



William Jarret Hylbert  
Letters, 1941-1945

Collection 66

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Sherrie Bowser

**Creator/Corporate name:** William Jarret Hylbert

**Inclusive Dates:** 1941-1945

**Physical Description:** 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The William Jarret Hylbert letters were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in August 2004.

**Access:**

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**Biographical Note:**

William Jarret Hylbert was born February 12, 1914 in Gifford, Illinois. He was the son of Anna Lou (Fox) Hylbert (1874-1957) and Samuel Leonard Hylbert (1866-1961). The Hylbert family came to Illinois from West Virginia. William's education included an Associate's degree from Blackburn College (1934), a B.S. in education from the University of Illinois (1941), a practical nurse license from Parkland College, and an emergency medical technician certificate. He worked in a variety of fields over the years including: grocer, education, and nursing.

Hylbert was drafted into the Army in 1941 where he served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. He was recalled for an additional 19 months of service in 1952.

After an initial visit to Haiti in 1989, Hylbert was deeply concerned about the poverty and distress on the island and founded the Alain Rocourt Endowment for Haitian Relief. He was also one of the founders of the Country Health Nursing Home in Gifford.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection is divided into 2 categories. The first is a collection of letters to William Jarret Hylbert written primarily by his mother during 1941-1945 while he was serving in the military. The second consists of the letters Hylbert wrote to his parents during the same time period. Most of the letters are dated 1942-1943. He served in North Africa and Sicily during these years. There are many pieces of V-mail present.

**Subjects Terms:**

Soldiers -- Family Relationships -- United States

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World War, 1939-1945  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Africa  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal Narratives, American  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Italy

**Name Terms:**

Hylbert, William J.  
Hylbert, Anna

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

Folders 1-5: Letters to William Jarret Hylbert, 1941-1945  
Folders 6-8: Postcards and letters written by William Jarret Hylbert, 1941-1943  
Folder 9: Undated letters  
Folder 10: Biographical sketch of William James Hylbert