

Murray Family Papers; 1862-1945

MSS. COLL. NO. 075

.50 linear feet

Biographical Note

Murray family papers consists of papers of three brothers (Joseph C., Thomas J., And William J.) who served in World War II from Tower City, Pa.) as well as the diary of Lewis Murray who served in Company K, 6th New York Cavalry during the Civil War

Scope & Contents

This unprocessed collection contains primarily the correspondence between William Murray to his wife Beatrice (Fulton of New York City) during World War II. Also included is a Civil War Diary of a Lewis Murray, miscellaneous items (dog tags, military buttons, bracelet, etc) of William and Mary's as well as a notebook William kept while in the Armored Force School, and material while he was in Officer Candidate School in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Collection also contains coins, military silverware, dog tags, belt buckle, military pins, and jewelry related to World War II

Provenance

St. Lawrence University received this collection from Roger Duvall, heir of Murray family, of Ogdensburg, New York in April, 1998

Correspondence:

1944, December 11. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 28. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 29. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Love Bill"
1945, February 19. 1st page missing (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, February 20. Telegram to Mrs. William J. Murray
1945, March 23 Easter Card
1945, March 24. "Dear Bea" "Love Joe" (Burma)
1945, April 18. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours Bill" (Germany)
1945, April 23. "Dearest Bea" "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, April 24. "Dear Bea" (Rome) "Love Joe" (China)
1945, April 29. card "Hi Mom"
1945, May 8. "Dear Bea" "Love Tom" (China)
1945, May 25. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Bad Grund, Germany)
1945, May 26. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Bad Grund, Germany)
1945, May 27. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Bad Grund, Germany)
1945, June 5. "Dearest Bea (Rome) "lovingly your, Bill" (Chatikov, Czechoslovakia)
1945, June 10. "Dear Bea" (Rome) "God Bless You Tom" (China)
1945 June 13. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied PW Camp, Pilsen, Czech)
1945, June 15. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Truly yours, Bill" (APW Camp, Pilsen, Czechoslovakia)
1945, June 18. Post card from Czechoslovakia
1945, September 14. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Terneuzen, Holland)
1945, September 20. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Mons, Belgium)

Copies of letters:

1944, January 1. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 2. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 20. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 22. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"

1944, November 23. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 24. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 25. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 26. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (England)
1944, November 27. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, November 29. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Love, Bill"
1944, December 2. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 3. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 6. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 7. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 10. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Most Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 13. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 15. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
[n.d.], December 16. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Still loving you very much, Bill"
1944, December 17. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 18. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 19. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 20. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 21. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
[n.d] (Christmas Day) "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 26. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1944, December 28. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "I love you lots, Bill"
1944, December 29. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
[n.d.] "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Somewhere in France)
1945, January 22. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Somewhere in France)
1945, January 23. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Somewhere in France)
1945, January 30. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, February 6. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Somewhere in Holland)
1945, February 7. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Somewhere in Holland)
1945, February 8. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Somewhere in Holland)
1945, February 10. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Holland) (2 pgs)
1945, February 11. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Holland)
1945, February 13. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Holland)
1945, February 14. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, February 15. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Holland)
1945, February 25. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Holland)
1945, February 26. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) " Bill" (Holland)
1945, March 8. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
1945, March 9. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, March 10. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
1945, March 11. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, March 13. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
1945, March 16. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
1945, March 18. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
1945, April 13. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Love, Bill"
1945, April 14. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, April 24. "Dear Bea" (Rome) "Take good care of yourself Tom" (China)
1945, April 25. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, May 1. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
1945, May 6. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "God Bless and take good care of you, Bill"
1945, May 11. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
1945, May 14. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"

1945, May 15. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
 1945, May 17. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Germany)
 1945, May 18. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Bad Grund, Germany)
 1945, May 21. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "I love you much, Bill"
 1945, May 22. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" [note to save this letter as it lists the different places he traveled through Europe]
 1945, May 23. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
 1945, May 24. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Bad Grund, Germany)
 1945, June 4. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Pileen, Czechoslovakia)
 1945, June 10. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied Prisoner of War Camp, Pileen, Czech)
 1945, June 12. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied PW Camp, Pileen, Czechoslovakia)
 1945, June 14. "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied PW Camp Pileen Czech)
 1945, June 15. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied Prisoner of War Camp, Pileen, Czech)
 1945, June 16. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied PW Camp, Pileen, Czech)
 1945, June 17. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied PW Camp, Pileen, Czech)
 1945, June 17. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied Prisoner of War Camp, Pileen, Czech)
 1945, June 24. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied PW Camp, Pileen, Czechoslovakia)
 [n.d.] "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied Prisoner of War Camp Pileen, Czech)
 [n.d.] "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied Prisoner of War Camp Pileen, Czech)
 [n.d.] "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Allied Prisoner of War Camp, Pileen, Czech)
 1945, July 3. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Pileen, Czechoslovakia)
 1945, July 4. "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lovingly yours, Bill" (Pileen, Czechoslovakia)
 1945, September 3. "Dearest Bea" (Watertown) "Lovingly yours, Bill"
 [n.d.] "Dearest Bea" (Rome) "Lots of love honey and may God bless you, Bill"
 [n.d.] "Dearest Bea" "Joe"

Civil War Diary dated December 23, 1862 of Lewis Murray of Morley Company K, 6th New York Cavalry on Dec. 16th 1861 and joined the Regt at Staten Island New York on Dec. 18th.

Miscellaneous items:

Dog tags of William J. Murray
 patches from uniform
 leather change purse with several receipts from "Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen" made out to a L. H. Fulton November 1937 (2) February 1938 June 1938 October 1938
 knife and fork with "USN" inscribed
 Silver bracelet with "BEA" inscribed
 Brass belt buckle
 parts of bracelet with scenes of Paris
 foreign coins
 pen knife
 military pins
 asst. other buttons and stones
 paper currency (German)

Booklet "American Army of Plzen"

Booklet "The Thundering Herd - 8th Armored Division"

1943 Notebook of William Murray while he was in The Armored Force School, Fort Knox, Kentucky
Folder of material of William Murray while in Officer Candidate School, Fort Knox, Kentucky including booklets "The Armored Force School" on subjects such as "Motor inspection Guide" - 1942, "Inspection Guide II" - 1943, a chart of "Military Symbols Armored Force" - 1942, "Wheeled Vehicle Dept. 1942 Chief of Section Inspection Guide", "Half Track, M2 Scout Car and M3 Personnel Carrier" - 1942, "Motor March Inspections" - 1942. Also included are instruction sheets on various subjects, class notes, and work sheets.

Booklet of photos "Erinnerung an Bad Grund, Oberharz"

flyer to the Headquarters 8th Armored Division thanking them "for job well done and for the part you have played in speeding the arrival of V-E Day".

newspaper clipping "3 Murray Brothers in Armed Forces" (Joseph C., Thomas J. and William J.)

photo of William ???

January-December 1959 Evaluation of Beatrice E. Murray as a Dental Hygienist at the St. Lawrence State Hospital Ogdensburg, NY