Collection Title: Howard and Bennie Patton Collection


Collection Number: AF045

Volume: 0.84 linear feet
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Provenance:
The collection was presented to the Margaret Walker Center by Mr. David Hoard of Jackson, Mississippi on May 8, 2014. This collection was processed May 14, 2014.

Restrictions:
None

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Biography/History:
Howard and Bennie Mae Patton married shortly before World War II and Mr. Howard Patton spent the last years of the war, 1944-1945 stationed primarily in the Pacific Theater. After the war, the couple settled in Dayton, Ohio.

Scope and Content:
The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Howard and Bennie Mae Patton while he was stationed in the Pacific during the last years of World War II (1944-1945).

This collection was arranged into series.

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Miscellany
Howard and Bennie Patton Collection [AF045]

Series I: Correspondence, 1944-1945, n.d.; 127 items.
BOX 1
Letters written to Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton
(Arranged chronologically)

Folders 1-85  Letters from Howard Patton, March 17, 1944-April 30, 1945

BOX 2
Letters written to Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton
(Arranged chronologically)


BOX 1
F1  Miniature photograph of Howard Patton in uniform
F2  Easter Card to Bennie Mae Patton, March 29, 1945
F3  Letter from Ms. Emma Brown to Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton, April 2, 1945
F4  Letter from Ms. Emma Brown to Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton, April 23, 1945
F5  Letter from Ms. Emma Brown to Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton May 28, 1945
F6  Unidentified Letter to Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton, n.d.
F7  Letter from Mrs. Bennie Mae Patton to Mr. Howard Patton, n.d.
F8  Unidentified Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patton, April 20, 1972
F9  Card from Howard Patton to Bennie Mae Patton, n.d.
F10 Unidentified Letter to Bennie Mae Patton, September 22, 1972
F11 Invitation to the First Annual Ups Appreciation Ball, December 30, 1972
F12 Empty envelopes and a telegram receipt, 1944-1945

BOX 2

F1  Image: Shadow of C-54 falls upon Sons of the Setting Sun on arrival at IESHINA, August 20, 1945, en-route to Manila, Philippines. [Howard Patton was stationed here and helped build this airbase.]

F2  Image: Lt. General Kawabe (at right), Vice-Chief of Staff of Imperial General Staff [Japan], leads Japanese peace party of 16 officials, n.d.

F3  War Ration Book One #172270-65 issued to Bennie Mae Patton, contains 12 stamps

F3  War Ration Book Two issued to Robbie Patton, age 4, [Howard and Bennie Mae Patton’s daughter] Book#424183

F3  War Ration Book Two #423858 issued to Bennie Mae Patton, contains several full pages of stamps

F4  Folder: Ohio NAACP State Conference meeting, September 15-17, 1967, Cincinnati

F4  NAACP-Ohio State Conference Program Booklet, September 15-17, 1967, Cincinnati

F4  NAACP Holiday Seal Program designed for Branches of the State of Ohio by Anita H. Nesmith, State Chair

F4  Editorial written by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, entitled “World Nations Must Preserve Israel’s ‘Rights,’” Long Island Press, June 18, 1968

F4  Ohio amended substitute House Bill Number 457 to eliminate discrimination in public works contracts, June 1, 1967

F4  Pamphlet: “How to Organize and Conduct Successful NAACP Membership Campaigns”

F5  The Crisis magazine, June-July, 1970

F5  The Crisis magazine, November 1970

F5  The Crisis magazine, January 1973

F6  Road to Recovery: James Meredith’s March, Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles Riots, a collection of poems

F7  Brigham/Hoard Family Reunion, February-April, 1987 [planning notes]

F7  Connor Prairie Map for Brigham/Hoard Family Reunion, 1990

F8  Life, magazine, May 21, 1965
F9  **Time**, February 14, 1977, [cover article: “Why Roots Hit Home”]

F10  NIP: Reporting the News in Pictures, June 1968

F11  **The Explorer**, Summer 1966

F12  Official Program of the 82nd Annual Session of the Ohio Baptist General Convention and Auxiliaries, October 15-20, 1979


F14  Pre-Convention Musicale and Welcome Programme of the Ohio Baptist Association, October 11, 1965

F15  **Martin Luther King, Jr. 1929-1968: An EBONY Picture Biography**, Chicago, 1968

F16  Domain of the Golden Dragon Certificate presented to Howard Patton, December 28, 1945

F17  Hand-colored 3”x5” postcard of Springfield (Ohio) High School sent to Bennie Mae Patton, October 19, 1944

F18  Dr. J Rutgers (ad for book entitled *How to Attain and Practice the Ideal Sex Life*)

F19  Oversized Tabloid version of *Sex and Race* (Volume III) by J. A. Rogers

**Series II: Miscellany, 1944-1990, n.d.; 32 items.**

**BOX 3**

*United States Army (awarded to Howard Patton)*

12 assorted military uniform patches
8 assorted military uniform pins
1 Good Conduct medal
1 dog tag