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Introduction

The Jack W. Savage Papers were accessioned into the Wright State University Special Collections and Archives in October 1992. They were donated by Jack Winfield Savage of Centerville, Ohio.

The materials in this collection date from 1861-1993 and fill eight Hollinger boxes and span 4.5 linear feet. The collection is arranged into nine series as follows:

- Series I: Biographical Information
- Series II: World War II Letters
- Series III: World War II Scrapbook & Miscellaneous Material
- Series IV: World War II Signal Corps Soldier Book
- Series V: World War II Photographs
- Series VI: Civil War Materials
- Series VII: World War I Materials
- Series VIII: Jack W. Savage Publications
- Series IX: Video Tapes

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Biographical Sketch

Jack Winfield Savage was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 2, 1925. On November 4, 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Signal Corps. After training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, Mr. Savage served in the Pacific Theater of WWII including New Guinea, Luzon (Philippines), and occupied Japan. After returning to civilian life in 1946, he finished high school (which had been interrupted by the war), and then attended the Engineering School at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan. In June 1950, he completed his Electrical Engineering degree at the University of Toledo. In July 1950, Mr. Savage started at DELCO Products Division of General Motors Corporation located in Dayton, Ohio, where he worked for 37.25 years. While working at DELCO he designed/engineered many items which we use daily. Jack Savage has a profound sense of history, which led to his family research on the Civil War and World War I, as well as his impressive collection of World War II materials. He has also written a number of books on his family, along with his own experiences during World War II and while working at DELCO.

Scope and Content

Series I, Biographical Information, consists of biographical sketches of Jack Savage and his parents. Information about his post WWII employment with DELCO is detailed in this series. A map showing Jack Savage's WWII Pacific travels is also included. In addition, there are photographs of Mr. Savages WWII Uniform Insignia and Medals, along with a folder containing information concerning Mr. Savages membership in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Series II, World War II Letter, contains letters-communications between Jack Savage and a variety of people, mostly his parents. The letters are divided into groupings: before Army induction, after induction but before going overseas, overseas letters (some "V Mail"), letters from friends, and end of and after WWII letters. Jack Savage's address book is also included toward the end of this series. Included in this series is a copy of his book *A Signal Corpsman's Letters, 1943-1946*, which was printed in 1990.

Series III, World War II Scrapbook and Miscellaneous Material, contains a monumental scrapbook. It has photos, postcards, news clippings, certificates, Army patches, invasion money, and even copies of "Yank" (soldier's news). There is a nice "WAR OVER" headlined newspaper in the scrapbook, as well as a name and address list. This series also contains a variety of miscellaneous material including a booklet for the 65th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in 1944, WWII ration books, a August 15, 1945 copy of the *Daily Pacifican* announcing "War Over," and a book *G-I've Been Around*. Finally, the series includes several items pertaining to Mr. Savage's brother, Richard, who served in the Navy during WWII and made the Navy a career.

Series IV, World War II Signal Corps Soldier Book, consists of a book, *Signal Corps Soldier 1943-1946*, written by Jack Savage about his war experiences. The series also contains a handwritten manuscript and college theme on the same subject. Supporting photos, maps, and illustrations used in the book round out this series.

Series V, World War II Photographs, contains a photo album mostly of New Guinea, the Philippines, and Tokyo. The series also includes an envelope containing miscellaneous WWII photographs.

Series VI, Civil War Materials, contains a book written by Jack Savage entitled *Fighting for Union 1861-1865, An Ohio Family Saga*. The book is about Jack Savage's 5 great grandfathers who fought in Ohio companies during the Civil War. Fascinating supporting documents included are photos, an original Civil War discharge paper, and original letters from a Civil War soldier. Series IX contains a video tape made in 1993 on this subject as well.

Series VII, World War I Materials, consists of WWI era materials, mostly about Jack Savage's father, Russell Savage. There is a 1917 dollar bill, original WWI discharge, employee cards, military Rest and Recreation pass, and a WWI panoramic Troop Photo.

Series VIII, Jack W. Savage Publications, contains fourteen Jack Savage books written on a

wide-variety of subjects. The books include such topics as the “Life and Times” of his father, his own experiences during World War II, his engineering career at DELCO Products, his romance with railroading, his the courtship of his wife, Jeanne. The books were published during a 13-year period from 1994 to 2007.

Series IX, Video Tapes, contains three video tapes. The tapes include “Fighting for Union” (see Series VI), “An Interview of Jack & Jeanne Savage,” and Jack Savage, “WWII Soldier Interview.”

Container Listing

Series I: Biographical Information

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Autobiographical Sketch of Jack W. Savage	1992
	2	Photo of Jack Savage	
	3	Picture of Savage home	ca. 1940's
	4	Pacific map of Jack Savage's WWII travels	1944-1946
	5	Jack Savage College Graduation photo	1950
	6	Jack Savage Delco employment material	1950
	7	Russell Alger Savage Biographical Sketch (Jack's father)	1892-1959
	8	Goldie Marie McClary Biographical Sketch (Jack's mother)	1893-1984
	9	Jack Savage letter to the editor about atomic bomb justification	1990
	10	Photographs – WWII Uniform Insignia & Medals of Jack W. Savage	1995
	11	National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution – Patriot Henry Savage	1997

Series II: World War II Letters

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	12	Jack Savage letters before Army induction	1943
	13	Jack Savage letters after Army induction before going overseas	1943-1944
	14	Jack Savage 36 "V Mail" Letters	1944
	15	Jack Savage overseas letters (some V Mail) – includes telegram notifying mother of furlough, April 1944	1944-1945
	16	Jack Savage overseas letters	1945-1946
	17	Christmas Card from Luzon, PI.	1945
	18	Letters from Carl Miller & Ozzie Malone	1945-1946
	19	Letters from Jack Hayes (boyhood friend)	1943-1945
	20	Letters from Robert Rothballer & picture	1942
	21	Jack Savage – End of WWII service letters from his mother (including info on brother's VJ Day wedding)	1945-1946
	22	Jack Savage – End of WWII service letters from his father	1945-1946
	23	Letter and telegrams – return home from Pacific	1945-1946
	24	Book, <i>A Signal Corpsman's Letters, 1943-1946</i> . (transcribed letters) by Jack Savage	1990

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	25	Original letters used in book, <i>A Signal Corpsman's Letters</i>	1943-1946
	26	Letter to Heb and Eunice Seidell	1945
	27	Jack Savage Address Book	1943-1946

Series III: World War II Scrapbook & Miscellaneous Material

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2		Scrapbook – photos, postcards, invasion money, certificates, Army patches, and copies of “Yank”	1943-1946
3	1	“War in Headlines...from the Detroit News”	1939-1945
	2	War Rations Book	1943
	3	Booklet – <i>65th Infantry Division, Camp Shelby, Mississippi</i>	1944
	4	“Japanese Radio Controlled Insect Dispensing Rocket”	c.a. 1944
	5	Newspaper – <i>Daily Pacifican Extra</i> “War Over” (Located in Oversize Location 53, Folder 1)	Aug. 15, 1945
	6	Book – <i>G-I've Been Around</i> , by Jack W. Savage	1945
	7	Commonwealth of the Philippines Coin Set	1945
	8	Address List	1946
	9	Newspaper Clippings, re. book: <i>A Sense of Service</i>	Nov. 13, 1993
	10	Army Service Experiences Questionnaire, U.S. Army Military History Institute (Completed by Jack W. Savage)	Jul 1994
	11	Booklet – <i>N.A.S. Livermore, CA: A Pictorial Review of Station Activities</i>	1944
	12	Book – <i>Strength for Service to God and Country</i> (Presented to Jack W. Savage)	Feb. 14, 1945
	13	Navy Commendation Medal – Captain Richard A. Savage (Copy) (Brother)	1969

Series IV: World War II Signal Corps Soldier Book

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Book – <i>Signal Corps Soldier, 1943-1945</i> , by Jack Savage	1990
	2	Handwritten manuscript for Signal Corps Soldier and college theme on same subject	1945-1946
	3	Illustrations for Signal Corp Soldier book including maps, photos, and money	1943-1946

Series V: World War II Photographs

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	1	Photo Album mostly of New Guinea, the Philippines and occupied Tokyo	1943-1946
	2	Miscellaneous WWII photos	1943-1946

Series VI: Civil War Materials

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	Book – <i>Fighting for Union, 1861-1865: An Ohio Family Saga</i> , by Jack Savage (Savage Family History)	1991
	2	Civil War letters, originals	1861-1864
	3	Civil War discharge – William S. McClary	1865
	4	Certificate for Honorable Civil War Service copy – with Abraham Lincoln’s signature	1864
	5	Civil War Photographs (portraits)	c.a. 1863
	6	Newspaper article on Lincoln death	1865

Series VII: World War I Materials

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	7	WWI Discharge Paper – Russell Savage original	1919
	8	1917 Dollar Bill	1917
	9	WWI military pass/employee cards	1917-1919
	10	1927 Government Insurance Policy	1927
	11	Herbert Savage WWI Discharge (copy)	1992
	12	WWI Research Paper by Jack Savage	1993
	13	WWI Panoramic Troop Photo (Russel Savage) -Original photo is stored in oversize collection Loc. 53 Folder 1)	1919
	14	Bill of Sale for Oldsmobile & Studebaker Letterhead paper	1903

Series VIII: Jack W. Savage Publications

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	1	<i>Reaching for Maturity, Detroit, Michigan, 1934-1943</i>	1994
	2	<i>Flights of the Savage Brothers, 1943-1969</i>	1995
	3	<i>The Life and Times of My Father, Russel A. Savage, 1892-1959</i>	1995
	4	<i>Epilogue to the End of the Pacific War, 1945</i>	1995
	5	<i>Naval Air and Sea Operations in the Canal Zone, 1918-1919</i>	1996

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	6	<i>My Engineering Career With DELCO Products, Division of GMC</i>	1996
	7	<i>Detroit Automotive Golden Jubilee, May 29 through June 9, 1946</i>	1996
	8	<i>My Romance with Railroading, 1939-1946</i>	1996
8	1	<i>The Occupation of Japan, 1945-1946: A Soldier's View</i>	1997
	2	<i>Inventions of Jack and John Savage, Engineers' Club Inventors' Exhibit, Dayton, OH, Summer 1999</i>	1999
	3	<i>Growth and Development of Fraternal Twin Granddaughters</i>	1999
	4	<i>The Courtship of Jack Savage</i>	2004
	5	<i>Gettysburg Glimpses: A Photographic Narration</i>	2004
	6	<i>Defending America in the Cold War, 1945 – 1974. Career Highlights of Captain Richard A. Savage, United States Navy</i>	Jun 2007

Series IX: Video Tapes

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
8	7	“Fighting for Union” (A Sense of History Series) by Jack Savage	1993
	8	“An Interview of Jack & Jeanne Savage.” Interviewed by Maureen Russell-Hodgson. Produced by the City of Centerville, OH	Jul. 21, 1994
	9	Jack Savage, “WWII Soldier Interview”	1999