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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number: MS 29
Collection title: Zimmerman papers
Size: 4 boxes (2.8 linear feet)

Creator/Collector: Zimmerman, Anna, 1917-1998
Acquisition info.: Gift of Mary Ann Zimmerman, 1998.
Acquisitions: No accruals are expected.
Custodial history: The collection was collected by Anna Catherine Zimmerman and includes materials from herself, her husband, Robert James Zimmerman, and her sister, Margaret F. Hyland. The collection was inherited by Mary Ann Zimmerman upon the death of Mrs. Zimmerman in 1998.

Language(s): Collection materials are in English.
Repository: Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library, Fitchburg State University.
Conservation notes: Loose newspaper clippings have been photocopied on archival quality paper to preserve their recorded information.

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Access restrictions Collection is open for research.
Physical access restrictions None.
Technical access restrictions None.
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Preferred citation [Item identification], Zimmerman papers, MS 29, Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Related collections Alumni Association, MS 6
Elizabeth Morgan Haskins records, MS 17

Separated material None.

Published descriptions Not applicable.

Location of originals Donor stated that some of the photocopied records are at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson, Michigan but this is unconfirmed.

Location of copies Not applicable.

Publication note Not applicable

Subject headings Hyland, Margaret, b. 1914?.
United States. Army. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.
United States. Army. Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. Officer Candidate School.
United States. Army. Women’s Army Corps.
World War, 1939-1945.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Women -- United States.
Brochures. aat
Calendars. aat
Christmas cards. aat
Clippings. aat
Military records. aat
Photographs. aat
Posters. aat
Scrapbooks. aat

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Anna Zimmerman (1917-1995) was born Anna Catherine Hyland on May 21, 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts to James Bradley Hyland and Mary F. (O'Brian) Hyland and had an older sister Margaret F. Hyland (b. 1914?). Zimmerman graduated from Cambridge High and Latin School and then Fitchburg State Teachers College in 1938 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She was employed by the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts as a recreation director in June 1937 and then as a school teacher in September 1938. She enrolled in the Woman’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on August 5, 1942. She attended the Officer Candidate School
at Fort Des Moines, Iowa from September-October 1942 and was appointed 3rd Officer on October 16, 1942. On September 1, 1943 Mrs. Zimmerman was appointed to 1st Lieutenant and began active duty serving at Fort Custer and the Pentagon. She married Robert James Zimmerman (1910–1995) on November 27, 1943 and was discharged on January 25, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman had one daughter named Mary Ann. In 1978 she marched in the National ERA March and was a life member of NAACP and AAUW. Mrs. Zimmerman obtained her master’s degree in education from Western Michigan University and endowed an Irish Studies fund at Fitchburg State University. Mrs. Zimmerman died on August 23, 1998 and is buried at the Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Margaret F. Hyland (b. 1914?) was the older sister of Anna Zimmerman. She worked as a nurse at Cambridge Mt. Auburn Street Hospital before enlisting in the Army Nursing Corps.

Robert James Zimmerman was born on June 27, 1910. He was a captain of field artillery in the army and on November 27, 1943 he married Anna Catherine Hyland. Mr. Zimmerman died January 1, 1995 and is buried at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials that chronicle Mrs. Zimmerman’s time in the WACs. In addition the collection also documents the history of the WACs through newspaper clippings, recruitment materials, and informational packets. The collection includes army publications, newspaper clippings, Christmas cards, photographs, brochures, two scrapbooks, and a poster. The collection also includes several materials belonging to Mrs. Zimmerman’s husband Robert Zimmerman and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings about the WACs believed to be collected by Mrs. Zimmerman’s older sister Margaret Hyland. Highlights of the collection include a WAC recruitment poster, a 1943 Esquire calendar by Alberto Vargas, and an “On the Seventh Day” Christmas card by Private Wallace Brodeur.

The collection arrived with no original order and has been organized into six series. The collection has been arranged chronically when information about the date is included and alphabetically when date information is unavailable.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

SERIES 1: Anna Catherine Zimmerman records, 1942-1998, predominant 1942-1945
This series contains all materials, except for photographs, relating to Anna Catherine Zimmerman. The bulk of the series consists of published materials from the Army and various newspapers in which Mrs. Zimmerman is mentioned sometimes by her maiden name Hyland. The series is arranged chronologically.

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WAC application, 1942 June 18 – September 5

Medical, 1942 September 12 - 1945 January 23

Miscellaneous military records, 1942 September 26 – 1944 October 17

Service records, 1942 October 16 – 1945 March 27

Officer graduation program, 1942 October 17

Special orders, 1942 October 17 – 1944 December 21

Financial records, 1942 October 17 – 1945 January 25

Postcard, 1942 November 26

Records of movement, 1942 November 28 – 1944 October 17

Newspaper clippings, approximately 1942-1945

Marriage, 1943 October 12 – circa November 27

Christmas cards, 1943 November 6 – 1944 November 30

Reserve corps recruitment, 1949 August 29

National ERA March ribbon, 1978

Fitchburg Alumni Association, 1996 January 2

Obituaries, after 1998 August 23

SERIES 2: Woman’s Army Corps (WAC) records, 1942-1948
This series contains materials relating to the Woman’s Army Corps (WAC). The series contains newsletters, recruitment materials, training schedules, and informational materials. The series also contains photocopied loose newspaper clippings chronicling the WACs in Massachusetts. This series has been arranged chronologically when date information is available and alphabetically when date information is unavailable. Oversized materials have been moved to a flat box container.

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Military informational packets, 1943 January 8 – 1944 April 27 1 25
Newspaper clipping from The Boston Herald, 1943 January 24 1 26
Newspaper clipping from The Detroit Free Press, 1943 March 13 1 27
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Recruitment poster, 1944 May 2 3 29
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SERIES 3: Robert James Zimmerman records, 1937-1945
This series contains all materials, except photographs, pertaining to Robert James Zimmerman. The series contains service records, a calendar, war ration books, and vehicle records. The series is arranged chronologically.

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SERIES 4: World War II memorabilia, 1942-1944
This series contains materials pertaining to World War II era belonging to either Anna Catherine Zimmerman or Robert James Zimmerman. The series contains programs, a Victorian Room menu, and a G.I. Sketch book. Newspaper clippings from the era not relating to the WACs are also in this series. The series is arranged chronologically.

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SERIES 5: Scrapbooks, approximately 1942-1943
This series contains two scrapbooks consisting of newspaper clippings chronicling the WACs. A majority of the newspaper clippings detail the WACs in Massachusetts but other geographical areas are included. Mrs. Zimmerman is referenced in some of the articles. The bound scrapbook has been kept in arriving order. The unbound scrapbook is arranged chronologically.

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SERIES 6: Photographs, 1937-1949
This series contains photographs pertaining to Anna Catherine Zimmerman, Robert James Zimmerman, and the general WACs. A list of identified individuals is available from the archivist upon request. The series is arranged chronologically.

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