



BHC-MSS 0187
Guide to the Pankiewicz Family Collection
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Pankiewicz family

Title: Pankiewicz family Collection

Dates: 1919-1961

Quantity: .8 liner feet

Abstract. The Pankiewicz family lived in Milford, Connecticut, running a farm in the area that is now along Wheeler's Farm Road. Two of their sons, John Joseph (1916-1993) and Anthony Peter (1907-1972), served in World War II. The photographs in the collection provide insight into what life on the home front was like in contrast to those serving in the war.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

The Pankiewicz family lived in Milford, Connecticut, running a farm in the area that is now along Wheeler's Farm Road. Two of their sons, John Joseph (1916-1993) and Anthony Peter (1907-1972), served in World War II.

John, born on June 14, 1916, served in the Air Force. Following that, he worked in plastics at Sikorsky Aircraft before retiring in 1981. He died on August 8, 1993.

Anthony was born on August 15, 1907. He served in the army during the second World War. When he returned to Milford, he worked as a carpenter until he died unexpected on November 3, 1972.

Scope and Content note:

While the collection contains some World War II related documentation, including official paperwork, scant personal notes, and printed ephemera, the collection's strength lies in the photographs from the late 1930s and into 1957. The World War II years document not only John's and Anthony's time in camp and over in the European theater of war, but also the family's farming life in Milford. The juxtaposition provides valuable insight into the home front from a farming perspective, as well as the equipment and animals kept.

Arrangement Note:

All material is arranged chronologically. Series I contains World War II documents, series II contains photographs, and series III contains pre- and post-war documents related to life in Milford, Connecticut.

Administrative information:

Provenance: Found in collections

Preferred Citation:

Pankiewicz Family Collection (BHC-MSS 0187), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Thunfors, Lyman

Corporate names

Jenkins Brothers

Subject tracings

Industry

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

Series I, World War II

1. Army forms, Anthony Pankiewicz, 1940-1945
2. Veterans Affairs Administration for Anthony Pankiewicz, 1945-1948
3. Army forms, John Pankiewicz, 1943-1945
4. Correspondence home from both sons, 1943-1945
5. 3rd Combat [?] sonic mission 1 assignment, May 3, 1945
6. Memoir and poems undated
7. Brazil News, 1945
8. Flight Morrison Field newsletter, 1945
9. Yank Magazine, 1945
10. Army pamphlets, 1942-1945
11. Music and lyric sheets, 1942-1945
12. Charts, chemicals, ranks, c. 1942
13. Second Air Division memorial book, 1945
14. Stationary sets, undated
15. Postcards, 1940s
16. Clippings, 1945

Series III, Additional material

17. Motorcycle registration cards, 1919=1924
18. Notebook, 1931
19. Additional documents, Anthony Pankiewicz, 1937-1964
20. Additional documents, John Pankiewicz, 1943

Series II, Photographs

Box 2

1. Photographs, 1937-1940
2. Photographs, 1941
3. Photographs, 1942
4. Photographs, 1943
5. Photographs, 1944
6. Photographs, 1945
7. Photographs, World War II, 1942-1945
8. Photographs, 1946-1957
9. Photographs, undated
10. Negatives, 1920s-1940s
11. Negatives, 1920s-1940s
12. Negatives, 1920s-1940s
13. Bag with uniform buttons, c. 1940s
14. Canvas green bag, c. 1940s
15. Fort McClellan pennant, c. 1940s