

**MILLER (CHARLES W.) LETTERS**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	1 linear foot
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Rapides Parish, Louisiana; Rochester, New York
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1941-1942
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	N/A
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Letters, postcards, and miscellaneous printed items sent from Charles W. Miller, a private in the U.S. Army during World War II, to his fiancée and later wife Dorothy Northrup. Several letters from friends and relatives of the couple are also included.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Charles W. Miller, of Rochester, New York, joined the U.S. Army in April of 1941 and in May, 1941 was stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, as part of the 69th Quartermaster Company, Refrigeration Division. At that time, Miller was engaged to Dorothy Agnes Northrup of Rochester. In October, 1941 the couple were married in Shreveport, Louisiana. Charles Miller's father was W.E. Miller; his sisters were Laura and Hazel. In the summer of 1941, Charles's mother died. Charles Miller was promoted from Private to Private First Class in January 1942, and later that year his company was transferred from Camp Claiborne to an unspecified destination, most likely overseas.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists primarily of letters from Charles W. Miller to his fiancée and later wife, Dorothy A. Northrup. Also included are some postcards and miscellaneous manuscript and printed items. The majority of the materials date from May 1941 through May 1942 while Miller was stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and Northrup was residing in Rochester, New York. Most of the materials pertain to the betrothal, marriage, and long distance relationship sustained by Miller and Northrup during this time. Many letters describe life on a U.S. Army post and in upstate New York during the early years of World War II. Several letters from friends and relatives of Miller and Northrup are included in the collection.

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**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

**Series I. Correspondence (1941-1942).**

Includes approximately 150 letters written between May 1941 and May 1942 which pertain to the engagement and marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Northrup. The activities of Miller at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, are described as are the events of Northrup's life in New York at this time. Also includes one letter from Dorothy Northrup to Charles Miller; one letter from Miller to his father, W.E. Miller; a letter from Johnny Friend, Miller's bunkmate, to Miss Northrup; and several letters exchanged between Miller and Northrup and their friends.

**Series II. Photographs (undated).**

Includes one photograph of Charles W. Miller and one of Miss Edna Gray.

**Series III. Printed Items (undated).**

Contains newspaper clippings, postcards, valentines, and other ephemera which were included as part of Miller's correspondence with Dorothy Northrup.

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**INDEX TERMS**

Betrothal.

Love-letters.

Marriage.

Military posts--Louisiana.

United States. Army--History--World War, 1939-1945.

United States. Army--Military life.

United States. Army--Supplies and stores.

World War, 1939-1945--Food supply.

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