U.S. Women and World War II Letter Writing Project

The U.S. Women and World War II Letter Writing Project consists of more than 175 boxes. Boxes 1-74 include information about the donors of the approximately 30,000 letters written by U.S. women that make up the letter writing archive. Donors are divided into three types: (1) donors who provided information about civilian women; (2) donors who provided information about military women; and, (3) archives that provided information about either civilian or military women.

In many instances, the donor was the letter writer herself, her spouse, her children, or another close relative. When letter collections are small, they are integrated into the donor files. When they are large, they are located in separate boxes that are linked to the donor collection.

Box 45 contains the letters of WAVE Annabel Goode, the third cousin of the late Myrna Young, wife of James Harvey Young. Young was Litoff's history advisor at Emory University where she earned her B.A. (1967) and M.A. (1968) degrees. The Young-Litoff correspondence, covering the period October 14, 1984-August 1, 2005, is included in Box 45. Many of Young's letters are handwritten. Copies of many of Litoff's letters to Young are included. James Harvey Young died on July 29, 2006. A copy of the February 2007 AHA "In Memoriam" that was published in *Perspectives* is enclosed.

In the early 1990s, a Micro Soft Access data base was developed to categorize all of the letter collections. However, there have been no entries to the data base since around 1993. The vast majority of the letter collections of women in uniform were entered into the data base. Print outs about the uniformed women entered into the data base are included in the relevant donor information boxes. Information about the data base with back up disks is located in Boxes 75, 75 A, 76, and 77.

Boxes 78 and 79 include the original author's query that Litoff sent to more than 1500 daily newspapers in the spring of 1988 as well as other follow-up queries and letters that were sent.

Box 80 includes copies of the 12 V-Mail Updates that Litoff sent to all donors as well as to other supporters of the project between April 10, 1989 and March 21, 1995. The supplementary mailing list is enclosed.

Box 81 includes correspondence with Gerald Mc Cauley, the agent that represented Litoff in the publication of *Since You Went Away*(1991) and *We're In This War Too* (1994), both published by Oxford University Press (OUP). Box 81 also includes Litoff's correspondence with legendary OUP editor, Sheldon Meyer, including a photocopy of his hand-written notes on the original *Since You Went Away* submission to OUP. Sheldon Meyer died on October 9, 2006. A copy of the April 2007 AHA "In Memoriam" that was published in *Perspectives* is enclosed.

Boxes 82-87 contain miscellaneous communication and correspondence relating to the Letter Writing Project.

Box 88 includes two original issues of the *World War II Times* that contain articles written by Litoff as well as materials about the World War II Studies Association and the Women in Military Service to America Memorial

Boxes 89-130 include materials about conferences, presentations, articles, book reviews, and manuscript reviews as well as consulting and media work related to the Letter Writing Project.

Box 99 includes information about the April 1991 Organization of American Historians annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, where Litoff presented the paper, "Understanding the Home Front: The World War II Letters of American Women." This marked Litoff's first communication with historian Stephen Ambrose, who, at the time, was working on his book, *D-Day*. Ambrose agreed to be part of this session, but at the last minute had to "back out" because it conflicted with the World War II conference that he organized for the Eisenhower Center, University of New Orleans, each spring. Nonetheless, David Smith read Ambrose's paper. Not included in this correspondence is the V-Mail letter that Litoff wrote to Ambrose with the brief comment: "You owe us a big one." This experience resulted in a long friendship between Ambrose and Litoff until his death on October 13, 2002. He invited Litoff to participate in the Eisenhower Center's annual spring World War II conferences in 1992 (Box 102) and 1994(Box 108). Litoff and Ambrose often participated in the same conferences, including the 1991 Mid-America Conference on History at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, the 1993 World War II conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities in Oklahoma City, the 1995 U.S. Naval Institute and Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation World War II conference at Cantigny, Wheaton, Illinois, and the 2000 Celebrate Freedom conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Once, when Ambrose was invited to speak at Brown University, he agreed to do this only if Litoff was given a special invitation to the dinner preceding his talk. Because of his friendship with Litoff, in November 1998, Ambrose spoke at the Bryant President's Cultural Series "pro bono." Correspondence and other documents about this event are located in Litoff's personal albums which are not currently part of this archive. Stephen Ambrose died on October 13, 2002. Also included in Box 99 are letters from various publishers stating an interest in publishing a book-length version of the paper.

Boxes 131-175 include materials about many of Litoff's publications – books, articles, and the 2003 PBS, Emmy-nominated documentary film, "The Perilous Fight: America's World War II in Color." These boxes contain books reviews, feature articles, publicity materials, and background research. Boxes 163-175 consist of large non-archival cartons.

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1	Ackerman - Alden	Civilian
2	Allan - Barnett	Civilian
3	Barr - Baus	Civilian
4	Beadle - Boulware	Civilian
5	Bradley-Brown, Barbara	Civilian
6	Brown, Beth - Clarke	Civilian
7	Clayton - Cormier	Civilian
8	Couch - Cousins	Civilian
9	Cousins	Civilian
10	Craven - Dye	Civilian
11	Earl - Ferer	Civilian
12	Fernandez - Gates	Civilian
13	Gaunt	Civilian
14	Gerkey - Golan	Civilian
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16	Goode - Headrick	Civilian
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18	Holbrook - Humphrey	Civilian
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21	Kessell - Kinkead	Civilian
22	Kinsey - Locke	Civilian
23	Lobdell - Manley	Civilian
24	Marcella - McClannen	Civilian
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29	Neville - Peters	Civilian
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33	Satkawski - Sezak	Civilian
34	Shaffer - Southwick	Civilian
35	Spaeth - Stewart	Civilian
36	Stoppelberg - Swearingen	Civilian
37	Swoffer - Wallick	Civilian
38	Walsh-Wilson, Marian	Civilian
39	Wilson, Herrett - Winiker	Civilian
40	Wiseman - Zulauf Miscellaneous	Civilian
41	Allen-Augustine	Uniform
42	Balandis-Carlisle	Uniform
43	Carney-Cockram	Uniform
44	Cofer-Ferguson	Uniform
45	Goode	Uniform

46	Gray-Haring	Uniform
47	Harris-Hogan	Uniform
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52	Muir-Oliver	Uniform
53	Olweiler-Paterman	Uniform
54	Pilkey-Samuelson	Uniform
55	Savell-Schnoover	Uniform
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57	Sims-Wood-Wayman	Uniform
57A	Sullivan, Joan Warren	Uniform
58	Wilkerson - Wolfe Miscellaneous	Uniform
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63	Florida, Georgia	Archives
64	Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas	Archives
65	Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts	Archives
66	Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana	Archives
67	Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota	Archives
68	Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon	Archives
69	Pennsylvania	Archives
70	Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas	Archives
71	Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia	Archives
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74	Wyoming, Miscellaneous	Archives
75	1989 Database Print Out and Disks	
75A	WWII Database Backup Disks	
76	Database Information, Print out by State, Narrative, Geographical Data, WWII Women in Uniform, Rules for Transcribing Letters, Transcription Disks	
77	Database Print-Out	
78	Author's Query, Letter Queries	
79	Author's Query	
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89	Correspondence- D'Ann Campbell, Ned Connors, Alfred De Grazia, Candace Falk, Kay Faulk Gibson, Vick Harden, Brian Knight, Kathi Jones	
90	Correspondence- Benoit Melacon, Andrea Poole, Peter Rollins, Harold Russell, Bill Tuttle, Marianne Verges, Brigid Witrak, Morton Ender	
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142 NEH Grant Proposal - 1990
143 NEH Grant Proposal - 1991
144 NEH Discourse, Scholarly Resources, Microfilm Edition 1991-1992
145 NHPRC and NHPRC Endorsement
146 *Since You Went Away*, Attorney Dean Cycon, Signed Authorization Form, Permissions
147 *Since You Went Away* Book Chapters
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152 *Rural Farm Women Conference and "To the Rescue of the Crops" (*1993)1992
153 *We're In This War Too*
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156 *Dear Boys,* General Correspondence, Publicity & Reviews
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159 *The Perilous Fight*, Rough Cuts & Fine Cuts

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166 *We're In This War Too* Research
167 *Dear Poppa*Research
168 *American Women in a World at War* Research
169 *What Kind of World Do We Want?*Research
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171 *What Kind of World Do We Want?*Research
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173 "To the Rescue of the Corps" Research
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