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WEST, CARL HICKOK (1924-1954)
PAPERS, 1922-1974

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INTRODUCTION

The Carl Hickok West (1924-1954) Papers, 1922-1974, are centered on correspondence written by Carl West while a sailor in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Correspondence in the collection is mainly between family members, and due to Naval censorship, there is no detailed description of actions by the U.S. Fleet. The papers were a gift of Mr. Jack A. West of Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure .84 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Carl Hickok West Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Carl Hickok West Papers, containing approximately 200 items, consists primarily of letters by West, written home from boot camp, Naval Radar School, and from on board the USS *Cetus* during World War II. The bulk of the letters fall between the years 1942-1945, however, a number of the letters deal with the post-war years, Carl's marriage, and life in California after the war.

Carl West died in an auto accident in 1954, and several letters pertaining to his tragic death are included in the collection.

In addition to the actual papers of Carl West, there are also photographs, cards, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia. There are also a few letters and telegrams written by his father, Carl West, Sr., during the years 1922-1927.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Correspondence – Blevins - Scroggins
2. Correspondence – Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. West (parents)
3. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1942
4. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1942
5. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1942
6. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1943
7. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1943
8. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1943

Box 2

1. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1944
2. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1945
3. Correspondence – Carl Hickok West – 1946
4. Correspondence – Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hickok West – 1946
5. Correspondence – Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hickok West – various dates
6. Greeting cards
7. Miscellaneous – Newspaper clippings, ration stamps, etc.

NAME INDEX

This is a name index of the correspondence only in the Carl Hickok West Papers, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

- Blevins, Mildred to Mrs. West, 1954, re: death of Carl Hickok West, 1-1
Caldwell, B.R. (California Highway Patrol) to Mrs. West, 1954, re: death of Carol Hickok West, 1-1
Hamilton, Miss Lee to Mr. and Mrs. Carl West, 1954, re: the death of Carol Hickok West, 1-1
Ilie, ----- to Mr. and Mrs. Carl West, 1954, re: the death of Carl Hickok West, 1-1
Love, George to Daisy West, n.d., re: pending trip and love life, 1-1
Ronkiewicz, Mrs. T. to Mr. and Mrs. Carl West, 1954, re: death of Carl Hickok West, 1-1
Ruth, ----- to Mr. and Mrs. Carl West, 1954, re: death of Carl Hickok West, 1-1
Scroggins, Bea to Mr. and Mrs. Carl West, 1945, re: the pending marriage of their children, 1-1
West, Carl H. (21) to Daisy West, 1922, re: love letters, 1-2
West, Carl Hickok (133) to Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. West, 1941-1951, re: family matters, love life, marriage, kids, responsibilities, Navy duties, etc., 1-2, 3, 5