

# Guide to the Faragher Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-4446

**CREATOR:** Faragher family , author

**TITLE:** Faragher family papers

**DATES:** 1932–2001

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.75 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection contains correspondence, printed material, personal papers, ephemera, and other materials relating to the family of Alvin and Mary Faragher. Amongst the correspondence are extensive wartime exchanges between Alvin and Mary, along with letters to and from other friends and family including his half-brother Earl Faragher and his sister Isabel Faragher Malcolm.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John Mack Faragher, 2011.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections as they are acquired, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Faragher Family

Alvin Robert Faragher (1917-2009) grew up in South Dakota and migrated to California in the 1930s. During WWII, Faragher served as a bombardier in the European Theater. After the war ended, Faragher was sent to San Angelo, TX where he trained as a bombardier instructor before leaving the armed forces in 1945.

Mary Burkett Faragher (1923-2000) was born in Colorado before moving with her family to California, where she lived for much of the rest of her life. She married Alvin R. Faragher in 1941 and went on to have eight children.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, printed material, personal papers, ephemera, and other materials relating to the family of Alvin and Mary Faragher. Amongst the correspondence are extensive wartime exchanges between Alvin and Mary, along with letters to and from other friends and family including his half-brother Earl Faragher and his sister Isabel Faragher Malcolm.

Also included are materials related to Mary Faragher's brother, Frederick Marion "Mack" Burkett, Jr., who was killed in action during World War II in 1943. In addition to some personal papers and effects, there are wartime correspondence exchanges between Mack and family members including his sister Mary and his mother, Maude McFarlin Delaley.

## Collection Contents

b. 1	Correspondence--Mary to Alvin	1943-1944
b. 1	Correspondence--Alvin to Mary	1943-1944
b. 1	Cards, programs, and other papers	1936-1943
b. 1	Correspondence from Maude <i>2 Folders</i> This correspondence is from Mary Faragher's mother, Maude McFarlin Delaley.	1943-1945
b. 2	Correspondence from Maude This correspondence is from Mary Faragher's mother, Maude McFarlin Delaley.	1943-1945
b. 2	Correspondence to Maude <i>2 Folders</i> This correspondence is with Mary Faragher's mother, Maude McFarlin Delaley.	1944-1945
b. 2	Correspondence--Mary to Alvin	1944
b. 2	General correspondence--Mary	1941-1943
b. 3	General correspondence--Mary	1941-1943
b. 3	General correspondence--Mack This correspondence is with Mary Faragher's brother, Frederick Marion "Mack" Burkett Jr.	1932-1945
b. 3	General correspondence--Alvin	1941-1945
b. 3	"Stay With Me, Muse: Selected Poems and Prayers of Mary Louise Faragher"	2001
b. 4	Correspondence from Earl This correspondence is with Alvin Faragher's half brother, Earl Faragher.	1941-1945
b. 4	Correspondence from Isabel This correspondence is with Alvin Faragher's sister, Isabel Faragher Malcolm.	1943-1945
b. 4	South Dakota correspondence	1942-1943
b. 4	Correspondence from the Benthins	1944-1945
b. 4	General correspondence	1943-1946
b. 4	Mack Burkett's Purple Heart	Undated
b. 5	General correspondence	1943-1945
b. 5	Correspondence from Mack This correspondence is from Mary Faragher's brother, Frederick Marion "Mack" Burkett Jr.	1941-1942

b. 5	Mack Burkett's personal effects Materials include a wallet, photographs, a training booklet, and a newspaper clipping.	1936
b. 5	Correspondence to Mack This correspondence is with Mary Faragher's brother, Frederick Marion "Mack" Burkett Jr.	1942-1944
b. 5	General correspondence	1943-1944
b. 6	Correspondence and orders from US Air Force <i>2 Folders</i>	1943-1945
b. 6	War mementos Materials include multiple informational and training booklets, as well as sheet music for the song, "Wait for me Mary".	1943-1945
b. 6	Bombardiers' information file	1944
b. 6	Notes on aircrafts	1943
b. 6	Army-issued prayer and song books	1943-1944
b. 7	Scrapbook This scrapbook contains photographs, correspondence, programs, and other materials related to Alvin and Mary Faragher. Much of the material is related Alvin's military service during World War II.	1942-1943

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

California -- History -- 1850-1950  
South Dakota -- History

### **Genres / Formats**

Family papers  
Photographs

### **Subjects**

Families -- Correspondence  
Soldiers -- Family relationships  
Soldiers -- United States -- Correspondence  
World War, 1939-1945 -- United States

### **Occupations**

Soldiers -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Contributors**

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Faragher, Alvin Robert, 1917-2009  
Faragher, John Mack, 1923-1943  
Faragher, Mary Burkett, 1923-2000