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H. Earl Browning Family Collection, 1923-1981

8 boxes; 2.5 cu. ft.

History

Earl Browning was a teacher in the city schools. He and his wife Mary had two children, Wayne L. and Joseph J. Mary Browning was an active member of the Mothers of World War II, and served as the local unit (#16) president for two terms. Wayne Browning was in the army and served during World War II in Ireland, England, North Africa and Italy. Just prior to leaving for service Wayne married Helen Piers. Joseph Browning attended Ball State Teachers College, taught for a year, and then attended Indiana University where he pursued a Masters in Business Education. Eventually he became a C.P.A. Wayne and Helen moved to Macon, Georgia after the war. They divorced in 1961, and Wayne remarried. Earl Browning died in 1967. Mary Browning died in 1976.

Scope

The collection has been divided into four groups: items pertaining to the entire **Family**, items pertaining to **Joseph Browning**, items pertaining to **Mary Browning**, and items whose connection to the family is **Unknown**. In the first group is the Family Correspondence, which includes letters from Wayne Browning during World War II. There is also the Civil War record of John W. Browning, as well as financial papers from the Brownings' two farms, and tax documents. In the second group are Joseph Browning's certificates, class notes from courses he took at Ball State Teachers College, and in the oversize collection (POVA) are his scrapbooks. In the third group are Mary Browning's papers relating to her work in the Mothers of World War II, her diaries, and in the second oversize collection (POVC) is a photo of the Mothers of World War II in Washington, D.C. Items in the fourth group include a handkerchief, a Confederate flag, and a White County Farm Directory. It is unknown to which family members these items belonged.

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Container List

Box Folder

Family

1	1	Correspondence, 1923-1934
	2	Correspondence, 1938-1940
	3	Correspondence, 1941
	4	Correspondence, Jan-Jun 1942
	5	Correspondence, Jul-Sep 1942
	6	Correspondence, Oct 1942
	7	Correspondence, Nov 1942
	8	Correspondence, Dec 1942
	9	Correspondence, Jan 1943
	10	Correspondence, Feb-Mar 1943
	11	Correspondence, Apr 1943
	12	Correspondence, May-Jun 1943
	13	Correspondence, Jul-Sep 1943
	14	Correspondence, Oct-Dec 1943
	15	Correspondence, Jan-Mar 1944
	16	Correspondence, Apr-May 1944
	17	Correspondence, Jun-Jul 1944
	18	Correspondence, Aug-Sep 1944
	19	Correspondence, Oct-Dec 1944
2	1	Correspondence, Jan-Feb 1945
	2	Correspondence, Mar-May 1945
	3	Correspondence, Jun-Dec 1945
	4	Correspondence, 1946
	5	Correspondence, 1947
	6	Correspondence, 1948
	7	Correspondence, 1949
	8	Correspondence, 1950
	9	Correspondence, 1951
	10	Correspondence, 1952
	11	Correspondence, Jan-Oct 1953
	12	Correspondence, Nov 1953
	13	Correspondence, Dec 1953
	14	Correspondence, Jan 1954
	15	Correspondence, Feb-Mar 1954
	16	Correspondence, Apr 1954
	17	Correspondence, May 1954
	18	Correspondence, Jun 1954

- 3 1 Correspondence, Jul 1954
- 2 Correspondence, Aug-Sep 1954
- 3 Correspondence, Oct 1954
- 4 Correspondence, Nov 1954
- 5 Correspondence, Dec 1954
- 6 Correspondence, Jan-Feb 1955
- 7 Correspondence, Mar-Apr 1955
- 8 Correspondence, May-Jun 1955
- 9 Correspondence, Jul-Aug 1955
- 10 Correspondence, Sep-Oct 1955
- 11 Correspondence, Nov-Dec 1955
- 12 Correspondence, Jan-Apr 1956
- 13 Correspondence, May-Aug 1956
- 14 Correspondence, 1957
- 15 Correspondence, 1960
- 16 Correspondence, 1961
- 17 Correspondence, 1962
- 18 Correspondence, 1963
- 19 Correspondence, Jan-Mar 1964
- 20 Correspondence, Apr-Dec 1964
- 4 1 Correspondence, Jan-Feb 1965
- 2 Correspondence, Mar-Dec 1965
- 3 Correspondence, 1966
- 4 Correspondence, 1967-1973
- 5 Correspondence, 1974
- 6 Correspondence, 1975
- 7 Correspondence, 1976
- 8 Correspondence, No Date
- 9 Correspondence, No Date
- 5 1 Civil War Record of John W. Browning
- 2 Newspaper Clippings
- 3 Financial Ledgers, 1945-1952
- 4 Littler Farm Records
- 5 Maplebrae Farm - Accounting Documents, 1954
- 6 Maplebrae Farm - Accounting Documents, 1958
- 7 Maplebrae Farm - Accounting Documents, 1959-1960
- 8 Maplebrae Farm - Accounting Documents, 1961
- 9 Maplebrae Farm - Accounting Documents, No Date
- 10 Account Books: Beginning 1951
- 11 Account Books: Beginning 1951
- 12 Account Books: Beginning 1951-1952
- 13 Account Books: Beginning 1952
- 14 Account Books: Beginning 1958
- 15 Account Books: Beginning 1963

- 16 Account Books: Beginning 1966
- 6 1 Tax Documents - 1944-1948
- 2 Tax Documents - 1949-1952
- 3 Tax Documents - 1953-1955
- 4 Tax Documents - 1956-1969

Joseph Browning

- 5 Certificates
- 6 Class Notes - Ball State Teachers College - Ascomycetes
- 7 Class Notes - Ball State Teachers College - Biology 120
- 8 Class Notes - Ball State Teachers College - Science 221
- 9 Class Work - Ball State Teachers College - English 101
- 10 Class Work - Ball State Teachers College - Ornithology
- 11 International Certificate of Inoculation and Vaccination
- 12 Naval Aviation in World War I
- 13 Periodical - *Facts in Review*
- 14 Phillippines' Flag

Mary Browning

- 7 Diaries, 1942-1951, 1953, 1955-1956, 1961-1969
- 8 1 Mothers of World War II - Ceremony at Elm Ridge Cemetery
- 2 Mothers of World War II - Newspaper Clippings
- 3 Mothers of World War II - Notes
- 4 Mothers of World War II - Unit 16 History
- 5 Obituary

Unknown

- 6 Banking Pamphlets
- 7 Confederate Flag
- 8 Handkerchief
- 9 *The Helicon*
- 10 Norfolk and Western Railway Co. Safety Rules and Rules of General Conduct
- 11 White County Farm Directory

P 147 - There are 15 photos found in letters. 308 photos came from Joseph Browning's photo album, and most of them are from his time working in various Asian countries. 15 photos are from Boston and Washington D.C. There is also a photo souvenir from a Boston night club. 4 photos were found in an Owl Drugstore envelope. There are 4 large photos: one of the Lincoln basketball team, one of an unidentified group of young men around a piano, a portrait of an unidentified woman, and a picture of 4 unidentified young women. Lastly there is a color photograph of two couples, neither of which is identified.

PN 147 - 8 unidentified negatives, from the Owl Drugstore envelope, 2 pages of unidentified negatives

POVA 147 - Joseph Browning's scrapbooks, along with several clippings that may have been

intended for the scrapbook. There is also an undated photo of the Mt. Summit basketball team.

POVC 147 - A photograph of the Mothers of World War II national convention in Washington, D. C.