

**Collection #
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**JOHN ALLEN OSBORNE
PAPERS, 1942–1946; 2011**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Allen Osborne (1921–2011) was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Purdue University in 1942. He then enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served as a lieutenant on an LCT (Landing Craft, Tanks.) He either worked at or owned a number of movie theaters in Greenfield, Mechanicsburg and Plainfield as well as Marion Material, Atlas Coal and Professional Book Company, Inc. Osborne spent much of his life in Thorntown, Boone County, where he owned 19 acres of land.

Sources:

Information in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The majority of the letters in the collection were written by John Osborne to his parents (his mother died in September, 1943) and his sister, Ruth, in Indianapolis while he was serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, October 1942–February 1946. Letters were written while Osborne was in training school at the University of Notre Dame (October 1942–January 1943), midshipman's school in Cape Cod, Massachusetts (February–July 1943), Landing Craft Transport training in New Orleans and San Diego (July 1943–February 1944) and on an LCT (Landing Craft, Tanks) in the Pacific, (February 1944–February 1946.) In his letters, Osborne gives a detailed account of his duties and activities and talks about family and home.

Other items in the collection include letters written by other individuals and family members mostly to Osborne's father, Clyde, including nephews serving in the European Theater, 1944–1945. In addition there is correspondence initiated by John Osborne officially requesting a portable phonograph for the ship, September, 1944. Also included are several related printed articles, seven unidentified and undated photographs, presumably of Indianapolis, and genealogical records of the Osborne family.

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