WALTER AND LOUISE STUTZ PAPERS, 1917–1921

Collection Information

Biographical Sketch

Scope and Content Note

Contents

Cataloging Information

Processed by

Elizabeth G. Clemons 14 December 2004

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department William Henry Smith Memorial Library Indiana Historical Society 450 West Ohio Street Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

www.indianahistory.org

COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF

5 folders

COLLECTION:

COLLECTION

1917-1921

DATES:

PROVENANCE: Juanita Hunter, Logansport, Indiana, 1 Oct 2003

RESTRICTIONS: None

COPYRIGHT:

REPRODUCTION Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection

RIGHTS: must be obtained from the Indiana Historical Society.

ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION 2004.0006

NUMBER:

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Walter Carl Stutz (1889–1963) was born in Vigo County, Indiana on 18 Jan 1889. He entered the Navy on 6 June 1918 and served in World War I. During this time, he began corresponding with Louise Kern, a friend from his church. The friendship blossomed and the two were married on 21 Oct 1921. Stutz passed away in June 1963.

Sources:

http://www.ancestryplus.com (Accessed 8 Dec 2004)

http://www.familysearch.org (Access 8 Dec 2004)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of the correspondence of Walter Stutz and Louise Kern during World War I. The two frequently wrote each other letters, as well as members of their family. The collection also includes a typewritten transcript of Stutz' World War I journals, as well as typewritten transcripts of the correspondence with notations.

Most of the letters written in 1918 and 1919 were from Walter while serving in the Navy at Great Lakes Training Center near Chicago, Illinois; Key West, Florida; and ship to Louise in Terre Haute. In his letters, Stutz discusses Navy life and gun practice, the cities he visited while serving in the Navy, and the weather. He also asks Louise about her family and the church choir. In several letters, Stutz asks Louise to send him a picture of her. The letters written in 1920 and 1921 were mostly from Louise to Walter's sister Hulda in Chicago. In this set of letters, the two discuss Walter, as well as their upcoming wedding. There are also a few letters written to Louise from her brother Will, as well as letters written by Walter to his sister Hulda.

CONTENTS

CONTENTS CONTAINER

Correspondence, 1917–18	Folder 1
Correspondence, 1919	Folder 2
Correspondence, 1920–21	Folder 3
Transcript of Stutz' World War I journals	Folder 4
Transcript of Stutz and Kern correspondence, including notations	Folder 5

CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

- 1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: http://opac.indianahistory.org/
- 2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
- 3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
- 4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 2733).
- 5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.