

Unit Date 1945 July

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578565

Unit Date 1945 August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Katherine Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578668

Unit Date 1945 September-October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578669

Unit Date 1932-1934

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578670

Unit Date 1942 July-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Norman Lau to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578671

Unit Date 1942 March-June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Norman to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578672

Unit Date 1943 January-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Norman to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578673

Unit Date 1943 June-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Norman to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578674

Unit Date 1944 May-June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Norman to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578675

Unit Date 1944 July-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Norman to Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578676

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578677

Unit Date 1944 April, May, November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578678

Unit Date 1944 December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578679

Unit Date 1945 January

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578680

Unit Date 1945 February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578681

Unit Date 1945 March

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578682

Unit Date 1945 April

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578683

Unit Date 1945 May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Letters to Katherine and Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578689

Unit Date 1944-1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 31 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578684

Unit Date 1945 June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photograph of Katherine Dell Newcomb Lau and Norman Ellsworth Lau. He is in his Navy Blues and she is dressed in blue or black with a dressy hat. Addition Mss. Acc. 2107.023 from their daughter, Deborah Dell Lau.

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578685

Unit Date 1945 July

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578686

Unit Date 1945 August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to Norman Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578687

Unit Date 1945 September

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

Katherine Lau to her In-laws, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578688

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

Caryl Lau to his Parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578690

Unit Date 1929-1939

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 32 (Folder)

Caryl Lau to his Parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578691

Unit Date 1941-1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/241993

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Marie Lau to her In-Laws, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242002

Unit Date 1930-1942

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Marie to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lau

Marie Lau to her In-Laws, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578692

Unit Date 1943-1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Ruth Lau McHugh to her Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242003

Unit Date 1933-1939

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Ruth Lau McHugh to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lau

Ruth Lau McHugh to her Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242004

Unit Date 1940-1942

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Ruth Lau McHugh to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lau

Ruth Lau McHugh to her Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578693

Unit Date 1943

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Ruth Lau McHugh to her Parents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242005

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Ruth Lau McHugh to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lau

Box 3

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578694

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Lau to their Children

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578695

Unit Date 1929, 1944, 1946

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Lau Grandchildren to their Grandparents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578696

Unit Date 1938-1944

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Lau - Personal and Business Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578697

Unit Date 1933-1943

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Postcards

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578698

Unit Date 1941-1945

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from family members, but a few blank ones are included.

Telegrams

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578699

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Greeting Cards

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578700

Unit Date 1938-1951

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Diplomas and Marriage Certificate

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578701

Unit Date 1926, 1932, 1944

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Poems, Negatives, Flyers, Cartoons and Other Mementos

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578702

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578703

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Pamphlets, small new testament bible, test notebook, school notebook and religious booklet.

Photograph of Katherine Dell Newcomb and Norman Ellsworth Lau

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/578704

Unit Date circa 1942

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 10 (Folder)