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.
Box 1 of 1
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.
Box 1 of 1
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.
Box 1 of 1
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