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ROBERT PAUL MAY PAPERS, 1926–1946

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 boxes, 1 oversize folder, 1 folder photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1926–1946

PROVENANCE: Estate of Margaret May, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2009

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Paul May (1920-1997) was born and educated in Indianapolis. In October 1941, he married Jane M. Cassell (b. 1925). May served in the U. S. Navy during World War II spending most of his time at Great Lakes Naval Training Base in Illinois but was later transferred to duty on the USS *Clay*. Prior to the war, May worked as a signal man for the New York Central (Big Four) Railroad in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed June 2011.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of approximately 500 letters, mostly between May serving at Great Lakes Naval Training Station (May 1944–August 1945) and on the USS *Clay* (September–November 1945), his wife, Jane, in Indianapolis and Decatur, Illinois, his parents in Indianapolis, his sister Lillian Hester in Cleveland, Ohio and others, 1942–1946. The letters were received in neatly tied bundles and were organized in folders by the bundles and not necessarily in chronological order. The letters mostly contain general information about their activities, but he also describes his time on board the *Clay* including his observations on the Japanese people during his time in that country (September 1945.) In addition to the letters, there are copies of the *Great Lakes Bulletin*, 1944-45, military related documents, greeting cards, and school materials and photographs for Robert May in Indianapolis and Jane Cassell in Decatur Illinois, 1920s–1940s.

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4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1006).
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