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Unit ID

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Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/8506

Unit Date

circa 1900-1973

Unit Date

1962 - 1967

Language

English

Creator

Bristow, Joseph Christian, Jr., 1945-2005

Creator

Bristow, Elizabeth Jean Acker

Creator

Irby, Mabel

Creator

Major, Kitty

Extent

1.60 Linear Feet

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Scope and Contents

Papers, circa the 1930s and the 1960s-1970s, of the Bristow Family of Middlesex County, Virginia. The collection includes letters written to Joseph Christian Bristow, Jr., while at the University of Richmond and letters written to him while serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. The primary correspondent is Kitty Major, of Stormont, Virginia, who seems to be in a relationship with Bristow for most of their correspondence. Topics include Major's daily activities, events happening in Stormont and Urbanna, marriages, local gossip, and Bristow's lack of communication with Major, among other items. Other correspondents include Kitty Major's sister, Deborah Major, Bristow's parents, people with whom Bristow went to the University of Richmond, and other soldiers, among others. Included is a card mentioning the protests against the war in Vietnam.

There are also photographs, news clippings, and material relating to the graduate education of Joseph Bristow, Jr., and Elizabeth Jean Acker Bristow at Wayne State University, as well as two scrapbooks of Mabel Irby. One scrapbook is a poetry assignment and the other a travel scrapbook of the western United States in 1939. Irby is the maiden name of Katherine Bristow, the mother of Joseph Christian Bristow, Jr.

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Letters (correspondence)

Middlesex County (Va.)--History
Vietnam War, 1961-1975
Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Protest movements--United States

Arrangement of Materials:

Organized into three series: Series 1: Correspondence; Series 2: Personal Materials; Series 3: Scrapbooks.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Correspondence

Unit ID id106646

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/315089

Unit Date 1962-1967

Scope and Contents

This series consists of correspondence composed by Kitty Major, Deborah Major, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Christian Bristow, school friends, other soldiers, and family friends. The bulk of the correspondence originates from Kitty Major who appears to be in a relationship with Joseph Christian Bristow, Jr.

Correspondence

Unit ID id106651

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/315092

Unit Date 1962-1963

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID id106654

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/315093

Unit Date 1964 January-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID id106655

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/315094

Unit Date 1965 January

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID id106656

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/315095

Unit Date 1965 February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Correspondence**Unit ID** id106657**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315096**Unit Date** 1965 March 1-April 19**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106659**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315097**Unit Date** 1965 April 20-June 30**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106660**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315098**Unit Date** 1966 February 1-March 21**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106662**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315099**Unit Date** 1966 March 22-April 30**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106663**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315100**Unit Date** 1966 May-September**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106664**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315101**Unit Date** 1966 October**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106665**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315102**Unit Date** 1966 November**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 11 (Folder)

Correspondence**Unit ID** id106666**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315103**Unit Date** 1966 December 1-20**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106667**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315104**Unit Date** 1966 December 21-1967 January**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106669**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315105**Unit Date** 1967 February-March**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 14 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106670**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315106**Unit Date** 1967 April-October**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 15 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106671**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315107**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 16 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id106674**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315108**Unit Date** 1976 January-June**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Series 2: Personal Materials****Unit ID** id106675**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315090**Unit Date** 1900-1973**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of the university records of Joseph Christian Bristow at the University of Richmond and Wayne State University and the university records of Elizabeth J. Acker Bristow at Wayne State University. Also included are records relating to Joseph Bristow's service in Vietnam as well as personal photographs, many of which are undated and unidentified from the early to mid-20th century.

Richmond College Records**Unit ID** id106677**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315109**Unit Date** 1964-1968**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**"The Trial of Judas"****Unit ID** id106678**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315110**Unit Date** 1968**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Official Records: Department of Defense****Unit ID** id106679**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315111**Unit Date** 1966-1967**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Soldier's Deposit Tickets****Unit ID** id106680**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315112**Unit Date** 1966-1967**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Military Vouchers****Unit ID** id106681**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315113**Unit Date** 1966-1967**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Wayne State University Records for Joseph Christian Bristow, Jr.****Unit ID** id106682**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315114**Unit Date** 1971-1973**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Wayne State University Records for Elizabeth J. Acker Bristow****Unit ID** id106683**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315115**Unit Date** 1969-1972**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)

Photographs**Unit ID** id106684**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315116**Unit Date** 1900**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Photographs****Unit ID** id106685**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315117**Unit Date** 1930-1969**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Series 3: Scrapbooks****Unit ID** id106686**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315091**Unit Date** 1935-1939**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of two books compiled by Mabel Irby. The first scrapbook is a poetry assignment compiled by Mabel Irby. The final page of the book includes the notation, "A+ You've made a rich and beautiful book!" -L.O.A. Included in the back are other assignments completed by Mabel Irby in 1935. The second scrapbook is a travel scrapbook of Mabel Irby's vacation taken in July and August of 1939. Also included is an itinerary labeled "MAW's Vacation" where the author asks for pardon from Emerson Hough, author of the short story MAW's Vacation. Irby is the maiden name of Katherine Bristow, the mother of Joseph Christian Bristow, Jr.

Riches: Contemporary Poetry**Unit ID** id106688**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315118**Unit Date** 1935**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Travel Scrapbook****Unit ID** id106690**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/315119**Unit Date** 1939**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)