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Photograph from the PFC Richard G. Wilson Scrapbook

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*This is a selected list of resources from our holdings. For a comprehensive list of materials in Special Collections, please consult the Regional History and the University Archives Collections Guides.
Bartlett's Soldier's Record, Everett M, 1918. 1 item. 2007.048.
An ornate poster stating that Everett M. Bartlett served in the U.S. Army from May 9, 1918–Dec. 6, 1918. The poster features a picture of Bartlett and images of army life colored using the autochrome process. Published by H. H. Stratton of Chattanooga, Tennessee. *Oversized.*

Blue Collection, John Lloyd, 1933-1954. 0.5 linear feet. 2002.076.
Materials relating to Blue's years as a student at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College and as a member of the Navy V-12 program. Includes an athletics scrapbook, programs from athletic, theatrical, social, and university events, photographs, and ephemera.

Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services, 1840. 1 item. 2008.107.
Publication of the U.S. government in 1841 (after the 1840 census) which lists “pensioners for Revolutionary [War] or military services with their names, ages, and places of residence as returned by the marshals of the several judicial districts, under the Act for Taking the Sixth Census.”

Clippings Collection, 1871-2001. 12.0 linear feet. 2007.204.
Consists of newspaper clippings, from a variety of sources, on topics relating to the history of southeast Missouri and the surrounding region. Clippings are arranged by subject.

Copies and originals of correspondence, invoices and newspaper clippings pertaining to the ceremonies arranged to honor five Revolutionary War soldiers (William Allen, Charles Friend, Joseph Hunter, Daniel Kenny, John Beach Moore, and David Trotter) buried in Scott County, [Mo]. Contains program from and transcript of ceremony, and biographical sketches of the soldiers. Compiled by Margaret Woods Allen.

Recording of lecture by Dawson, from the State Department’s Human Rights division, presents “How Foreign Policy is Made.” This speech was made on July 18, 1968, in the Language Arts building at Southeast Missouri State University, and offers an interesting perspective on foreign affairs and policy during the Vietnam War era. Running time: 00:57:28

Recording of interview with Dickey, a resident of Illmo, [Mo], by Dr. Paul Travis, a history professor from Southeast Missouri State University. Dickey was born in 1918 in Illinois and moved to Illmo as a child. He attended Southeast Missouri State Teachers College from 1936 to 1940, when he dropped out to work in the local railroad company. Dickey served in the Army from 1942 to 1946, traveling to Iceland and then to Europe, where he participated in the Normandy Invasion. After leaving the Army, he returned to railroad work, from which he later retired. In this recording, Dickey recounts growing up, going to school, to war, and working for the railroad. Information on the town of Illmo and university politics are covered, as well as the particulars of the railroad and agriculture from the 1930s to the 1970s. Running time: 00:56:29.

Typed letter (43p) from Frye to Sadie Kent, Librarian at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, regarding World War I, in which Frye served. Frye includes annotations regarding a book *God Have Mercy on Us* by William T. Scanlon, about his unit, the 97th Company, 6th Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps, part of the 4th Brigade, Second Division American Expeditionary Forces. Also included are transcriptions of Frye's letters written to home during the war, 1918-1919, and postwar correspondence regarding war service, 1930.

Correspondence, photographs, negatives, slides, clippings, publications, club and student record books, University Centennial material, and ephemera from Dr. Harold O. Grauel, professor of English at Southeast Missouri State University from 1928 to 1971. Many photographs relate to the Navy V-5 and V-12 programs at Southeast Missouri State University. *Oversized*
Correspondence, photographs, Japanese currency, and ephemera, sent by Hartz, a former student at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College and Chaplain with the United States Naval Reserve in Tokyo Bay, to Sadie Kent, Librarian at the college.

Primarily consists of holograph letters between Bill and Margaret Haslauer during their courtship and marriage. The Haslauers were originally from Mound City [Ill] and Cairo [Ill]. Letters primarily date to periods when Margaret and Bill are separated; for example: during the 1937 Mississippi Flood, when Margaret was away at school, and when Bill was trained and served as a navigator on a bomber for the Army in WWII, as well as when he was held as an internee in neutral Sweden.

Transcribed letters (43p) written by Highley, a former student at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, to his parents during World War II from Africa, India, and China, describing the places where he was stationed with the 308th Heavy Bomb Group. Highley left college to join the Army Air Corps in 1941. Letters are compiled by Jeffrey Scott Highley, with historical information on the 308th Heavy Bomb group and paternal genealogy for Highley. Includes typed letter from Jeffrey Highley to Director of Kent Library, 1978.

**Hinchey Manuscript, Alan, 1928.** 1 item. 2004.070.
Photocopied typed manuscript (8p) on “Cape Girardeau County’s Part in the War of 1812,” presented to the County Historical Society in 1928.

**Kinnison Collection, 1890-1904.** 0.5 linear feet. 1989.013.
Materials collected by Colonel Henry Lee Kinnison of Charleston, Missouri, a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Includes Newspapers from the United States and abroad, international political cartoons clipped from newspapers from 1898-1904, and a book, *Memories of the Campaign of Santiago, June 6, 1898-August 18, 1898*, on experiences during the Spanish-American War.

Collection of materials collected by Donald and Ruby Kraft. Includes ephemera from Donald B. Kraft’s days as a student at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College (1938-1939), V-Mail correspondence from World War II, Armed Forces editions of *Newsweek* and the *Boston Herald*, and late 19th century Cape Girardeau ephemera. Also includes a typed manuscript (34p) entitled “Der Amerikanish Traum (The American Dream): A Profile of a Hessian Immigrant in Cape Girardeau, 1855-1888,” by Don Kraft. Regarding the life of Adam Kraft, owner of Kraft Bakery in Cape Girardeau, and his relationships with other local businessmen. With biographical profiles, bibliography and copied photographs. Additionally there are 36 Hindu and Buddhist religious and cultural artifacts and 9 holograph letters and documents in French.

**Memorial Fund File, 1921.** 0.25 linear feet. 2008.098.
Subscription cards pledging money for the building of a World War I memorial on the Southeast Missouri State Teacher’s College campus. Also includes pamphlets describing the plan and providing drawings of the memorial.

**Mulkey Collection, Patty, 1857-1996.** 27.0 linear feet. 1997.001.
Mulkey was a teacher in Southeastern Missouri for many years and helped found the River Heritage Museum in Cape Girardeau. The collection consists of sheet music, music books, news clippings, over 250 photographs, scrapbooks, ledgers, and correspondence.

Official Vatican blessing issued by Pope John Paul II for the 40th university of the Southeast Missouri State University V-12 Navy Program Class of 1944. Includes blessing and photograph of Pope John Paul II.
S. S. Cape Girardeau Launching Ceremony Program, 1943. 1 item. 2005.118.
Program from official launching of ship built for the United States Maritime Commission, and later through a Lend-Lease transfer, given to the British Ministry of War Transport and renamed S. S. Empire Spearhead, which participated in the D-Day invasion.

Student Army Training Corps (SATC) Negatives, 1918. 8 items. 2006.024
Eight 3” x 5” negatives and corresponding ink-jet prints of SATC activities at the Missouri State Normal School—Third District. Includes images of students on the drill field and of Academic Hall.

Student Army Training Corp Poster, c. 1918. 3 items. 2008.035.
Poster calling for recruits to join the Student Army Training Corp (SATC) and receive training. Many schools around the country formed SATCs, but not were official until October 1, 1918. *Oversized.

Holograph letter, with transcript, from Joseph McFerron to his father with his thoughts on the War of 1812, the New Madrid earthquake and personal family matters. [*Oversized.] Correspondence, photographs, cancelled stamps, sketches, postcards, printed works, flyers, and newspaper clippings concerning the 150th anniversary of the Old Appleton post office, and re-enacting the first postal ride from Old Appleton to Wittenberg, [Mo]; English stamp commemorating end of World War II and German stamp commemorating 50th anniversary of Reich’s Air Defense Group (1933-1938); printed invitation with envelope to “Miss Isabelle Nettie Brooks” to attend reception for Southeast Missouri State Teachers College Seniors at Wildwood, the President’s Home; and 3” x 5” autographed photograph of Babe Ruth and Zez Confrey, circa 1920s. Letter requesting payment for the publishing of estate notice from John Ross for the Southeast Missourian, dated January 20 1847.

Programs from ROTC commissioning ceremonies, the Military Ball and other ROTC events, as wells as a pamphlet explaining the ROTC program and sample certificates.

Microfilmed records of the U.S. Army post at Cape Girardeau, filmed from the National Archives records.

Correspondence, news clippings, blueprints and invitations concerning the construction and dedication of a plaque listing the names of 28 Southeast Missouri State University alumni who served and died in the Vietnam war. The plaque was dedicated on October 27, 1975 and is located and the University Center.

Weingarten Prisoner of War Camp Collection, 1942-1975. 0.5 linear feet. + 2 reels. 1998.136
Materials collected from and about the Weingarten Prisoner of War Camp which was located outside of Ste. Genevieve. Consists of a memoir of an officer recounting his time as guard for the Army, news clippings, an Army newsletter from Weingarten, and a prisoner’s newsletter from Weingarten, written in Italian. Also included are photographs (93), negatives (53), slides (16) showing the camp and prisoner, and microfilm reels (2) of the provost office’s records and of L’attesa, the Italian PWO newsletter.

Photographs, correspondence, and news clippings concerning PFC Richard G. Wilson, who earned a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor for service during the Korean War. The majority of the materials deal with memorials that were dedicated in Wilson’s honor in the period immediately following his death and in later years.

World War I Student Card File, 1915-1918, 0.5 linear feet. 2007.074.
Cards containing the names, addresses, service branches, dates of enlistment, and in some cases information on service, where they were stationed, were they wounded, etc. of students who were enrolled at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College before serving in World War I.
World War I Time Capsule Contents, 1921-1923. 2.0 linear feet. 2007.075.
Contents include lists of Southeast Missouri State Teachers College students who served and were decorated in WWI, as well as the students who contributed to the memorial fund, the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College’s Service Flag, decorated with blue stars representing each of the College’s students who served in WWI and 18 gold stars representing the 17 male and 1 female students who died in the line of duty. Also included is the Capaha Arrow from the flag ceremony on November 18, 1921, as well as other newspapers from October, 1923, telling of the bronze memorial tablet placed in one of the main pillars of Academic Hall, unveiled at the College’s 50th Anniversary celebration; and the 50th Anniversary Bulletin of the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, 1923.

Ration books issued to the Gerlach family in Cape Girardeau.

Ration books issued to Bernadette M. Heche and H. Marie Friant. Includes receipts from Esicar’s Market, Cape Girardeau, [Mo].

World War II Veterans Account Records, 1945-1948. 0.5 linear feet. 2006.010.
Records of World War II Veterans who became Southeast Missouri State University students under the G.I. Bill. Records include student rosters, receipts for science, library, and industrial arts fees, textbook fees, and general notes.

An artificial collection of military and historical publications and ephemera collected by Young. Also includes postcards, photographs, ration books, currency, newspapers, scrapbooks, and clippings from American and European military conflicts, primarily 19th and 20th centuries.