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H18-1996. Orr Family.

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Abstract

Sailor, 1907-1919; United States Coast Guard, 1917-1918 and 1942. Collection includes photographs, correspondence, clippings, reports, and currency relating to Harry L. Orr's time as a sailor, service in the World Wars, and family business. Also contains records and correspondence of Orr family concerning the tug boat *Leona G.*, as well as personal memorabilia from Harry's military service.

Accession No: H18-1996
Provenance: Orr Family
Donor: Rick and Becky Van Eenenaam
Photographs: 506 images (Boxes 1 and 2)
Processed by: Sarah Lundy, March 2019

Biography

The Orr family was made up of William H. Orr (1867-1923), his wife Retta I. Orr (1870-1943), their son Harry L. Orr (1891-1967), and their daughter Gladys Orr (1902-?). Harry was married to Beatrice "Bea" E. Orr (1890-1972). Harry and Beatrice's son was William "Bill" Orr (1925-2005). William H. Orr was the manager of Citizens Telephone and owned the yacht *Idella*.

Harry L. Orr served aboard the steamship *Puritan* during the 1908 sailing season. He also served aboard the *C. F. Curtis*, which was owned by the Edward Hines Lumber Company of Chicago, Illinois. The *C. F. Curtis* sank on November 19, 1914, in Lake Superior with all fourteen crew members aboard, along with the tow barge *Selden E. Marvin* (7 crew members) and *Annie F. Peterson* (9 crew members); Harry was not aboard. He also missed serving on the ill-fated *Soo City* the same year that she sank in the Atlantic Ocean, in November 1908. Harry was aboard the *U.S.S. Ossipee* (WPG-50) when it was torpedoed by a German submarine during World War I.

Scope and Content

The Orr family collection was purchased at the estate sale of Ginny Orr, widow of William "Bill" Orr by Rick and Becky Van Eenenaam in an effort to keep the collection together. The collection is made up of hundreds of photographs, many of Harry L. Orr and his time as a sailor on the Great Lakes and with the U.S. Coast Guard before and during the World Wars. The collection also includes biographical information concerning Harry L. Orr's time as a sailor. Other images concern local businesses and the Orr family.

Container List

Box 1

Orr, Harry

Biographical, 1908-1956 (2 folders)

Book, *Aboard the Seth Parker*, 1934

Correspondence

While aboard Steamer *Curtis*, 1911-1913 (2 folders) (43 images)

While aboard U. S. Revenue Cutter *Mohawk*, 1914-1915 (2 folders) (54 images)

With Family, 1907-1919 (4 folders) (120 postcards)

Currency and Notes, n.d.

Newspaper Clippings, n.d.

Photographs (3 folders)

Boats and Ships, n.d. (19 images)

Fish Tug *Leona G.*, ca. 1936-1937 (4 images)

Orr, Harry, n.d. (18 images)

Rail Car Accident, n.d. (6 images)

Water Town Construction, n.d. (3 images)

Orr, William "Bill"

Correspondence with Grunst, Robert, Concerning the *Leona G.*, 1983-1993

Photograph, n.d. (1 image)

Orr, William H.

Biographical, 1923

Photograph Albums

Album #1, n.d. (47 images)

Orr Family, William H., n.d. (111 images)

Photographs

Citizen's Telephone Company, n.d. (2 images)

Events, n.d. (4 images)

Fisher, "Doc," n.d. (1 image)

Jackson's Garage/Star Auto Company, n.d. (5 images)

Macatawa Garage, n.d. (5 images)

Orr, William H., Family, n.d. (11 images)

People, n.d. (18 images)

Sailboats, n.d. (6 images)

Steamer *Argo*, 1905 (2 images)

Steamer *Puritan*, n.d. (1 image)

Steamer *Soo City*, n.d. (2 images)

Superior Ice Company, n.d. (1 image)

Yacht *Idella*, n.d. (28 images)

Yellow Cab Company, n.d. (2 images)

Box 2 (Oversized)

Photographs (cont.)

Orr Family Home, n.d. (3 images)

Orr, Harry, n.d. (1 image)

Places, n.d. (6 images)

Yacht *Idella*, n.d. (4 images)
Sheet Music, *Slippery Waves*, n.d.