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Inda Wangerin Papers, 1943-1953, bulk 1943-1947

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Biography:

Inda Mae Beasley was born on March 5, 1922 in Valentine, Texas, to Fannie L. Mellor and Chester Lewis Beasley, one of four children. (Sisters: Mildred NaDean and Kathryn LaNelle; Brother: James Lewis.) From infancy she lived with her great-grandparents in Montevallo, Missouri. She attended high school in Nevada, Missouri, where she was active in music and sports, graduating in 1939. After graduation she moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she lived during World War II and up until 1953. She began working in local businesses while still in high school, and then worked in various defense plants during the war, eventually serving as a liaison to the USO and the Kansas City Officers' Club. She married Lyle William Roland in May 1941, and he was declared missing in action in 1944. In 1948 she went to work for the Kansas City Philharmonic Association, where she met her future husband, Richard Henry Wangerin. They married in 1953 upon moving to Louisville where he became Executive Director of the Louisville Orchestra and she eventually became an accountant and managed a mutual fund for the The Sachs Company. Her interests include sports, music, horseback riding and ballroom dancing, in which she won the U.S. Ballroom Scholarship International Championships in 1998 and 1999. The Wangerins had one daughter, Lynn Hansel Wangerin, born in 1957.

Brief Description of the Collection:

This collection consists of a small amount of personal papers including some related to the missing-in-action status of the donor's first husband, while the rest is correspondence and memorabilia from servicemen serving in the military during World War II, including from the donor's brother, step-brother, brother-in-law, and first husband. The personal papers are arranged by topic. The correspondence is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the sender.

BOX LISTING

Box 1 – Legal documents, personal papers, correspondence, photographs

Family and personal papers – biographical, legal issues, education, and career

Personal papers - World War II employment

Personal papers – Ballroom dancing and riding
Personal photographs, 1940s and 1990s
Wallace F. Adams, Jr., April – November 1943
James Lewis Beasley, August –December 1943
James Lewis Beasley, January- March 1944
James Lewis Beasley, April-June 1944
James Lewis Beasley, July-September 1944
James Lewis Beasley, October 1944-April 1945
George Berbary, ephemera, no date
Paul Berberick, November 1944-October 1945
E.J. Chandler, December 1943
C.E. Cobb, July 1944
Kenneth C. Crabbe, August 1944, April 1945
Stan Czajkowski, June 1944-December 1945
Wayne Evans, photograph, no date
Ernest Osborne “Ossie” Freeman, June 1943-December 1944
Ernest Osborne “Ossie” Freeman, January-December 1945
Charles Graham Gordon, April-July 1946
Robert E. Holt, June-December 1944
Robert E. Holt, 1945
Robert E. Holt, 1946
Robert E. Holt, 1947, 1949
C.W. “Chuck” Johnson, November 1944-1945
C.W. “Chuck” Johnson, 1946
C.W. “Chuck” Johnson, 1947
C.W. “Chuck” Johnson, 1948-1949
Mr. Jones, copies of letters to his wife, November 1944-October 1945

James R. Kinder, December 1942

Don Laudermilk, photograph, no date

Roland L. O'Trimble, August 1949

Bill Parks, April-May 1944

Bill Parks, June 1944

Bill Parks, July 1944

Bill Parks, August 1944

Bill Parks, September 1944

Bill Parks, October 1944

Bill Parks, November-December 1944

Bill Parks, January 1945

Bill Parks, February 1945

Bill Parks, March 1945

Bill Parks, April 1945

Bill Parks, May 1945

Bill Parks, June 1945

Bill Parks, July 1945

Bill Parks, August 1945

Bill Parks, September 1945

Bill Parks, October 1945

Bill Parks, November-December 1945

Bill Parks, January-March 1946

Bill Parks, April-August 1946, June 1953

Bill Parks, photographs and ephemera, no date

Harlan Pritchett, photograph, no date

Roland family, February-March 1943

Lyle William Roland, notes, no date

Lyle William Roland, cards, no date
Lyle William Roland, ephemera, 1940s
Lyle William Roland, photographs, 1940s
Lyle William Roland, January-May 1943
Lyle William Roland, July-September 1943
Lyle William Roland, October-December 1943
Lyle William Roland, January-June 1944
Lyle William Roland, July-November 1944
Lyle William Roland, Legal and insurance papers, 1943-1945
Harry A. Rowe, October 1945
W.H. "Ras" Salmon, May 1945
Robert Vaught, December 1942-May 1943
Don S. Williams, July-November 1943
O.M. "Smokie" Wycoff, January-July 1945

Box 2

James Lewis Beasley, scrapbook and ephemera