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Harry Hall Womack, Jr. Papers. Inclusive: 1940-1948, undated, Bulk: 1940-1946

Summary Information

Creator	Womack Jr., Dr. Harry Hall, 1921 - 1968 Womack, Mrs. Margaret Harris, 1923 - 1991
Extent (quantity/size)	2 document boxes.
Language	English
Abstract	The Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers consist of correspondence and literary productions relating to Harry's experiences in the 1940s. These include medical school, a tour as a doctor in the Army during World War II, and the beginnings of his marriage and family.

Subjects

Schools, Medical -- History -- Texas. / Soldiers -- United States -- History -- 20th century. / World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American. / World War, 1939-1945.

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Scope and Content

The Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers were acquired by a transfer from uncatalogued holdings on 1978 June 2. The collection begins in 1940 and ends in 1948. The majority of the collection consists of correspondence from Harry and his wife Margaret to Harry's parents during his time in medical school in Galveston, Texas, his internship in Kansas, Missouri, and his time in the Army during World War II.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers describe the experiences of a young doctor and soldier in Texas during the 1940s. Born on 1921 April 23 to Harry Hall and Dorothy Womack, Harry began studying medicine at The University of Texas Medicine Branch at Galveston in 1940. After graduating in 1943, Harry took an internship at the Kansas City, Missouri, General Hospital. This collection contains many letters written by Harry to his parents during his time in Galveston. During this period, Harry also fell in love with Margaret Harris. Margaret was a native of Galveston who was born on 1923 February 7. The two were married in 1944, just weeks before Harry left Texas to join the army. Harry's discussions with his parents about his wedding are included in his correspondence.

Harry Hall Womack Jr. joined the Army in 1944, shortly after ending his internship in Kansas City. He served for the duration of the war, including time stationed in England. Correspondence sent from Harry to his parents and to Margaret during the war is included in his papers. After returning from overseas, Harry became a pediatrician in Fort Worth. He and Margaret remained married until his death on 1968 August 12. The two had four children, three sons, Hal, Brantly, and Drew, and one daughter, Whitney.

Margaret Harris Womack held a variety of jobs during her life, including that of a High School English teacher and junior editorial assistant for *Mademoiselle Magazine*. In 1952 and 1956, she created and led the political organization "Womanpower for Eisenhower." Several of Margaret's letters to Harry's parents are also in this collection, including letters written before she and Harry married and after their first son, Hal, was born. Margaret died on 1991 June 25.

As Harry experienced medical school, his first internship, a new marriage, World War II, and raised a young family, he consistently wrote letters home to his parents about the little things as well as the important events in his life. The Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers are a unique window into various aspects of life in the 1940s.

Related Resources

Related citations

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Archival Arrangement

The Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers were organized chronologically and by type prior to this finding aid. The existing order was kept, but the collection was placed in new series.

Currently, the Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers are arranged in two series: I: Correspondence, II: Literary Productions.

Series 1. Correspondence. 1940-1948, undated

Administrative/Biographical History	Series includes correspondence pertaining to Harry Hall Womack Jr.'s experiences in medical school, time in the Army during World War II and his marriage and family. Also included is correspondence from his wife, Margaret Harris Womack. This is the largest series in the Harry Hall Womack Jr. Papers. It is in average to good condition.
Inventory	<p>Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1940 September- October</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1940 November</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1940 December</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1941 January-February</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1941 March-April</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1941 May-June</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1941 July-August 15</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1941 August 19-October</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1941 November</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School (1 of 2), 1941 December</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School (2 of 2), 1941 December</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 12. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1942 January- February</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 13. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1942 March-May</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 14. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1942 June-August</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 15. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1942 September- December</p> <p>Box 1. Folder 16. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1943 January- February</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence: Personal: Medical School, 1943 March-July</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence: Personal: Internship, 1943 September-December</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence: Personal: Internship, 1944 January-May</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence: Personal: Army, 1944 May-December</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 5. Correspondence: Personal: Army, 1945-1946</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 6. Correspondence: Personal, 1947-1948</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 7. Correspondence: Margaret Harris Womack, 1942-1943, undated</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 8. Correspondence: Margaret Harris Womack, 1946-1947</p> <p>Box 2. Folder 9. Correspondence: General, 1942-1948, undated</p>

Series 2. Literary Productions. 1940-1946, undated

Administrative/Biographical History	Series includes various clippings and a student list from the Texas School of Medicine and it is in average to good condition.
Inventory	Box 2. Folder 10. Literary Productions: General, 1940-1946, undated