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Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection. Inclusive: 1944-1946, undated, Bulk: 1944-1946, undated

Summary Information

Creator	DeLancey, Eleanor I. McLerran, 1918 - 2004
Extent (quantity/size)	1 oversized box
Language	English
Abstract	The Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection contains a scrapbook relating to Eleanor's service in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II.

Subjects

Baylor University -- Alumni and alumnae. / Fort Oglethorpe (Ga.) / United States -- Armed Forces -- Women. / United States. Army. Women's Army Corps -- History. / World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American. / World War, 1939-1945 -- Women. / World War, 1939-1945.

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Preferred Citation

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Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection, Accession #3831, Box 1, Folder 1, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

Processing Information

Described by Adina Johnson and released on 2012-11-26.

Scope and Content

The Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Papers were acquired by gift from an unknown donor at an unknown date. The collection begins in 1944 and ends in 1946. It contains one scrapbook pertaining to the Women's Army Corps service of Eleanor McLerran DeLancey. The scrapbook includes photos, clippings, pamphlets, maps, and other material related to the WAC during World War II.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection contains a scrapbook chronicling Eleanor McLerran's service in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II. Eleanor McLerran was born on 1918 July 22 in Milam County, Texas to Casca Jackson and Irene Addison McLerran. She graduated from Baylor University in 1938 with a double major in Spanish and Journalism. Between graduating from Baylor in 1938 and enlisting in 1944, Eleanor was married and divorced. Because of this, some of the official forms contained in the scrapbook are made out to "Eleanor M. Redmond." In 1944, Eleanor McLerran enlisted in the WAC as a private.

The WAC was founded in place of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in October of 1943. During the course of the war, over 150,000 women served in the WAC. Except for nurses, members of the WAC were the first women to serve within the ranks of the United States Army. Eleanor was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe in Georgia, the Santa Maria Army Air Base, and the Riverside Army Marching Base. She wrote articles for various Army publications and subsequently kept clippings of many articles pertaining to the WAC.

After the war, Eleanor worked at the Disney Studios in Burbank, California and there she met her future husband, Charles DeLancey. The DeLanceys lived in Houston and were generous supporters of Baylor University. Their most significant gift was the Charles J. and Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Endowed Chair at Truett Seminary. Eleanor died on 2004 November 3 after 55 years of marriage. Charles DeLancey died in 2011 April 4. The Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection will be an excellent resource for anyone studying women in World War II, especially the WAC.

Related Resources

Related citations

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 "Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946 (Enlistment Records)", June 1, 2002. Record Group 64. Electronic and Special Media Records Services Division (NWMF), National Archives at College Park, Maryland.
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Archival Arrangement

The Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection contained one scrapbook, organized chronologically, prior to this finding aid. The order of the scrapbook has been maintained. This collection is organized into one series: I. Scrapbooks.

Series 1: Scrapbooks. 1944-1946, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Scrapbooks Series is the only series in the Eleanor McLerran DeLancey Collection. It consists of a scrapbook filled with items from Eleanor's time in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II. The scrapbook includes

photographs, maps, pamphlets, correspondence, and other materials. This series is in good condition.

Item List

Box 1 OVZ. 1. Scrapbooks, 1944-1946, undated