

Osmond Family Correspondences

Descriptive Summary

Creators: Edward Coles, Paul Osmond

Dates: 1918-1946

Identification: MGC1234

Extent: .08 linear feet (3 folders)

Language: Materials in the collection are in English.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

Biographical Sketch

Edward Burton Coles was born on December 10, 1899 in California to parents George T. Coles and Hilda Coles. Edward Coles lived in Santa Barbara and enlisted in the Navy in June 1918. He died June 22, 1972.

Paul Willis "Bud" Osmond, Jr. was born August 2, 1923 to parents Paul Willis Osmond, Sr. and Teresa Catherine Hashay Brown. Osmond served in World War II in India, and wrote letters to his family of his experiences there, which are contained in this collection. He married Isabella "Liz" Napoleon on August 24, 1957. Osmond died on October 2, 2006.

Scope and Content

This collection primarily contains correspondences, which are sorted into two files. The first file contains correspondences to and from Edward Coles, documenting his experiences in the U.S. Navy near the end of World War I in 1918. Many of these letters come from and were sent to family members located in California. The second file contains correspondences to and from Paul Osmond, who describes his experiences in India and Sri Lanka during and after World War II. The collection also contains a notepad, which was presumably owned by Paul Osmond, who wrote further about experiences in India during his time there in the military.

Restrictions

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Container List

Box 1

F 1: Edward Coles Correspondences, 1918-1919

F 2: Paul Osmond Correspondences, 1944-1946

F 3: Paul Osmond Notebook, c. 1944-46