

C Anderson, Jean Schwarting (1923-), Papers, 1944-1946
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of U.S. Navy Lieutenant J.G. Jean Schwarting Anderson, a WAVE during World War II and Missouri native, consist of correspondence, photographs and slides, and miscellaneous material. The letters that she wrote detail in great length the training she received and the day to day life of a WAVE.

DONOR INFORMATION

Jean Schwarting Anderson donated her papers to the State Historical Society of Missouri on August 8, 2007, through Julia Garrett (Accession No. 6153). An addition to the collection was made on July 1, 2008 by Anderson's daughter, Phyllis Carlyle.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jean Schwarting Anderson was born, along with her twin sister, June, on January 28, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri. She attended St. Louis public schools and spent summers on her aunt and uncle's farm south of Mexico, Missouri. She attended Washington University in St. Louis, and received a BS in business administration in 1944. She enlisted in the Navy on February 7, 1944, and served until June 11, 1946.

In November 1947, she married Elmer Mollet, a farmer from Mexico, Missouri, and had three children, Bonnie, David, and Phyllis. Mollet died of a sudden heart attack on September 3, 1971. In 1957, Anderson obtained her teaching credentials from the University of Missouri, and taught third grade from 1958 to 1983 in the Mexico, Missouri public school system. On June 5, 1976, she married Dr. Collins W. Anderson, DVM, who served in the China-Burma-India Theatre in World War II. After retiring they spent their time traveling, gardening, fishing, reading, and doing community work.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Jean Schwarting Anderson papers consist of approximately 240 letters sent to friends and family primarily in St. Louis and Mexico, Missouri, between 1944 and 1946. Anderson trained at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, attended communications school at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and was stationed in Washington D.C.

The letters are arranged chronologically and for the most part were written from Anderson to her family. The slides include images from China, India, and Burma which were taken by Collins Anderson during the war. Miscellaneous material consists of postcards, news clippings, greeting cards, brochures from her travels, scans of her Navy scrapbook, and photographs. A computer disc containing digital images of photographs and pages of her Navy scrapbook is included. This collection is a good source for a researcher studying Navy WAVES or the role of women in World War II.

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- f. 1 Correspondence, March 8, 1944-May 14, 1944
 - f. 2 Correspondence, May 15, 1944-October 30, 1944
 - f. 3 Correspondence, November 7, 1944-April 30, 1945
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 - f. 6 Biographical information, Collins W. and Jean Anderson
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