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Bob Jones
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1944-1965

Creator: Bob Jones

Title: Bob Jones Collection

Dates: 1944-1965

Quantity: 2.75 linear feet

Summary: This collection largely reflects the life of Dr. Robert E. Jones during his years in the United States Army and provides a glimpse of his later life as an academic. The majority of this collection contains letters and photographs from his time in the Army, but also includes military and professional documents and his military jacket.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here:

http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/lca_bobjones/. Collection items available in the digital repository can include documents, photographs and/or oral history interviews.

Repository

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield College

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McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

Reference Email: archives@linfield.edu

Language: English

Biographical Note

Robert E. Jones was born January 14, 1923, in Yonkers, New York, and attended Oberlin College in Ohio before joining the army. He studied at the University of Connecticut in electrical engineering and was deployed to Germany in the spring of 1945. During the war, Jones was stationed primarily in Germany. While there he worked as a radio operator and maintenance man and achieved the rank of Technician Fourth Grade. He was discharged from service in April, 1946.

While in the army, Jones took German communications courses for credit from both Oberlin College and the University of Michigan. After returning to the United States,

Jones finished his schooling and received his undergraduate degree at Oberlin before going on to receive a Masters in Physics at Michigan in 1949 and a P.H.D. in Physics at Penn State in 1953. Before beginning his teaching career at Linfield College in 1955, Jones taught Physics and led research at Penn State. While at Linfield, Jones received tenure, occasionally served as the head of the Physics department and officially retired in 1987.

Jones was married three times in his life. He was married to his first wife, Eleanor Jameson, from 1948 until her death in 1989. They had two children: Richard (b. 1953) and Paul (b. 1955). After Eleanor's death, Jones was married to Opal Ware in 1992 until her death in 1993. In 1996, Jones married Mariam (Mim) Trumbo and they remained married until her death in 2009.

Bob Jones died on April 22, 2010.

(Information about Jones' marriages and post-graduate degrees were found in his obituary, written by Macy & Son Funeral Directors.)

Content Description

This collection contains photographs taken while in the Army, letters written to his parents while in the Army, military documents, medals and patches, as well as documents from his time participating in research about radioisotopes. The collection also houses Bob Jones' military jacket.

Restrictions on Access

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

Preferred Citation

Bob Jones Papers. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Paul Jones, June 13, 2013.

Provenance

Paul Jones donated the Bob Jones papers to the Linfield College Archives on June 13, 2013.

Location of Originals

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

Processing Information

Processed by archives technician Maia Patten, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four boxes that hold photographs, letters, documents, and awards between 1944 and 1965. Box 1 contains letters written while he was in the army,

1945-1946. Box 2 contains photographs taken while in the army, 1944-1946. Box 3 contains awards, military documents, and documents collected during Jones' research participation at Oak Ridge in 1965. Box 4 contains Jones' military jacket.

Box 1

Folder 1: Empty Envelopes, 1945

Folder 2: Letters Home (1 of 2), 1945

Folder 3: Letters Home (2 of 2), 1945

Folder 4: Letters Home, 1946

Box 2

Folder 1: Storrs, Connecticut, 1944

Folder 2: Men at Work, August-September 1945

Folder 3: Luxembourg, 1945

Folder 4: Paris, 1945

Folder 5: Germany (People), 1945

Folder 6: Germany (Location), 1945

Folder 7: Frankfurt, Bavaria, February 1946

Folder 8: Germany, 1946

Folder 9: Lady (1945) and Brownie (1946)

Folder 10: Unknown Location and Date

Box 3

Folder 1: Military Medals, Pins, Patches, and Dog Tags, 1940s

Folder 2: Military Documents, 1940s

Folder 3: Oak Ridge, 1965

Box 4

Bob Jones' Military Jacket