

# Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum

## Record Unit 301

World War II Collection, 1941-1945

By Joie Lemaitre

### Descriptive Summary

**Repository:** Martha's Vineyard Museum

**Call No.**

**Title:** World War II Collection, 1941-1945

**Creator:** various

**Quantity:** .5 cubic foot

**Abstract:** This collection of WWII era materials, 1941-1945, contains enlistment records, instructions for local air raid wardens, newspaper clippings, correspondence between Gen. Jonathon Mayhew and Marshall Shepard, and 2 senior history theses on Vineyard related topics

### Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** The World War II Collection was acquired by the Martha's Vineyard Museum in

**Processing Information:** Joie Lemaitre

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Preferred Citation:** Martha's Vineyard Museum, World War II Collection, Record Unit 301.

### Index Terms:

--World War Two

--Veterans

## **Series and Subseries Arrangement**

Series I: Government Papers 1940-1946

Series II: Newspapers and Publications, 1941-1995

Series III: Correspondence, 1935-1936

Series IV: Reference

### **Historical Note:**

The collection of records in Record Unit # 200 has been artificially created. There is no original order to these documents. Rather, it is assumed the organizations librarians, interns, and volunteers have brought these records together at some point. The institutions own records do not shed any light on when and why the collection was originally formed. What is known is that the MVM was founded in 1922. And, the organization began to collect documents in 1923. Thus, the formation of this record unit can only be dated to sometime between 1923 and the present day. The processing of this collection in 2006 has largely kept this artificial collection together.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains enlistment records for Duke's county, an interesting correspondence between Gen. John Mayhew Wainwright, who served under MacArthur in the Pacific arena of WWII, and the Historical Society, as well as, instruction guidelines for the Air Raid Wardens on Martha's Vineyard.

## **Series Descriptions**

### **Series I: Government Papers 1940-1946**

This series contains lists of soldiers from Duke's County, their discharge dates, their data cards and lists of casualties. Also included are instructions from State of MA (1942) to local island Air Raid Wardens.

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Folder 1: Correspondence between Catherine Mayhew and Office of the Adjutant General in Commonwealth of MA, list of casualties and KIA's.

Folder 2: WWII veteran discharge dates for Dukes County from September 6, 1940-December 31, 1946

Folder 3: WWII Data cards for West Tisbury

Folder 4: WWII Data cards for Tisbury

Folder 5: State instructions for local Air Raid Wardens

## **Series II: Newspapers and Publications**

This series contains newspaper clippings from the Vineyard Gazette from December 12, 1941-September 1945 including reports on both Pearl Harbor and D-Day. Also included are clippings from 1991-1993 remembering WWII 50 years later. We also have several published remembrances of the Amphibious War Games Exercise practiced on the Vineyard.

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Folder 6: Clippings from Vineyard Gazette December 1941-Sept. 1945

Folder 7: Vineyard Gazette Clippings referencing WWII

Folder 8: WWII remembrances

## **Series III: Correspondence**

This series covers correspondence between General Jonathon Mayhew Wainwright and Marshall Shepard of the M.V. Historical Society from 1935-36. Also included are newspaper clippings about Gen. John Mayhew.

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Folder 9: General Jonathon Mayhew Wainwright correspondence and newspaper articles

## **Series IV: Reference**

This series includes two senior theses on the impact of WWII on the island of Martha's Vineyard.

Box 1 of 1

Folder 10: W. Scott Hoerle, An Island at War: the story of Martha's Vineyard during the Revolution, Civil War, and WWII, Trinity College

Folder 11: Christian H. Waller, The Impact of Civil Defense and Military Measures Implemented on Martha's Vineyard during WWII