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**Mrs. Ella Waugh (circa 1900-1984) Papers, 1930-1953 (bulk 1943-1953)**

2 boxes

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

Papers were donated by Karen Lucy in 2003.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Ella Jens was born circa 1900. An artist and teacher, she attended the University of Missouri, the School of Fine Arts at Washington University, and graduated from the St. Louis School of Occupational Therapy. She studied sculpture at Cranbrook Academy near Detroit and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. She married Charles L. Waugh circa 1941, but was widowed when her husband was killed January 26, 1944, in China, while serving as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army. She later married Edward Boeschstein. She died April 15, 1984, in St. Louis.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The papers consist primarily of the correspondence between Ella Jens Waugh and her husband, Charles L. Waugh, while Charles was serving in the U.S. Army, mostly in China, during World War II. The collection also contains personal correspondence to Mrs. Waugh, including several letters from her friend Mrs. Edna Gellhorn. Other notable items include the will of Miss Ella Jens, dated 1931; several official military papers of Charles Waugh, dated 1942-1943; newspaper clippings regarding United States military operations in China and the Pacific during World War II; and World War II ration books and other rationing materials.

The correspondence is arranged chronologically, followed by several folders arranged by subject matter.

The following items were transferred to the Photographs and Prints Department in February 2004: ten family photographs, including Charles L. Waugh (as an infant), Amanda Jens, ancestral homes in Germany, and several unidentified people; and two postcards, one of which depicts Hot Springs, Arkansas

**Box 1**

- Folder 1 Separation record
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1930, 1936 Feb-1937 Feb (13 items)
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1940-1943 Aug 9 (14 items)
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1943 Aug 11-Aug 29 (11 items)
- Folder 5 Correspondence, 1943 Sept 5-Sept 17 (10 items)
- Folder 6 Correspondence, 1943 Sept 18-Sept 30 (12 items)
- Folder 7 Correspondence, 1943 Oct 1-Oct 10 (9 items)
- Folder 8 Correspondence, 1943 Oct 11-Oct 26 (11 items)
- Folder 9 Correspondence, 1943 Oct 28-Nov 7 (13 items)
- Folder 10 Correspondence, 1943 Nov 9-Nov 30 (15 items)
- Folder 11 Correspondence, 1943 Dec 1-Dec 14 (14 items)
- Folder 12 Correspondence, 1943 Dec 15-Dec 23 (6 items)
- Folder 13 Correspondence, 1943 Dec 25-Dec 31 (12 items)
- Folder 14 Correspondence, 1944 Jan 2-Jan 8 (12 items)

**Box 2**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1944 Jan 9-Jan 14 (14 copies)
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1944 Jan 15-Jan 21 (20 items)
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1944 Jan 23-Feb 6 (20 items)
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1944 Feb 7-1946 Dec 20 (16 items)
- Folder 5 Correspondence, 1947 Jan 21-1948 Mar 26 (18 items)
- Folder 6 Correspondence, 1948 June 7-Dec 14 (14 items)
- Folder 7 Correspondence, 1949 July 21-1951 Dec 19 (16 items)
- Folder 8 Correspondence, 1952 Mar-1953 July (16 items)
- Folder 9 Undated correspondence, mostly of Mrs. Edna Gellhorn to Mrs. Ella Waugh (13 items)
- Folder 10 Holiday and anniversary cards (12 items)
- Folder 11 Military papers of Charles L. Waugh, 1942-1943, including his Selective Service occupational questionnaire (4 items)
- Folder 12 World War II ration books and other rationing materials, 1942-1945 (11 items)
- Folder 13 Will and accompanying papers of Miss Ella Jens, 1931 (4 items)
- Folder 14 Canceled checks and bank statements of Mrs. Ella Waugh, 1950
- Folder 15 Newspaper clippings, mostly regarding United States military operations in China and the Pacific, 1943 Oct-1944 Feb (8 items)
- Folder 16 Handwritten and typescript notes and drawings on how to cast a doll head from the original master head, n.d. (4 items)
- Folder 17 Miscellaneous items:
  - Federal Works Agency notice of termination of employment of Ella Jens Waugh, dated July 8, 1941
  - Receipt of the European Import Corporation, Clayton, Missouri, to Mrs. Charles L. Waugh, dated September 22, 1943
  - Child's crayon drawing of Sportsman's Park, St. Louis
  - Two envelopes