William S. and Harry S. York Collection

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Biographical Note

Harry and William York were born in Illinois to Sarsfield H. and Winifred Estelle York. Harry and William were the two eldest boys of at least seven children. While both boys grew up, the family lived in Cook County, Illinois. During World War II, while William was working on the Alcan Highway, Harry, serving in the Air Corps, was stationed in Europe.

Chronology

1908 Harry S. York was born
1914 William S. York was born
1941 Harry S. York Enlisted in the Army
March 8, 1942 Construction officially began on the Alcan Highway Project
October 28, 1942 Alcan Highway Project was declared finished
Scope and Content of the Collection

The one folder William S. and Harry S. York Collection is comprised of World War II related photographs and correspondence from both William S. (Bill) and Harry S. York to family members. William’s letters touch on family and his experiences while working on the Alcan Highway Project. Harry’s letters address aspects of his service as in the Air Corps and combat in Europe.

Arrangement

There is no apparent arrangement of the letters within the folder.

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Key Subjects

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Names

Armington, Eleanor
York, Harry Sarsfield
York, William Stewart
Subjects
United States. -- Army Air Forces. -- Fighter Group, 318th
World War, 1939-1945 -- Correspondence.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Alaska.

Geographic Locations
Harvey (Ill.)

Container List

Folder One  York Collection
80002901 Donation Letter, 2009
80002902 Bill’s Easter Letter, 1942
80002903 Bill’s Handwritten Letter, 1942
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