

Guide to the Josephine Steiner Barger Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1729

CREATOR: Barger, Josephine Steiner, 1913-1971

TITLE: Josephine Steiner Barger papers

DATES: 1912-1984

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia documenting the personal and professional life of Josephine Steiner Barger.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of James D. Barger, 1997; M. Susan Barger, 2002-2003.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Josephine Steiner was born in Bluffton, Ohio, in 1913 to Dr. Josiah and Augusta Steiner. Her father served in the medical branch of the Army in World War I. She was raised as a Mennonite and graduated from Bluffton High School and Bluffton College in 1930 and 1932, respectively. In 1934 Steiner earned her B.A. degree from Ohio University. She then attended Yale School of Nursing, where she received a Master of Nursing degree in 1938. When World War II began, Steiner joined the 39th General Hospital, a medical unit which was formed of Yale graduates. She served the war effort in New Zealand, Saipan, and Guadalcanal. From 1946 to 1949 Steiner was superintendent of nurses at Lake Maracaibo Hospital in Venezuela. She returned to the United States in 1949 and earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1951. Steiner later became superintendent of nurses and director of nursing at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1952 she married Dr. James D. Barger; thereafter they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. The Bargers had two children, Michael Thomas and Mary Elizabeth, and also adopted James D., Jr. and Mary Susan. Barger died in 1971.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia documenting the personal and professional life of Josephine Steiner Barger.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series and two additions: I. Topical Files, 1913-1984. II. Photographic Materials, 1912-1969.

Collection Contents

Series I: Topical Files, 1913-1984

The series is arranged in alphabetical order by topic, and consists of correspondence, clippings, and professional and personal documents.

b. 1, f. 1	Arizona [Good Samaritan Hospital]	1952-1961, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Childhood	1913, 1918, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Death and estate	1970-1972, 1984, undated
	Education	
b. 1, f. 4	Youth [Bluffton High School, Bluffton College]	1926, 1929-1930, 1934, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Ohio University	1932-1934
b. 1, f. 6	Western Reserve University	1950-1951, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Yale School of Nursing	1935-1942, 1946, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Marriage and family	1952, undated
	Steiner, Josiah S. [Father]	
b. 1, f. 9	Death	1943-1944, undated
b. 1, f. 10	World War I correspondence	1918, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Venezuela	1946-1949, undated
	World War II	
b. 1, f. 12	Army	1942-1947, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Correspondence	1942-1947, undated
b. 1, f. 14	39th General Hospital	1943-1949, undated
b. 1, f. 15-16	Miscellaneous	1942-1946, undated
b. 1, f. 17	Miscellaneous [Social Security card, bank account record 1955 planner, Bluffton News]	1942, 1945, 1949- 1952, 1955, 1966, undated

Series II: Photographic Materials, 1912-1969

The series is arranged by type. It consists of photographs, slides, and photograph albums recording the personal and professional life of Josephine Steiner Barger. The photographs section is arranged in alphabetical order by topic. The photograph albums and slides sections contain pictures of friends, vacations, her professional environment, and local life from the South Pacific in World War II and Venezuela from 1942 to 1949.

Photographs		
b. 2, f. 1	Arizona [Good Samaritan Hospital]	1953, undated
	Bluffton High School	
b. 2, f. 2	Photographs	undated
b. 2, f. 3	Yearbooks	1928, 1930
b. 2, f. 4	Childhood and early family	1912-1924, undated
b. 2, f. 5	Late portrait of J.S.B.	1969
b. 2, f. 6	Venezuela	1946-1947, undated
b. 2, f. 7	World War II	1944, undated
b. 2, f. 8	Yale School of Nursing	1946, 1955, undated
b. 3, f. 9-11	Photograph albums	undated
b. 3, f. 12	Slides	undated

Accession 2002-M-105: Additional Material

b. 1, f. 1	Biographical and genealogical material regarding Josephine Steiner Barger, James Daniel Barger, and Josiah Steiner and family	undated
Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 2	Baumgartner, Bonnie Steiner	1967, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Dilley, Geneva Steiner and family	1969-1971, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Hoff, Fern Irvin	1967-1975
b. 1, f. 5	Steiner, Augusta Irvin	1969-1970
Personal papers		
b. 1, f. 6	Calling cards from Bluffton, Ohio High School, Class of 1930	1930
b. 1, f. 7	Playbills	1937
b. 1, f. 8	Postcard folios	1919, undated
Photographs		
b. 1, f. 9 - 10	Barger-Steiner wedding and honeymoon	1952
b. 1, f. 11	Elementary school and high school photographs of Josephine Steiner Barger	[ca. 1920], 1930
b. 1, f. 12	Family	undated
b. 1, f. 13	World War II [39th General Hospital, New Zealand, and other views of the Pacific	[ca. 1944]
World War II		
b. 1, f. 14	Maps of Guadalcanal Island	1944
b. 1, f. 15	Songbook	[ca. 1944]

Accession 2003-M-085: Additional Material

b. 1, f. 1	Passport of Josephine Steiner Barger	1960
b. 1, f. 2	Photographs, correspondence, and other miscellaneous papers relating to Lucia Allyn and Dr. Clarence Robbins.	1971-1972, undated
b. 1, f. 3	39th General Hospital, List of Home Addresses of Male Officers	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

Military hospitals
World War, 1939-1945 -- War work
World War, 1939-1945 -- Women -- United States

Names

Barger, Josephine Steiner, 1913-1971

Corporate Bodies

Good Samaritan Hospital (Phoenix, Ariz.)
Yale University. School of Nursing