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Guide to the

Desso B. Bryant scrapbook

1936-1958

Summary

Creator: Bryant, Desso B.

Title: Desso B. Bryant scrapbook

Date: 1936-1958

Size: 1 scrapbook

Source: Purchase, Mrs. Hudson's Fine Books and Paper, 07/--/1999

Abstract: Desso B. Bryant, Jr. was an African-American sailor who served aboard the USS Arkansas. The scrapbook contains a daily log dating from 1936-1940, in which Bryant recorded his personal experiences, ranging from facing racism and seasickness to enjoying the company of local women during his shore leaves in California, Hawaii, England and Germany. The log does not contain information regarding his official responsibilities on the ship, the events building up to WWII, or the outbreak of war in Europe. It is accompanied by black and white snapshots of himself and his shipmates while in different ports. Included in the scrapbook is a letter regarding his dues with the Bronzeville Lodge No. 18, 1958, and a diagram of a map (possibly denoting the areas traveled to by Bryant during his naval duty).

Access: Advance notice required.

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Arrangement: In chronological order

Key Terms

Subjects

African American sailors

Sailors -- United States -- Social life and customs

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Scrapbooks

Names

Bryant, Desso B.

United States. Navy