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**ERNIE PYLE BIRTHPLACE
ARCHITECTURAL MATERIALS, 1973**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *George C. Bales' Ernie Pyle research papers, ca. 1940s-2000s, SC 3275*

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ernie Pyle (Ernest Taylor Pyle) was born on 3 August 1900 near Dana, Indiana. He studied journalism at Indiana University and worked as a roving columnist for the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain. He wrote extensively on life in America during the Great Depression.

During World War II, Pyle served as a war correspondent and wrote over 400 columns on the everyday lives of common American soldiers on the war front in France, Sicily, Italy, and North Africa. He won the Pulitzer Prize for his work in 1944.

In 1945, Pyle was assigned to work in the Pacific Theater. He was killed by Japanese fire on 18 April 1945 on the island of Iejima, off the coast of Okinawa, Japan.

The Ernie Pyle Birthplace was rescued from demolition in the mid-1970s and restored by the Friends of Ernie Pyle organization. It was dedicated as an Indiana State Historic Site in 1976. It was expanded and rededicated as a museum in 1995 and the name was changed to the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum in 2012.

Sources:

"Ernie Pyle." Indiana Historical Society. Accessed on November 6, 2018.
<https://indianahistory.org/education/educator-resources/famous-hoosiers/ernie-pyle/>

"Home." The Ernie Pyle WWII Museum. Accessed on November 6, 2018.
<https://www.erniepyle.org/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection primarily consists of architectural materials for the Ernie Pyle Birthplace in Dana, Indiana. It includes two elevation drawings of the house and twelve sheets of photographs showing the house's exterior and interior views. The collection also contains a letter sent from H. Roll McLaughlin to Arthur M. McDowell at the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Ernie Pyle Birthplace elevation drawings, 1973

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