Elizabeth Jean Robinson collection

AFC 2001/001/24192

Guides to the Collections in the Veterans History Project



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Collection Summary

Title: Elizabeth Jean Robinson collection: Veterans History Project (U.S.)
Inclusive Dates: 1943-1945
Call No.: AFC 2001/001/24192
Creator: Robinson, Elizabeth Jean, 1922-2001.
Extent: 205 items.
Extent: 1 box.
Extent: 0.417 linear feet.
Extent (Photographs): graphic images: 86 photographic prints : black and white, color : various sizes.
Extent (Correspondence): correspondence: 107 letters (238 pages).
Language: In English.
Location: Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2015655442
Summary: The collection consists of letters, military papers, newspaper clippings, printed materials (i.e. pamphlet and flyers), and scanned photographs relating to Elizabeth Jean Robinson's service in the United States Navy WAVES.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Robinson, Elizabeth Jean, 1922-2001
Robinson, Elizabeth Jean, 1922-2001
Robinson, Walter W.

Organizations
American Folklife Center.
United States. Naval Reserve. Women's Reserve.
Veterans History Project (U.S.)

Subjects
World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American.
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--Georgia.

Form/Genre
Clippings.
Correspondence.
Manuscripts.
Photographs.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series: Manuscripts and Photographs. Manuscript materials are arranged alphabetically by subseries. Correspondence subseries is arranged in chronological order. Photographs are arranged in the donor’s original order.

Acquisition

Accessioned, 2005.

Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be restricted.

Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request collection materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Elizabeth Jean Robinson nee Shannon was born on February 8, 1922, in Missoula, Montana, to Cyrus Wesley Shannon and Rachel Shannon. She graduated from Missoula County High School, and attended Montana State University for two years, during which she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. During her sophomore year of college, she enlisted in the United States Navy WAVES, and served from January 1943 to September 1945. After training in Cedar Falls, Iowa, she was stationed at Headquarters, Seventh Naval District, Miami, Florida, for the duration of her military service. On September 26, 1944, she married a fellow sailor, Walter W. “Bud” Robinson. She was honorably discharged from the WAVES as a Yeoman First Class on September 21, 1945. Robinson died on June 5, 2001.

Scope and Content

The Elizabeth Jean Robinson Collection consists of clippings, correspondence, military papers, printed matter, and photographs. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence from Robinson to her mother and her sister, Peggy, who lived in Missoula, Montana. Also included are letters from Robinson’s husband to his mother-in-law.

Photographs consist of digital print copies depicting Robinson, friends and family, the Robinson’s apartment, and a parade on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami.

Description of Series

Container **Series**

Series I: Manuscripts

BOX-FOLDER MSS799/1 **Clippings, undated**

MS01: Clippings include: "Vows Exchanged by Naval Couple At Ceremony in Miami, Florida, Lutheran Church;" includes an image of Robinson; "Four Missoulians Join Women's Navy;" Three Missoula Girls Together In Navy Service;" "While Dates Wait WAVES Fold Gauze;" includes 2 images of servicewomen volunteering to make bandages so that an adequate supply will be on hand at receiving stations; article on enforcing city laws.

BOX-FOLDER MSS799/2-7 **Correspondence, 1943-1945**

MS02: 107 letters written between 1943 and 1945. The majority of the letters were written by Elizabeth Robinson to her parents, Cyrus and Rachel Shannon, and to her sister, Peggy Shannon. Elizabeth's husband, Walter, began writing to his mother-in-law as well, after the couple got married. Elizabeth wrote about schoolwork, her social life at the base in Miami, weather in Florida, financial transactions, and her daily routine. Additional topics covered include: military training, school, physical exercise routine, being turned down for officer's training, WAVES basketball team, her 22nd birthday, promotion to Yeoman 1st Class, studying for an exam to become a Chief, desire not to be transferred away from her husband, marriage, honeymoon, current status of lives, friends, joining a church.

BOX-FOLDER MSS799/8 **Military Papers, 1945**

MS03: Original unused leave form; original news story questionnaire completed by Walter Robinson; loyal military service certificate; discharge certificate.

BOX-FOLDER MSS799/9 **Printed Matter, 1943**

MS04: A pamphlet entitled "The Iowave" (04/1943); "Cook's Bathing Casino" flyer; flyer from Miami Chamber of Commerce that includes points of interests that can be reached by regular bus service or boat trips (05/03/1943).

Series II: Photographs

BOX-FOLDER MSS799/10 **Copy Photographic Prints, 1943-1944**

PH01-PH79: Includes images of Robinson during her service in Iowa and Miami, Florida; friends and family; the Robinson’s apartment; a parade on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami.

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