

Guide to the Roger Sherman McColleston Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1792

CREATOR: McColleston, Roger Sherman

TITLE: Roger Sherman McColleston papers

DATES: 1840-2001

BULK DATES: 1942-1944

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The majority of the papers consist of letters (originals; typed transcripts; and edited, typed transcripts) from McColleston to his parents, 1942-1945, documenting his war experiences. There are also several writings by McColleston about his war service, and a history of the Baldwin family of Connecticut, written in 1840.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Roger Sherman McColleston, 2001.

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Biographical / Historical

Roger Sherman McColleston was born on August 13, 1923. After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy, Class of 1941, he attended Yale University. In 1942, he interrupted his studies to enlist in the Aviation Cadet Corps of the United States Army Air Force. He was a crew commander in the 724th Squadron of the 451st Bomb Group and flew forty combat missions over the Balkans, southern Germany and Austria, northern Italy, and southern France. He received an air medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. After his discharge, he returned to Yale in July, 1945 and completed his studies for a B.A. in International Relations and Economics (associating with the Class of 1945). He worked on Wall Street in investment banking and mutual funds from 1951 to 1974. From 1977 to his retirement, he was a pension consultant and insurance agent.

Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	Baldwin family history ["Some Particulars relative to the Baldwin Family Since its emigration to North America in the early part of the Seventeenth Century...;" photocopy]	1840
	Correspondence to parents [includes some snapshots attached to individual letters]	
b. 1, f. 2	1942 Aug 8 - 1943 Apr 15 [pre-flight and flight training]	
b. 1, f. 3	1943 Jun 12 - 1943 Nov 8 [transition and combat operational training]	
b. 1, f. 4	1943 Dec 6 - 1945 Apr 8 [overseas, combat, post-combat instructor pilot]	
b. 1, f. 5	Typed transcripts	1943-1944
b. 1, f. 6	Edited, typed, transcripts [edited by Roger Sherman McColester]	1943-1944
b. 1, f. 7	<p>Writings</p> <p>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.</p>	2001, undated

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.

Subjects

World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives,
American
World War, 1939-1945 -- Veterans

Names

Baldwin, Simeon, 1761-1851
McColleston, Roger Sherman

Families

Baldwin family