

Collection Summary

ID Number: MSS 310

Title: Aakhus Family Collection

Extent: 2 Boxes

Span Dates: 1910s – 2010s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Various

Abstract: The Aakhus Family Collection consists of letters, correspondence and other items about World War II and fashion from 1914 to 2012.

Historical Notes: “Michael Aakhus has been professor of printmaking and painting at the University of Southern Indiana since 1977, and currently serves as the dean for the College of Liberal Arts. He was born in Minnesota on the Canadian border and attended Bemidji State University where he earned a BA in art and art history. Aakhus received an MFA in printmaking, painting, and drawing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and in 1976-1977 he was the recipient of a grant to continue his creative work with the Roswell Artist in Residence Program where he spent a year painting and making prints in New Mexico.” Aakhus retired at the end of the 2015 Fall semester. The Ralph Aakhus in this collection was his father. [University of Southern Indiana: Southern Indiana Review, Spring 2015](#)

Selected Search Terms

Keywords:

Related Materials: Arts and Entertainment; Business and Industry; History; Military History; People and Communities; Photographs; Publications; Related Materials -- 1901-1950; Related Materials -- 1951-2000; Related Materials -- 2001-2050; Related Materials -- n.d.; Special Collections; Transportation

Administrative Information

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| Correspondences from Ralph Aakhus to Family | 1944-1945 | Box 1, Folder 1 | RL 3027 |
| Correspondences from Ralph Aakhus to Family | 1945-1946 | Box 1, Folder 2 | RL 3027 |
| Correspondences from Ralph Aakhus to Family | 1945-1946 | Box 1, Folder 3 | RL 3027 |
| Correspondences from Ralph Aakhus to Family | 1944 | Box 1, Folder 4 | RL 3027 |
| Correspondences from Ralph Aakhus to Family | 1944 | Box 1, Folder 5 | RL 3027 |
| Correspondences from Ralph Aakhus to Family | 1942-1943 | Box 1, Folder 6 | RL 3027 |

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| <i>This Was Pastel</i> Book with Correspondences | 1947-1994 | Box 1, Folder 11 | RL 3027 |
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| Blue and Red Flower Pattern Beaded Purse | 1930 | Box 1, Folder 18 | RL 3027 |
| Silver and Gold Beaded Purse | 1950 | Box 1, Folder 19 | RL 3027 |
| Southwestern Indian Moccasin | n.d. | Box 1, Folder 20 | RL 3027 |
| Gold, Green, and Pink Bracelets | n.d. | Box 1, Folder 21 | RL 3027 |
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