



Bauer and Crutchfield Families Papers (R1547)

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Collection Title: Bauer and Crutchfield Families Papers

Dates: 1914-1959, bulk 1939-1949

Creator: Crutchfield, Jean Nadine Bauer

Abstract: The Bauer and Crutchfield Families Papers contain the personal papers of Jean Nadine Bauer Crutchfield, which consist of correspondence between her and her husband, Carroll D. Crutchfield, and her brothers, Julius R. Bauer Jr. and William E. Bauer, during WWII. These papers also contain some correspondence between her husband and his mother during WWII, as well as a few greeting cards, newspaper clippings, receipts, and official correspondence from the Navy during WWII.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(19 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

The Crutchfield family was native to Kentucky. Their family intermarried early with a founding family in the state of Virginia, the Marishes. James E. Crutchfield (1815-1868) was in business as a pork packer in Louisville, Kentucky, before the Civil War began. He was a slave owner, so when the Civil War began and Kentucky remained neutral, he enlisted in the army as a Confederate. He quickly progressed through the ranks from private to major. Major Edward Crutchfield died suddenly in August 1862 from typhoid fever. His wife, Susan Spotts, received his war pension and lived out her days in Kentucky, raising their children. Their son, Francis S. C. "Frank" Crutchfield (1854-1897), married Susan Mack Coffman. Their son, Samuel C. Crutchfield, fathered Carroll D. Crutchfield, who married Jean Nadine Bauer. Jean is the creator of this collection of family papers and correspondence.

The Bauer family descended from German immigrants. Johann Georg Bauer (1835-1900) immigrated to the Hermann area of Missouri sometime before 1860, when he married Elizabeth Schmidt in Gasconade County. They had at least one child, Julius R. Bauer Sr. (1881-1953), who settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked as a salesman in the clothing and shoe industry. Julius married Ida Francis Kunce, and together they had three children: Julius R. Bauer Jr. (1921-2001), Jean Nadine Bauer Crutchfield (1923-2002), and William Ellegar Bauer (1926-2002).

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains correspondence between Jean Nadine Bauer Crutchfield and her family members who served during WWII. The bulk of the correspondence is between Jean and her husband, Carroll Duane Crutchfield (1919-2008). Also included are letters from her brothers, Julius R. Bauer, Jr. (1921-2001) and William E. Bauer (1926-2020), during their time in service, as well as a few letters to Carroll Crutchfield from his mother, Marie Crutchfield. There are also a few greeting cards, receipts, Navy correspondence, and newspaper clippings dating to the 1940s.

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