



Raymond H. Starr Papers (K1138)

Collection Number: K1138

Collection Title: Raymond H. Starr Papers

Dates: 1900-1966

Creator: Starr, Raymond Hillman, 1900-1966

Abstract: This collection contains Captain Raymond Starr's correspondences with his wife, Hortense Davidson Starr, while he was serving during World War II in the United States Army Air Corps. Also included are a few letters to his children and friends.

Collection Size: 0.3 cubic foot
(9 folders, 1 CD)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Norton and Irene Starr on April 19, 2011 (Accession No. KA1792).

Alternate Forms Available: Collection has been digitized in its entirety by the donor. Please contact State Historical Society of Missouri staff for access.

Notes: Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

Raymond H. Starr was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1900. In 1925, Starr joined the Koch Butcher's Supply Company. Raymond married Hortense Davidson in 1929 and raised three sons, Lawrence, Norton, and Raymond, Jr.

During World War II, Starr joined the United States Army Air Corps and served as a captain, where he saw service in the Pacific and European theaters.

After the war, Starr returned to Koch Butcher's Supply Company. The company split in 1949 and Starr became president of Koch Supplies, a position he held until his death in 1966.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into ten folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of correspondence and a CD. The correspondence primarily consists of letters between Raymond Starr and his wife, Hortense, from 1943-1945, while he was serving in World War II. Additionally there are letters with his children and friends. The letters cover his service in both the South Pacific and Europe, and describe daily life within an army camp. Of special interest are the letters that discuss his interactions with Australian officers and civilians, his descriptions of war-torn Germany, and his attitude and behaviors toward German civilians and prisoners of war. Also included is a digitized exhibit of the materials, created by his daughter-in-law, Irene Stiefel Starr.

Container List:

- f. 1-9 Correspondence, 1943-1945
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