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**YEATMAN-POLK COLLECTION
PAPERS, 1934-1955
ADDITION**

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INTRODUCTION

The Yeatman-Polk Collection, Addition, 1934-1955, is centered on Trezevant Player Yeatman III (1914-1996), Doctor of Sociology, and his wife, Nancy (McDearman) Yeatman (1914-1996), history teacher, of Nashville, Tennessee. The Yeatman-Polk Collection (Addition) is deposited through the agency of Ted Yeatman, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure .42 feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Yeatman-Polk Collection Addition may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Yeatman-Polk Collection Addition (VII-M-3) contains approximately 900 items, and spans the period 1934 to 1955 concentrating on the World War II experience of T.P. Yeatman, Jr., the early teaching career of Nancy McDearman, and their eventual marriage. Clippings, correspondence, newspapers, post cards, photographs, and printed materials comprise the collection.

The collection is largely composed of correspondence from Trez Yeatman to his fiancée, Nancy McDearman, who lived in Rocky Mount, NC. Although the early letters, addressed to Miss McDearman, pertain to the high school teaching position she was to receive, the bulk of the correspondence traces Yeatman's career from student, to draftee, and subsequently as a Military Clerk in Europe.

Following graduation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Yeatman toured Europe in 1937. He acquired a Masters Degree in Sociology at UNC, and then started a PhD. at the University of Illinois. When America entered the war he was drafted, and left his studies unfinished. He arrived in England in September 1942 where he was to spend two and a half years.

Yeatman's stays in England allowed him visit historical places and attend the theatre and opera. It was not long before his interest in Nancy McDearman, who was a schoolmate at UNC, began to blossom. The volume of his letters are mostly personal in nature, highlighting Yeatman's travels around England while on furlough, and his feeling of endearment to McDearman, whom, he had not seen since 1940.

The latter part of his service was spent stationed in France, where he labored until the end of the war, and managed to travel and gather mementoes. He left Europe in November 1945. Upon arrival at home near Columbia, TN, he began preparing his dissertation on sociological aspects of the military. After nearly six years of correspondence with McDearman, he visited Rocky Mount where they reunited on February 2, 1946. They married in August 1946, and lived separately as Yeatman finished up his PhD. in 1947 at UNC, Chapel Hill.

A unique selection of newspapers from London and Paris contain news items of the war between 1943 to 1945. There are 15 different English papers, and 14 French. Post cards, guides, programs, and collectors' items of historical and entertainment value round off the collection as being a good source of war memorabilia. It is a particularly good study on how the war affected these two people, and how conditions drew them together in support of one another.

CONTAINER LIST

Microfilm Container List

Microfilm Reel # 1

Box 1

1. Cards – Post cards – England
2. Cards – Invitations – Telegrams
3. Photograph – Miscellaneous
4. Printed Materials – Booklets – Cartoons – Guides

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Box 2

1. Clippings – Miscellaneous
2. Clippings – London Theatre
3. Clippings – Lists of plays and musicals
4. Printed Materials – Pamphlets – Programs
5. Printed Materials – Booklets – Bulletins
6. Printed Materials – Pamphlets – Map – Richmond, Virginia

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Box 3

1. Cards – Post cards – France
2. Clippings – Magazine – English
3. Maps – Guides – English
4. Notes – English
5. Printed Materials – Bulletins – Entertainment – English
6. Printed Materials – Booklets – Bulletins – French
7. Clippings – Magazine – French

Microfilm Reel # 1

Box 4

1. Correspondence – 1934 to August 31, 1943 – USA – England
2. Correspondence – V-Mail 1944 – England
3. Correspondence – V-Mail 1945 – England
4. Correspondence – Air Mail September 1943 to December 30, 1943 – England
5. Correspondence – Air Mail 1944 – England

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Box 5

1. Correspondence – Air Mail – England – France
2. Correspondence – Air Mail 1946 – France – USA
3. Correspondence – 1947, 1953, 1955
4. Correspondence – Miscellaneous empty envelopes

Microfilm Reel # 2

Box 6

1. Correspondence – V-Mail – November 19, 1942 to July 24, 1944 – England

Microfilm Reel # 2

Box 7

1. Newspapers – *Daily Express* – July 1, 1943
2. Newspapers – *Daily Express* – May 1, 1945
3. Newspapers – *Daily Express* – September 1, 1945
4. Newspapers – *Daily Express* – July 7, 1944
5. Newspapers – *Daily Herald* – May 27, 1943
6. Newspapers – *Daily Mail* – September 28, 1944
7. Newspapers – *Daily Mail* – December 20, 1944
8. Newspapers – *Daily Mail* – December 28, 1944
9. Newspapers – *Daily Mail* – March 28, 1945
10. Newspapers – *The Daily Sketch* – July 31, 1943
11. Newspapers – *The Daily Sketch* – August 11, 1943
12. Newspapers – *The Daily Sketch* – March 31, 1945
13. Newspapers – *The Daily Telegraph* – March 7, 1945
14. Newspapers – *The Evening News* – June 7, 1944
15. Newspapers – *The Evening News* – September 18, 1944
16. Newspapers – *The Evening News* – September 6, 1945
17. Newspapers – *The Evening Standard* – May 26, 1943
18. Newspapers – *New Leader* – September 1, 1945
19. Newspapers – *News Chronicle* – April 2, 1945
20. Newspapers – *The Observer* – May 16, 1943
21. Newspapers – *The Star* – September 3, 1945
22. Newspapers – *Sunday Dispatch* – June 6, 1943
23. Newspapers – *Sunday Dispatch* – June 20, 1943
24. Newspapers – *Sunday Dispatch* – August 8, 1943
25. Newspapers – *Sunday Dispatch* – August 15, 1943
26. Newspapers – *Sunday Express* – September 10, 1944
27. Newspapers – *Sunday Graphic* – June 20, 1943
28. Newspapers – *Sunday Times* – August 26, 1945
29. Newspapers – *Cesoir* – March – 1945
30. Newspapers – *Cesoir* – April 1945
31. Newspapers – *Combat* – March 1945
32. Newspapers – *Le Figaro* – March 1945
33. Newspapers – *France Libre* – September 1944
34. Newspapers – *France Libre* – March 1945
35. Newspapers – *France Soir* – March 1945
36. Newspapers – *France Soir* – April 1945
37. Newspapers – *l'Humanite* – September 1944
38. Newspapers – *l'Humanite* – October 1944
39. Newspapers – *l'Humanite* – January 1945
40. Newspapers – *l'Humanite* – March 1945

41. Newspapers – *Liberation Soir* – March 1945
42. Newspapers – *Liberation* – March 1945
43. Newspapers – *Le Lorrain* – May 1945
44. Newspapers – *Paris Presse* – April 1945
45. Newspapers – *Le Populaire* – March 1945
46. Newspapers – *Le Republican Lorrain* – May 1945
47. Newspapers – *Temps Present* – September 1944
48. Newspapers – Untitled – March 1945