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**GEORGE THEODORE ENGELMAN, JR. COLLECTION**  
**CA. 1930-1990**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half manuscript box, 1 oversized folder, 1 black and white photographs folder, 1 OVB photograph folder, 3 5x7 acetate negatives, 24 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: CA. 1930-1990

PROVENANCE: Ted Engelmann, Denver, CO, October 2014

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NOTES:

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Theodore Engelman, Jr. was born 11 November 1919, in Granite City, Illinois, to George T. Engelman and Helena Wood Engelman. In 1922, after George was transferred three times by the American Steel Foundry (ASF), George became a purchasing agent for ASF and settled the family in Hammond, Indiana.

George Jr. attended Wallace School, Washington Junior High School, and graduated from Hammond High School, 11 June 1937. He attended Indiana University, Bloomington, and was a cadet sergeant in the ROTC, While at IU he received several debate and speaking awards and graduated with an AB in English, June 1941.

At the time, George Jr. was engaged to June Bottorff from Hammond, but when World War II broke out they ended their engagement. George enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private. After attending Officer Candidate School he was promoted to 2nd Lt. in the Signal Corps, being trained in cryptography. He was stationed at the Pentagon and delivered secret messages to the White House. He was a "Plank Holder" from the USS Rocky Mount (ACG-3), and participated in the invasion of the Kwajalein Islands, Manus, and others, and the September 1944 invasion of the Philippine Islands.

On 5 September 1943, he married Irene June Avery (1915-1993) in Webb City, Missouri. After his discharge from the Army, March 1946, he attended Indiana University on the GI Bill to earn his MA. Son, George Theodore Engelman III (aka Ted Engelman) was born in Bloomington, Indiana, 3 June 1947. While teaching English at Albion High School in Edwards County, Illinois, daughter, Martha Lou Engelman (Smith) was born 5 March 1949 in Evansville, Indiana.

Discharged to the U.S. Army Ready Reserve, George was teaching at Bloomington High School (IN) when recalled in January 1951 to active duty when the Korean War broke out. The family was assigned to 8th Army at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts.

In 1952, the Engelman family returned to I.U. (Bloomington, IN) so George could complete his MS in education. By that time, George had taught high school in Gary, Indiana, Albion, Illinois, and Bloomington, Indiana. In 1953 George was hired by RCA in Bloomington to work with public relations. In August 1957, George moved the family to Oneonta, New York, where he took the position of Assistant to the President at Oneonta State University (SUNY). In August 1964, George moved the family sixty miles north to Johnstown, New York, to become the first Director of Admissions and Director of Evening Programs at the new Fulton-Montgomery Community College.

In 1973, George left Fulton-Montgomery Community College and became editor and publisher of *The Patriot*, a local weekly newspaper. George retired after *The Patriot* folded in 1974. He was active as President of the Fulton County Historical Society, the Lions, Rotary, and attended annual reunions of the USS Rocky Mount. He retired with the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He was widowed in December 1993. He married his former fiancée, Jane Bottorff, in May 1995, in Sun City Center, Florida. For several years they made their summer home in Johnstown, NY, and wintered in Sun City Center, FL. They eventually made Florida their home. George was in declining health when he died in August 2008 at the Tampa General Hospital.

Sources:

Biographical Sketch in collection by Ted Engelmann, 26 Sept 2014

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The George T. Engelman, Jr. Collection consists of four series as described below:

**Series One** - This series contains biographical information about George T. Engelman, Jr., including a biographical sketch written by his son Ted (George Theodore Engelman, III), commencement programs from Indiana University 1941 and 1954, and in an OMB folder George, Jr.'s muster certificate from the U.S.S. Rocky Mount.

**Series Two** - This series is made up of materials from American Steel Foundries, where George, Sr. was employed in Hammond, Ind.

**Series Three** - This series consists of Engelman family photographs, photographs from American Steel Foundry where George, Sr. was employed, and a group photo (OVB) of Combined Headquarters Ships Detachments 1, 2, & 3 gathering that included George, Jr.

**Series Four** - This part of the collection consists of numerous artifacts, including a primer used by the Japanese to learn English during WWII, George, Jr.'s duffel bag from the Signal Corps, name plate from great-grandfather Engelmann's home in Northeim, Germany, a red Mothers of WWII hat, mounted military service mementos of George, Jr., and numerous military and American Steel Foundries service pins.

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### **Series 1: Biography and Education**

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#### CONTAINER

Biographical Sketch of George T. Engelman, Jr.  
written by his son Ted, 26 Sept 2014

Box 1, Folder 1

"The Engelman Family in Hammond, 1920–1946"  
from The Lake County, Indiana, *Family History Book*  
of 1990

Box 1, Folder 1

Baccalaureate Program, IU Bloomington, 1 June, 1941

Box 1, Folder 1

Student Commencement Program from Indiana  
University Bloomington, One Hundred and Twelfth  
Commencement, 2 June 1941, inside cover are two  
tickets to the Commencement Exercises and a short  
newspaper clipping announcing George Engelman  
pledging Theta Chi dated 19 April 1939

Box 1, Folder 1

One Hundred Twelfth Annual Commencement  
Program, Indiana University, Monday, 2 June, 1941

Box 1, Folder 1

One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Commencement  
Program, Indiana University, Sunday 7 February 1954

Box 1, Folder 1

Muster Certificate from U.S.S. Rocky Mount for  
George T. Engelman, Jr., 15 October 1943 (2 copies)

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"School of the Sky" from The Indianapolis Star  
Magazine, about an IU educational radio program for  
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### **Series 2: George T. Engelman, Sr.**

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Letter to George T. Engelman, Sr. from the President  
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Letter to George T. Engelman, Sr. that accompanied a  
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January 1945

Listing of employees of American Steel Foundry,  
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American Steel Foundries Veterans' Club booklet with  
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George T. Engelman, Sr., n.d.

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Photographs  
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Photo of American Steel Foundries, Hammond, Ind.  
plant, George T. Engelman, Sr., Purchasing Agent  
third from left, Ernest Holtzworth, fifth from left, and  
Fred Brose, seated, ca. 1930 (2 copies)

Photographs  
Folder 1

12 Unidentified men in front of hose and alarm shack

Photographs  
Folder 1

George T. Engelman, Sr., n.d.

Photographs  
Folder 1

George T. Engelman, Sr., ca. 1937. (2 copies)

Photographs  
Folder 1

George T. Engelman, Sr., ca. 1940

Photographs  
Folder 1

Family picture with Helena (left), George, Jr. (center),  
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Photographs  
Folder 1

Photo collage including 2 pictures of George, Sr. on  
front (top one June 1938, bottom n.d.) and back has  
undated photo of the Engelman house in Hammond,  
Ind. and 1940 photo of Mr. and Mrs. Engelman, Sr.,  
and a Feb. 1945 newspaper article about Hyde Park  
Methodist Church honoring the Engelmans before  
they move to Albion, Ill.

Photographs  
Folder 1

Group photo taken at American Steel Foundries Recognition Dinner for George T. Engelman, Sr. retirement ca. 1944 (2 copies)	Photographs Folder 1
American Steel Foundries Veterans' Club Gathering, Hammond Works, 1944	Photographs Folder 1
American Steel Foundries Veterans' Club Gathering, Hammond Works, 1945	Photographs Folder 1
Group Photo, unknown event, George T. Engelman, Sr. is in fourth row back, 2nd from right), n.d.	Photographs Folder 1
Negative of American Steel Foundries, Hammond, Ind. plant, George T. Engelman, Sr., Purchasing Agent third from left, Ernest Holtzworth, fifth from left, and Fred Brose, seated, ca. 1930 (2 copies)	5x7 Acetate Negatives: Negative 1
Negative of unknown group	5x7 Acetate Negatives: Negative 2
Negative of George T. Engelman, Sr., supply agent for American Steel Foundries, Hammond, Ind. with Joe Ernst, driver, n.d.	5x7 Acetate Negatives: Negative 3
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George T. Engelman, Jr.'s WWII duffel bag	Artifact 2014.0236

Wooden desk name plate of George T. Engelman, Jr., presented to him by his son at Clark AFB, Philippines, October 1967	Artifact 2014.0236
Helen Wood Engelman Briggs Order of Eastern Star and Red Cross Volunteer pins. Frame used by Mrs. Engelman during WWII to display her son George's photo	Artifact 2014.0236
Red "Mothers of World War II" hat	Artifact 2014.0236
House name plate of Georg Engelmann, Bleichewall 5, Northeim, Federal Republic of Germany, great-grandfather of George T. Engelman, Jr. Plaque received from Johannes Engelmann, Northeim, 28 September 1987	Artifact 2014.0236
Membership card for U.S. Army Signal Corps, George Engelman, n.d.	Artifact 2014.0236
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Two-blade pocket knife with G.T. Engelman engraved, 1939	Artifact 2014.0236
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George T. Engelman, Jr. Army dog tag	Artifact 2014.0236
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