

Noble Webb (1912-1982). Correspondence and photographs .3 cu ft. Inventory.
B04.18

Biographical Note

Noble Webb was born on September 23, 1912 and raised in Putnam County, Indiana. He enlisted in the United States Air Corps during World War II and served in Anchorage, Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. He died in August of 1982 in Kasilof, Alaska.

Scope and Content

The collection contains the letters, articles and photographs of Noble Webb. The collection is divided into three series, letters, photographs, and publication clippings.

The collection was given to the archives by Mary Alice Harcourt in 2003.

Processing Note

The collection was processed by Diann Benti in August 2004.

Series Description

Series 1. Correspondence; 1940-1945.

About 50 items.

This series consists of letters from Noble Webb during his time as a soldier in World War II, and one letter to Noble Webb from fellow soldier, Kermit Beougher. The letters are arranged in chronological order, and the dates span December 24, 1940 through September 8, 1945. From 1940 through the summer of 1942 the letters were written from Noble Webb to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nichols in Fillimore, Indiana. After 1942, the letters were written specifically to their daughter, Lela Nichols, also of Fillimore, Indiana. The letters describe Webb's life in Alaska and Seattle, Washington, as a soldier, but are limited in subject due to the censor restrictions.

Series 2. Photographs; [1940-1945].

About 30 items, numbered B04.18.1-29.

This series consists of black and white photographs from Webb's time as a soldier in World War II. The photographs have been kept in the order in which they were received by the archives. Details about the contents of the photographs are occasionally mentioned in Webb's letters. Among the photographs are pictures of Webb's excursions in Alaska during the war years, of military life, and of local wildlife. His dog "Blackie" pictures prominently among the items. There is a photograph of Noble with his family and Lela Nichols (B04.18.1).

Series 3. Publication Clippings; ca. 1940s.

2 items.

The two clippings consist of the first page of a color magazine article entitled "We Defend Alaska" and a newspaper clipping, "Noble Webb Tells of Life in Alaska," which includes excerpts from two January 1944 letters home to his parents. Both are undated and were mixed in with Webb's letters.

