

Collection #
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**HERBERT LEON WEBB/VIRGINIA LOUISE LONG
COLLECTION, 1941-1944; 2004**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half sized manuscript box; 5 folders of photographs; 1 envelope of 120-size acetate negatives; 7 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: 1941-1944; 2004

PROVENANCE: Eric L. Mundell, Indianapolis, Indiana, December, 2018

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2018.0402

NOTES:

SKETCH

Herbert Leon Webb (1922-1943) was born in Frankfort, Clinton County, Indiana. After graduating from Frankfort High School in 1941, He worked for Montgomery Ward and the Nickel Plate shops in Frankfort. On 21 August 1942 Webb enlisted in the U.S. Navy. While on leave, he married Virginia Louise Long on 21 September 1943. After a brief honeymoon in Indianapolis, he returned to the Navy and was assigned to the battleship USS *Mississippi*. Webb was killed by a gunnery explosion along with fort-two of his shipmates on 20 November 1943 off Makin in the Marshall Islands.

Virginia Louise Long (1921-2017) was born in Frankfort as well. At the age of ten she moved with her family to Lakewood, Ohio. After graduating from high school, she returned to Frankfort where she lived with her aunt and worked as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell. She continued living with her aunt after her husband was killed. On 11 January 1952 she married Jacob Mundell, Jr.

Sources:

Information in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains photographs, greeting cards, newspaper clippings and photocopied documentation, his unfinished letter to her, 19 November 1943, their marriage license and other momentous, and artifacts such as insignia and his Purple Heart.

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Snapshots, Herbert and Virginia, 1943

Portraits, Virginia, ca. 1942

Wedding Portrait, Herbert and Virginia, 1943

Portraits, Herbert, ca. 1942-1943

USS *Mississippi*, ca. 1943

Photos of Herbert in Navy Uniform (6 negatives)

Street Scene (1 negative)

Frankfort H.S. Prom Dance Card, 1942

Greeting Cards, ca. 1942-1943

Marriage License and related items, 1943

Letter, 19 November 1943 (unfinished)

Purple Heart materials, 1943-1944

Military Insignia Brochure, ca. 1942

National World War II Memorial, 2004

Photocopies, newspaper clippings, 1943-1944, n.d.

Artifacts: 2 coxswain's patches, 1 service ribbon bar, 1 purple heart, Herbert Webb ID bracelet, 1 Bakelite Heart, Fiji, 1943, 1 U. S. Paratrooper patch

CONTAINER

Photographs:
Folder 1 of 5

Photographs:
Folder 2 of 5

Photographs:
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Photographs:
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Photographs:
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Acetate Negatives:
120-size

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Box 1, Folder 1

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