INTRODUCTION

The Harold Smith papers consist of the letters Harold Smith sent to his family while serving in the Korean War. The collection includes his letters, documents he found interesting, and special messages he included on some of the envelopes.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Harold R. Smith on 17 July 2014 (Accession No.6373).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harold R. Smith was born on January 30, 1932, four miles from Clarksburg, Missouri, in Cooper County. He graduated from high school in 1949 and was later drafted into the army during the Korean War. After receiving basic training he graduated from leadership school and was sent to Korea as part of a replacement force for soldiers killed at the battle of Pork Chop Hill in April of 1952. There he served as machine gunner until the armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. Afterword he was transferred to Camp Casey where he remained until June of 1954 when he was able to come home. Upon his return, he married in April, 1955, and got a job at AT&T until the birth of his first child. He and his wife moved to Columbia and he took a job as a city worker for seven to eight years. Afterword he got a job building houses until he retired.

FOLDER LIST

f. 1 Correspondence, Aug. 1952-Apr. 1953
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