

**Collection #
M 1466**

**DOUGLAS E. CLANIN
PAPERS, 1954-2019**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 manuscript boxes; 1 folder black and white photographs; 1 box colored photographs. ½ size box black and white photographs.

COLLECTION DATES: 1954-2019

PROVENANCE: Douglas E. Clanin, Anderson, Indiana, March, 2019

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Douglas E. Clanin Family Papers, M 0937

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The son of Howard and Liz Clanin, Doug Clanin was born in Anderson, Indiana, on 5 May 1940. After graduating from Madison Heights High School in Anderson, Indiana, in 1958, Doug attended Purdue University from 1958 to 1963, receiving a bachelor's degree in social studies with a minor in mathematics. He attended Indiana University-Bloomington from 1963 to 1964 and received a master's degree in history and government. Doug taught social studies courses at Whitewater-Fountain City High School, Fountain City, Wayne County, Indiana, from 1964 to 1965. From 1965 to 1969, he served in the United States Air Force, achieving the rank of staff sergeant. During his service at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and with the U.S. Military Assistance Command Thailand/Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group (MACTHAI/JUSMAG), Doug's assignments included assistant base historian, community relations officer, and technical communications director. In addition to these duties, he wrote for and also edited two military newspapers: the Lackland AFB *Talespinner* and the MACTHAI/JUSMAG *Advisor*.

Doug married Rebecca Suzanne Flowers (born 2 November 1950 in Anderson, Indiana, to Cecil Clyde and Ethel [Ingram] Flowers) in Anderson, Indiana, on 9 August 1970. They were divorced in Madison, Wisconsin, on 19 December 1974. Doug and Rebecca are the parents of two sons: Christopher Lee and David Matthew Clanin, both born in Madison, Wisconsin.

From 1970 to 1980, Doug worked at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as assistant editor of the *Documentary History of the First Federal Elections* and the *Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution*. In May 1971 Doug became a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the field of American history with a minor field in historical agencies. In 1980 he joined the Indiana Historical Society as editor of the William Henry Harrison project, which resulted in *The Papers of William Henry Harrison, 1800-1815* microfilm publication, which was completed in 1999. Doug then worked on the Wallace Papers project, which documents the lives of Lew and Susan Wallace. In addition, from 1983 to 2002, Doug conducted over 300 interviews, primarily of World War II veterans. These interviews and transcripts are housed at the Indiana Historical Society as collection M 0783. Doug also worked on many other publications and wrote numerous articles throughout his career. He retired from the Indiana Historical Society in 2005 and is currently active in the Madison County Historical Society and as a member of the board of directors of the Gruenewald Historic House, both located in Anderson, Indiana. In August, 2019, Clanin moved to Brownsburg, Indiana, for health reasons.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection mainly contains correspondence between Doug Clanin and friends and professional colleagues including. Correspondents range from scholars to former students to friends and family and were mainly printed copies of emails and greeting cards. There also are certificates received related to his financial support of World War Two and veteran's memorials. Also contained are photographs from Clanin's time in the United State Air Force from training camp at Lackland Base in Texas, and in Thailand during the Vietnam War, 1967-1969.

Additional items include photocopies of materials pertaining to the Anderson Madison Heights High School, 1954-1958, compiled by Clanin for their fiftieth reunion in 2008.

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