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A Guide to the
Hacker Family Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Hacker Family Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1864-2000

Bulk Dates: 1916-2000

Abstract:

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Biography

Arthur Julius Hacker (April 14, 1916 – July 10, 1999) and Marilyn Agnes Pyne (July 9, 1918 - February 12, 2002) married on February 14, 1947. They had two children, both born in Albany: Craig Arthur Hacker (born July 28, 1951) and Arlynn Jean Hacker (born August 14, 1948). Craig married Linda Louise and they had two children: Allison Hacker Becker and Matthew Hacker.

Arthur Julius Hacker was born in Albany on April 14, 1916. With a military entry date of January 5, 1944, he served in the United States Army as a combat surgeon with the 106th division. On December 16, 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge, along side many deaths and missing United States military, Arthur was captured by the German army as a Prisoner of War. Arthur remained at Stalag 4B as a POW for a month until his move to Stalag 9B. Exact dates on his release are not clear, but a letter to his mother dated May 6, 1945 states that he was “still behind barbed wire, the only difference is that we are now under American control.” Correspondence and telegraphs following this letter support his release into American hands. As a result of his meritorious service

during the war, Arthur was awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and the Combat Medical Badge. His date of separation from the military was December 24, 1946.

Prior to his military history, Arthur attended public elementary and high schools in Rensselaer. After earning a B.A. in Biochemistry at Harvard in Cambridge, MA, Arthur earned the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Albany Medical College, with material stating degree award on March 27, 1943. After his military service, Arthur was self-employed practicing medicine with his wife, Marilyn, as a receptionist. They retired in 1984.

Marilynn Agnes Pyne was born July 9, 1918 in Springfield, MA. The materials explain that she was enlisted in the U.S. Navy WAVES from June 1, 1943 until an honorable discharge on December 6, 1946. A notice of separation from service explains that she was qualified as a medical technologist and worked as a laboratory technician. She attended the U.S Naval Training School in Bronx, NY and the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. After this service, Marilyn matriculated at Simmons College in Boston for one semester but left to become Arthur's wife. The details after her service are lacking, but do mention that she worked as a receptionist at Arthur's doctor office until they retired in 1984.

Marilynn's obituary states that, formerly of Ballston Spa, NY, she died in Ann Arbor, Michigan on February 12, 2002, at the age of 83.

Arthur's parents were Julius C. Hacker and Marie E. DeSeve. Julius Hacker's parents were Adam Hacker and Caroline Fredrick. Marie E. C. DeSeve's` parents were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DeSeve of Rensselaer.

Adam Hacker's parents were Conrad Hacker and Gertrude Lindner. Caroline Fredrick's parents were Christian Fredrick and Anna Maria Beyer (?).

Marilynn's parents were George Pyne and Grace (nee Russell).

Scope and Contents of the Papers

This collection contains documents created and collected by the Hacker Family, primarily by Arthur and Marilyn Hacker, and to a lesser extent their children Arlynn and Craig. The collection contains correspondence, diaries, military records, funeral records, certificates and other materials related to the lives of the Hacker Family. It also contains the results of genealogical research, tracing the lineages of the various components of the family back as far as medieval Germany. There are a substantial number of photographs taken of family members, many with attached metadata labels providing genealogical information about the subject.

The Hacker Family Papers are primarily genealogical, rather than biographical, in nature. While a large amount of biographical and secondary information can be drawn from the military records and the diaries of Marilyn Hacker, the bulk of the materials consist of such materials as vital records, certificates, diplomas and transactional records. These items are useful for tracking family history, but lack exhaustive correspondence files or personal papers that would provide a full picture.

Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection

Series 1: Genealogical Research

The bulk of this series consist of the results of genealogical research collected in a number of unlabeled binders. These materials generally consist of family lines tracking the connections between generations, combined with some biographical and historical notes. These materials focus on the Schmitter, Newbery/Newbury, and Stewart/Stuart family lines. Some modern materials are included, mostly capsule biographies and family trees created for the modern family. In addition, there are ten audio tapes of interviews conducted on family history.

Series 2: Arthur Julius and Marilynn Pyne Hacker

This series consists of materials directly related to Arthur and Marilynn Hacker, including records from their WWII military services and their vital records. Their time in the military is perhaps the best documented aspect of the collection, including clippings, records, correspondence and photographs.

Series 3: Arlynn Hacker and Craig Hacker

This series is composed of materials directly relating to the siblings Arlynn and Craig Hacker. It primarily consists of materials from childhood, including scrapbooks. More modern materials consist of correspondence relating to the death of Marilynn Hacker.

Series 4: Extended Family

This series is a mixture of collected materials relating to various relatives of the core Hacker family. This includes the Deseve, Schmitter and Pyne families. The series is erratic, containing correspondence, clippings, certificates and other materials.

Series 5: Photographs

This series consists of a wide variety of family photographs, taken primarily at family functions. Photographs are foldered by the primary subject of the image. The folder labeled "Hacker Family" contains photo of Arthur, Marilynn, Craig and Arlynn in various combinations.

Related Material

Separated Materials

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| Book | Autograph Book, collected by Mary Schmitter |
| Book | Welcher, Rosalind. <u>It Must Be Hard To Be A Mother</u> . New York: Panda Prints, Inc. 1968 |
| Book | <u>Our Wedding: Form for the Solemnization of Matrimony with Certificate</u> . New York: Methodist Book Concern, 1905 [Julius & Mary DeSeve Hacker] |
| Book | <u>Gammadion</u> . Westfield Highschool Yearbook, 1936 |
| Book | <u>Harvard Freshman Red Book</u> . 1937 |

Book	Fischer, A.F. Sue. <u>Navy Women: A Pictorial History, Vol 2.</u> Dept. of Navy, 1993
Pamphlet	“Old Schenectady” John Papp, undated
Pamphlet	“Schenectady Then and Now” John Papp, 1966
Pamphlet	“Erie Canal Days” John Papp, 1970
Pamphlet	“Albany’s Historic Street” John Papp, 1971
Pamphlet	“Trolleys: The Forgotten Transportation” John Papp, 1968
Pamphlet	“The Records of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County” NYS Division of Archives and History
CDrom	Scanned images of genealogical documents from collection
Daybooks	Diaries, Marilyn Pyne Hacker, 1950-1970
Framed	Mary Elizabeth Schmitter, Photograph in Tramp Art Frame,
Photo	undated
Bible	Family Bible, 1868
Record	Child’s recorded voice, Record, undated

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection
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The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series # [1] . Series Title [Genealogical Research]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	Biographies of Hacker Family, undated
1	2	Descendents from Conrad Hacker, undated
1	3	Genealogical Research, David Russell, Correspondence, Death Certificate, Veterans Records, 1972
1	4	Genealogical Research, Newbery/Newbury Family, undated
1	5	Genealogical Research, Photocopies, Notes, Correspondence, undated
1	6	Genealogical Research, Photocopies, Stuart, Stewart and Schmitter Families, undated
1	7	Genealogical Research, Schmitter Family, undated
1	8	Genealogical Research, Stewart Family, 1926-1928, undated
1	9	Genealogical Research, Stewart/Stuart Family, undated
1	10	Interview of Grace Russell Pyne, Transcript, 1971
1	11	Partial Hacker Family Tree, 1988
1	12	Translation of Schmitter Record, undated
FlatFile	1	Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Interviews, Ten Audio Tapes, 1973, undated
FF 1	2	“Wall of Heroes Dedication Ceremony,” Ann Arbor VA Medical Center, VHS Tape, 1998

Series # [2] . Series Title [Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
2	1	Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Anniversary Cards, undated
2	2	Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Application for Medical Benefits, 1990
2	3	Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Certificate of Marriage, 1947
2	4	Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Funeral Records, 1999, undated
2	5	Arthur J. and Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Presidential Certificates, undated
2	6	Arthur J. Hacker, Certificates, Diplomas, 1929, 1944-1946, 1949-1953, 1959, 1965, 1981-1985, 1993-1994, undated
2	7	Arthur J. Hacker, Clippings, Obituaries, 1973, 1999, undated
2	8	Arthur J. Hacker, Insurance Records, 1945
2	9	Arthur J. Hacker, Military Service Records, 1945, 1951
2	10	Arthur J. Hacker, Portrait Photograph, Awards, undated
2	11	Arthur J. Hacker, Scrapbook, 1943, 1945-1952, 1955, 1968, 1984, undated
2	12	Arthur J. Hacker, Time as Prisoner of War, 1945, 1990, undated
2	13	Arthur J. Hacker, Vital Records, 1944-1946, 1970, undated
2	14	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Certificates, Diplomas, 1932, 1936, 1943, 1966, undated
2	15	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Clippings, 1966-1967, undated
2	16	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Correspondence, 1945-1947
2	17	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Correspondence, 1969-1979, 1981, 1985, 1990, 2000
2	18	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Naval Service Materials, Photographs, Clippings, Notes, undated
2	19	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Vital Records, 1981, 1985
2	20	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, WWII Postcards, 1944-1945
FF 1	1	Photo Album, Marilyn & Arthur Hacker 50 th Wedding Anniversary, 1997
OV 1	1	Arthur J. Hacker, Diplomas, Certificates, 1944-1946, 1952, 1955
OV 1	2	Arthur J. Hacker, Star Registry, 1987
OV 1	3	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, WWII Newspapers, 1944

Series # [3] . Series Title [Arlynn Hacker and Craig Hacker]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
3	1	Arlynn Hacker, Certificates, Transcript, Resume, 1956, undated
3	2	Arlynn Hacker, Correspondence, undated
3	3	Arlynn Hacker, Sympathy Cards on death of Marilyn Hacker, 2002
3	4	Craig Hacker, Birth Certificate, Resume, 1951, undated

3	5	Craig Hacker, Correspondence, 1974, 1976
3	6	Craig Hacker, Graduation Materials, 1976
3	7	Craig Hacker, Psychological Profile, 1962, 1964, 1967
3	8	Craig Hacker, Scrapbook, 1960, 1966-1970, 1973, 1981, 1984, undated
FlatFile	1	Arlynn Hacker, High School Diploma, 1966
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FF 2	2	Arlynn Hacker, "Our Own Baby" Record Book, 1948

Series # [4] . Series Title [Extended Family]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
4	1	Allison Hacker and Phillip Becker, Wedding Program, 1999
4	2	Charles H. Smith, Clipping, 1914
4	3	DeSeve Funeral Materials, 1936, 1941, 1970, undated
4	4	Ferd Russell, Fireman's License, 1920
4	5	Ferdinand Schmitter, Discharge, 1864
4	6	Ferdinand Schmitter, Publications, 1908-1909, 1933
4	7	George and Grace Pyne, Correspondence, Certificates, 1946, 1950, 1956
4	8	George Pyne, Funeral Materials, Correspondence, 1964
4	9	Gertrude M. Hacker, Obituary Clipping, 1975
4	10	Julius C. Hacker, Certificates, 1915, 1917
4	11	Louis Charles and Lany Diefendorf Hacker, Clipping, Business Card, 1975, undated
4	12	Marie DeSeve Bitgood, 1949, 1957, undated
4	13	Marie [Mary] Elizabeth DeSeve Hacker, Correspondence, Commencement Program, Class Roll, Birth Certificate, 1912-1913, 1915, 1918, 1944
4	14	Mary Elizabeth DeSeve, Postcards from Scrapbook, 1905, 1908-1909, 1912, 1921
4	15	Marie Hacker, Correspondence, Membership Card, 1958, undated
4	16	Matthew Hacker, Clipping, undated
FlatFile	1	Annie Russell, Memorial Book, 1958
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OV 1	5	Marie [Mary] DeSeve Hacker, Training School Certificate, 1915

Series # [5] . Series Title [Photographs]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
5	1	Allison Hacker, Photo Album of Baby Pictures, 1978
5	2	Arlynn Hacker, Photographs, 1955, 1965, 1980, undated
5	3	Arthur J. Hacker, Childhood Photographs, 1928, undated
5	4	Arthur J. Hacker, Photographs, 1933-1934, 1937, 1942, 1946, 1973, 1976, undated

5	5	Craig Hacker, Photographs, 1954-1955, 1969, undated
5	6	Extended Family, Group Photographs, undated
5	7	Extended Family, Mounted Photographs, undated
5	8	Extended Family, Photographs, 1915, 1969, 1980, undated
5	9	Ferdinand & Anzella Russell, Photographs, undated
5	10	Ferdinand DeSeve, Photographs, 1921, undated
5	11	Ferdinand Schmitter, Photographs, Negatives, undated
6	1	Grace and George Pyne, Photograph, 1962
6	2	Hacker Family, Photographs, 1951, 1969-1970, undated
6	3	Julius C. and Marie Elizabeth DeSeve Hacker, Photographs, 1969, undated
6	4	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Military Service, Photographs, 1944, undated
6	5	Marilynn Pyne Hacker, Photographs, 1946, 1965, 1970, 1976, undated
6	6	Mary Stewert Schmitter, Photographs, Notes, undated
7	1	Negatives, Unidentified, undated
7	2	Photo Album, Schmitter and DeSeve Family, undated
7	3	Photo Album, Unidentified, undated
7	4	Photo Album, Unidentified, undated
7	5	Unidentified Photographs, undated
FlatFile	2	Photographs Fused to Glass, undated
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FF 3	3	Glass Slide, Arthur J. Hacker, undated
OV 1	6	Arthur J. & Marilyn Pyne Hacker, Photographs, 1943, undated
OV 1	7	Extended Family, Photographs, undated
OV 1	8	Grace Russell Pyne, Business School Class Photo, 1911
OV 1	9	Ferdinand DeSeve, Rensselaer High School Class Photo, 1921