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Finding Aid of

BURKHAMMER FAMILY LETTERS

1942-1955

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Summary Information

Compiled By: Meredith McFadden; Flora Smith, editor

Creator: Joe Burkhammer; Geraldine Burkhammer

Date: 1942-1955; Bulk, 1953-1955

Physical Description: 0.21 linear feet. This collection consists of 3 folders in 1 document box.

Language: English

Abstract

In order to support his family, Joe Burkhammer moved from Greene County, Arkansas to Davis, Michigan. There he obtained work and was able to send money back home to his wife and two children. This collection contains the letters from Joe to his wife Geraldine during the times that he was away working in Michigan and letters that Joe received from Geraldine and their children.

Acquisition

This collection was transferred from the Arkansas State University Museum to Archives & Special Collections in 2013. Further additions to the collection are not expected.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Meredith McFaddon, Jennifer Hardin, and Flora Smith.

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Biographical Note

Joe Burkhammer was born in 1912. He married Geraldine Hendrix (b. 1919) in Greene County, Arkansas on December 12, 1936. Two years later they welcomed a daughter, Betty Ruth Burkhammer. Their second child, Joseph Burkhammer, was born in 1940.

Beginning in 1942, Joe left his family in Paragould, Arkansas to seek work in Michigan. During his time in Michigan, Joe worked a variety of odd jobs - including field work and factory work. Over the next 13

years, he regularly corresponded with his family in Arkansas and sent back the majority of each paycheck. He also made regular visits to see his family in Arkansas.

Scope and Content Note

The Burkhammer Family Letters consists of letters written between Joe and Geraldine Burkhammer while Joe Burkhammer was working in Michigan. It is arranged in chronological order starting with letters written by Joe Burkhammer with the final folder consisting of letters received by Joe Burkhammer.

Subjects

- Correspondence
- Family records

Names

- Davis (Mich.)
- Lawrence County (Ark.)
- Ray (Mich. : Township)
- Burkhammer, Geraldine
- Burkhammer, Joe

Collection Inventory

Box 1:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
1	Letters from Joe Burkhammer	1942, 1952-1954, undated
2	Letters from Joe Burkhammer	1955
3	Letters to Joe Burkhammer	1955