

**Cocco Family World War II Letters Collection**  
**MSS 195**  
**2.25 ft.**

**Biographical note:**

Nicholas A. (Nick) Cocco, Robert M. Cocco and Americo P. (Paul or Amy) Cocco were three brothers from Philadelphia, NY in Jefferson County who all served in the U.S. Army in World War II. Their mother was Jennie Cocco.

Nick served in the Signal Corps and is stationed in Texas and Maryland until serving in Germany. He mentions combat but most of his service is as a musician.

Robert served in an ordinance company and trained at Fort Knox, Ky. before shipping overseas.

Paul also served in an ordinance company.

**Scope and content:**

The collection consists of many letters written primarily by Nick and Robert Cocco to their mother Jennie in Philadelphia, NY. There are a few letters written by Paul Cocco to his mother, but the documents associated with Paul are mostly ephemeral; concert programs, flyers, post cards and the like. The collection also contains several diaries kept by Jennie Cocco, two of which are in Italian, and a number of letters and greeting cards written mostly by people other than her three sons. Newspaper clippings about the sons' military service are also included.

**Organization and Arrangement:**

The collection is divided into 5 series:

Series 1: Letters of Nicholas A. (Nick) Cocco

Series 2: Letters of Robert M. (Robbie, Bobby) Cocco

Series 3: Papers, letters and ephemera of Americo P. (Paul; Amy) Cocco—includes obituary

Series 4: Letters to Jennie Cocco from others; Diaries of Jennie Cocco

Series 5: News clippings and ephemera

**Provenance**

Purchased in May 2015 from Jemison Rare Books

**Series 1: Letters of Nicholas A. (Nick) Cocco (mostly to Jennie except where noted)**

\*Note—Where letters have an envelope, they are sorted by the date on the postal origination stamp

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	1943	Mar. 1 letter, Clearfield, PA
			2 May 3 letters, Clearfield and New Cumberland, PA
			3 June 6 letters, Camp Crowder, MO
			4 July 7 letters to, Camp Crowder, MO
			5 Aug 4 letters to, Camp Crowder, MO (photos)
			6 Sept. 7 letters, from Camp Crowder, MO and Lebanon, Tennessee

7		Oct.	6 letters and 2 cards, Camp Crowder, MO
8		Nov.	6 letters, Camp Crowder, MO
9		Dec.	5 letters & 2 cards, Camp Crowder, Clearfield, PA and St. Louis
10	1944	Jan.	7 letters, Camp Crowder, MO, New Haven
11		Feb.	7 letters & 1 card, Camp Crowder, MO
12		Mar.	9 letters, Camp Crowder, MO, San Antonio, TX, Washington (photos)
13		Apr.	2 letters & 1 card, Camp Crowder, MO and San Antonio, TX
14		May	5 letters & 1 card, San Antonio, TX
15		June	5 letters, San Antonio, TX
16		July	4 letters, San Antonio, TX
17		Aug	2 letters, San Antonio, TX
18		Sept.	5 letters & 1 card, San Antonio, TX
19		Oct.	5 letters, San Antonio, TX
20		Nov.	3 letters & 1 card, San Antonio, TX and no location
21		Dec.	4 letters, no location
22	1945	Jan.	9 letters, no location
23		Feb.	7 letters, no location
24		Mar.	7 letters, somewhere in Belgium
25		Apr.	9 letters, somewhere in Belgium and Germany
26		May	8 letters, Germany
27		June	9 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany
28		July	3 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany and Nice, France
29		Aug.	4 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany
30		Sept	4 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany (to Miss Angela M. Cataldo)
31		Oct.	3 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany
32		Nov.	5 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany and Strasbourg, France
33		Dec.	4 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany
34		Jan.	4 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany
35		Feb.	6 letters, Bad Neuenahr, Germany and Seckenheim, Germany
36		Mar.	6 letters, Stuttgart and Wiesbaden, Germany, and Seattle, WA
37			Arts/baby photos
38			Undated letters no location, and Ft. Sam Houston TX
39			Empty envelopes

**Series 2      Letters of Robert M. Cocco**

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Contents</u>
2	1	1933	Dec. 2 cards, Corry, PA and Lyons Falls, NY
	2	1942	July 3 letters, Youngstown, NY and Camp Wheeler, GA
	3		Aug. 4 letters, Camp Wheeler, GA
	4		Sept. 3 letters, Camp Wheeler, GA and Fort Knox, KY
	5		Oct. 5 letters, Fort Knox, KY (to Miss Angela M. Cataldo)
	6		Nov. 3 letters, Fort, Knox, KY
	7		Dec. 3 letters, Fort Knox, KY
	8	1943	Jan. 4 letters, Fort Knox, KY and no location
	9		Feb. 3 letters, Fort Knox, KY

10		Mar.	6 letters, Fort Knox, KY
11		Apr.	3 letters, Fort Knox, KY
12		May	4 letters, Fort Knox, KY
13		June	1 letter & 3 cards, Fort Knox, KY, Newport News, VA, and no location
14		July	8 letters, New York and Watertown, NY
15		Aug.	4 letters, New York, NY
16		Sept.	1 letter, New York, NY
17		Oct.	1 letter, New York, NY
18		Nov.	3 letters, New York, NY and no location (to Mrs. Vennis Fallett)
19		Dec.	4 letters, Italy
20	1944	Jan.	1 letter, Italy
21		Feb.	3 letters, Italy and no location
22		Mar.	2 letters, no location
23		Apr.	4 letters, Italy and no location
24		May	5 letters, no location (to Col. N.A. Coco)
25		June	2 letters, no location
26		July	1 letter, no location
27		Aug.	2 letters, no location (to Col. N.A. Coco)
28		Sept.	4 letters, no location
29		Oct.	2 letters, no location
30		Nov.	2 letters, no location
31		Dec.	5 letters, no location
32	1945	Jan.	1 letter, no location
33		Feb.	3 letters, no location
34		Mar.	3 letters, no location
35		Apr.	1 letter, no location
36		May	2 letters, no location
37		June	6 letters, no location
38		July	6 letters, no location
39		Aug.	1 letter, no location
40	1946	Aug.	1 letter, Firenze
41	1952	Mar.	6 letters, Rifred Firenze, Italy (these letters addressed to Robert, Mother and Paul from Julianna Cocco)
42			Undated/ Empty envelopes

**Series 3: Papers & Ephemera of Americo P. (Paul) Cocco**

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
2	43	1934	1 letter, Madison, NJ (Drew University correspondence to Americo & Jennie)
	44	1942, 1946	2 letters, Madison, NJ and West Branch, MI (correspondence to Americo)
	45	1943-'45	7 letters, England, Munich, Germany, Salzburg, Austria (Americo to mother)

46	1944	3 letters, no location (Americo to Nick)
47	1945	2 letters, Salzburg, Austria and no location (Americo to Robert)
48	1944, 1945	2 letters from Paul (to Lo Kuhnis), Camp Richie, MD
49	1945, 1946	Christmas Cards & Easter Card to Americo
50		Americo's personal papers pertaining to his army service—i.e. pay records, ration card, registration certificate, motor vehicle permit, etc.
51	1945-46	Ephemera of Americo's time in Salzburg, Austria, ca. Concert programs, posters, photos, cards
52	1945	Empty envelopes; Americo's obituary

**Series 4: Letters to Jennie Cocco; Diaries of Jennie Cocco; note: most letters are from outside of her family.**

<i>Box/Folder</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Contents</i>
3	1	1943 Dec.	2 letters and 1 card, San Francisco, CA, Columbus, OH, and Portsmouth, VA
	2	1944 Jan.	1 letter, Aliutian
	3	Feb.	2 cards, Corry, PA and Carthage, NY
	4	Mar.	1 letter, Brunswick, GA
	5	Apr.	11 cards, St. Simon Island, GA, Binghampton, NY, Hardwick, VT, Rochester, NY, Philadelphia, NY, Watertown, NY, no location
	6	May	1 card, Jamaica, NY
	7	Sept.	1 letter, Jamaica, NY
	8	Dec.	2 letters, Jamaica, NY and no location
	9	1945 May	1 letter and 1 card, no location
	10	1946 Feb.	1 letter, Hardwick, VT
	11	Aug.	1 letter, no location
	12	Sept.	2 letters, Italy
	13	Oct.	4 letters, no location
	14		Bank of Philadelphia
	15		Notebook, necklace, photo
	16		Undated/ empty envelopes

Diaries of Jennie Cocco for 1938; 1943-53

Diaries in Italian, 1947; 1949

**Series 5: News Clippings & Ephemera**

1	1943+1945	Newspaper Clippings in Philadelphia Newspaper involving Cocco brothers
2		Ephamera, book, and letters
3	1930 Aug.	Letter to Nick Cocco (To early to be Nick Cocco from this collection. Possibly an Uncle?)