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INTRODUCTION

The papers in this collection primarily consist of correspondence from Clyde Ulery to his parents, Flossie and Eli C. Ulery of Girard, Kansas, during his service in World War II. There are other correspondence to family in Oregon and various friends. Postcards, financial records, personal items, clippings and miscellaneous items are also included in this collection.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers in this collection were donated to the History Department at Pittsburg State University by members of the Ulery family. These papers were transferred from the History Department to Special Collections on June 22, 2011.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Little is known about the Ulery Family in this collection. Eli Ulery was born near Monmouth, Kansas, on July 26, 1893. He married Flossie, maiden name unknown, before 1922. They had seven children and three survived to become adults: Clyde and two daughters, names not given. Eli worked as a farmer until 1956 when he went into construction. He died in 1961. He and Flossie had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Flossie was born on Nov. 25, 1894 and passed away in January 1986. Clyde passed away on March 26, 1997. There is no information on the daughters, Linda Menchetti and Virginia Page.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The materials in this collection are incomplete, but they do note some of the family's lives from the late 1930s to the mid-1950s. The materials are arranged into eight series:

Correspondence, Postcards, Photographs, Personal Items, Financial Records, Engineer's Union, News Clippings, and Miscellaneous.

The **Correspondence** series consists primarily of letters from Clyde Ulery to his parents during his service in World War II; other letters are to family in Oregon and friends in Girard, Kansas. Cards for birthdays, holidays, and personal use are also included in the collection. This series is arranged chronologically with undated correspondences in the back of the series.

The **Postcard** series contains postcards from the United States with a few postcards from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. These are written from a few of the Ulery family members, including Clyde, Eli, and Flossie. Some of the postcards do not have anything written on them. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Photograph** series consists of photographs of family members and friends. The identity of those in the photos is unknown, but it's reasonable to believe these are photos of Eli and Clyde Ulery, and Eli's surviving daughters. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Personal Item** series includes a program for Crawford Community High School 1935 graduation; two sewing patterns; a personal letter with small items and lock of hair in it; disabled veterans ID tags; a grocery list; two sets of paintings; and a piece of lace.

The **Financial Record** series contains some of Eli and Flossie's financial information. Included in this series are bills, receipts, insurance information, and income tax return forms. This series is arranged chronologically and thematically.

The **Engineer's Union** series includes some of the materials that Eli received from the A.G.C and Local 701 Hoisting and Portable Engineer's Union; a division of the International Union of Operating Engineers. In this series there are letters pertaining to his welfare, his dues book and receipt. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **News Clippings** series consists of newspaper clippings that mainly have international news articles. There is no mention of the Ulery family in any of these clippings. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains programs, ads, a poem, and what appear to be inventory sheets.

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- f. 2 Jan. 1943 – Mar. 1943
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- f. 21 Undated
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Postcards Series

- f. 23 1943 – 1955; Undated at the back

Photographs Series

- f. 24 1940, 1942, circa 1940's; Undated in back

Personal Items Series

f. 25 High school diploma (1935); sewing patterns (1949); Correspondence (1954); lace, ID tags; shopping list, address and painting.

Financial Records Series

f. 26 Receipts, bills, bank account papers and tax records (1938 – 1955)

Engineer's Union Series

f. 27 Program, receipt, Dues book, correspondence (1954 – 1956)

News Clippings

f. 28 1954 – 1955; Undated at the back

Miscellaneous Series

f. 29 Programs (1954 – 1955), coupons, poem and an inventory sheet.

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