



Lee William Gibson Papers (SP0134)

Collection Number: SP0134

Collection Title: Lee William Gibson Papers

Dates: 1945

Creator: Gibson and Tracy families

Abstract: The Lee William Gibson Papers contains the World War II correspondence of the Gibson and Tracy families of Stafford, Missouri, which were sent to Private Lee William Gibson by his wife, sister, and in-laws from July 22 to August 10, 1945. The collection also includes one letter, dated August 24, 1945, sent from Fred Lee Tracy to his sister Betty Jo Tracy Gill.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Lee William Gibson Papers can be found in the following collections:

[*World War II Letters*](#) (C0068)

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Historical Note:

Lee William Gibson was born April 13, 1920, in Rogersville, Missouri, to Cecil W. and Catherine Galloway Gibson. In May of 1941, he married Lillian Evelyn Tracy, and they had one child, Patsy Gibson, in 1942. Lee enlisted into the United States Army on July 19, 1945, and was stationed at the Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis County, Missouri. Following his discharge in 1946, he worked as a farmer and school bus driver for the local Strafford, Missouri schools. Lee died on August 25, 2002, and is buried alongside Lillian, who died August 9, 2007, at Bass Chapel Cemetery in Strafford, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 2 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains correspondence from the Gibson and Tracy families in Strafford, Missouri, to Private Lee William Gibson from July 22 to August 10, 1945. The letters were sent by Lee's wife, Lillian Tracy Gibson, sister, Luella Yarbrough, and in-laws, Etta "Mae" Tracy, Betty Jo Tracy Gill, and Fred Lee Tracy, while Lee was stationed at the Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis County, Missouri and later at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Missouri. Many of the letters discuss what the various family members are doing day-to-day, such as farming, threshing, cooking, cleaning, and going into town. Lillian often mentions gathering pullet eggs, watching over their daughter, Pasty, and preparing the farm's harvest. One letter, sent August 24, 1945, was from Fred, who also enlisted in the United States Army, to his sister Betty in Springfield, Missouri. This series has been arranged chronologically.

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