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Biographical / Historical

The surname Ripoll is of Spanish origin. Casto Ripoll's father was from Tarbena, near Valencia, Spain. He immigrated to the United States in the late 1800s after serving in the Spanish American War. Ripoll's sister ultimately moved to South America, and there is correspondence in the collection from her home in Argentina.

Mote Thompson received his wings in the Navy before going on to fly DC3s in the Pacific for the Marines. Upon completion of his service, Thompson became a two-time West Virginia University graduate, receiving both an undergraduate and a law degree.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains twentieth century papers pertaining to the history of the Fridley and Ripoll (pronounced "Ripple") families of Fayette, Boone and McDowell counties of West Virginia and their descendants, including the Thompson and Sarver families. Topics include the family homestead, finances, religion, travel, education, careers and military service. The collection features a variety of materials such as photographs, certificates, military artifacts, financial records and correspondence.

Collection highlights include a 1945 condolence letter to the Ripoll family from General MacArthur regarding the death of Pvt. Robert "Bobbie" Ripoll, West Virginia 4-H club materials from the mid-1930s, and correspondence from Harry Fridley while traveling the globe serving in the Navy during World War I.

The collection is organized into five series:

Series 1. Photographs, 1890s-1960s (boxes 1-3): Portrait and candid family photos of the Fridley and Ripoll families and their descendants. The photos are primarily organized by family; however, many of the photos' subjects are unidentified.

Series 2. Correspondence, 1900s-1980s (boxes 4-10): Correspondence to and from the Fridley and Ripoll families and their descendants, particularly to and from Robert "Bobbie" Ripoll and Mote Thompson during their World War II service.

Series 3. Family Papers and Ephemera, 1889-1983 (boxes 11-16): Memorabilia such as school assignments and report cards, newspaper clippings, recipes, assorted financial records, contracts and property deeds.

Series 4. Military Papers, 1942-1950 (boxes 17 and 18): Material documenting the Civilian Conservation Corps and military career of Pvt. Robert "Bobbie" Ripoll, 1st Infantry Regiment, 16th Infantry Division US Army, until his death from dengue fever in 1944.

Series 5. Artifacts, 1940s (boxes 19-23): Items primarily belonging to Pvt. Robert "Bobbie" Ripoll during his time in the Civilian Conservation Corps and the military such as first aid and sewing kits and uniform accessories.

A rudimentary family tree is available in the control folder for this collection.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945

World War, 1914-1918

West Virginia -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236920

Unit Date 1890s-1960s

Scope and Contents

This series contains portrait and candid family photos of the Fridley and Ripoll families and their descendants. The photos are primarily organized by family; however, many of the photos' subjects are unidentified.

Ripoll and Fridley Family Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236921

Unit Date 1900s-1960s and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Military Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236922

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236923

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Oversize Photographs and Album

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236924

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Series 2. Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236925

Unit Date 1900s-1980s

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence to and from the Fridley and Ripoll families and their descendants, particularly Robert "Bobbie" Ripoll and Mote Thompson during their World War II service. Thompson received his wings in the Navy before going on to fly DC3s in the Pacific for the Marines.

Correspondence to Bettie Fridley

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236926

Unit Date 1908-1960s

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Correspondence to John Henry Fridley

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236927

Unit Date 1900s-1950s

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 1-4 (Folder)

Correspondence to Harry Fridley

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236928

Unit Date 1915-1930s and undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Correspondence between Elsie Fridley and Lee McDaniel

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236929

Unit Date 1915-1916

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Correspondence from Harry Fridley in the Navy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236930

Unit Date 1917-1920

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 1-4 (Folder)

Correspondence to Elsie Fridley Ripoll

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236931

Unit Date 1918-1970s

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 5-9 (Folder)

Correspondence from Mary Ripoll to Elsie Ripoll

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236932

Unit Date 1950s-1980s

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 10-12 (Folder)

Correspondence to Mote and Mary Thompson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236933

Unit Date 1970s

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Empty Envelopes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236934

Unit Date 1900s-1970s

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Correspondence to and from Casto Ripoll

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236935

Unit Date 1920s-1970s

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Correspondence to Mary Ripoll Thompson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236936

Unit Date 1930s-1960s

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Primarily letters from Mote Thompson.

Correspondence to Mote Thompson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236937

Unit Date 1941-1946

Mixed Materials 9 (Box)

Correspondence to and from Robert Ripoll

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236938

Unit Date 1942-1945

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Container 1-4 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236939

Unit Date 1910s-1970s

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Container 5-6 (Folder)

Series 3. Family Papers and Ephemera

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236940

Unit Date 1889-1983

Scope and Contents

This series contains memorabilia such as school assignments and report cards, newspaper clippings, recipes, assorted financial records, contracts and property deeds.

School Notebooks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236941

Unit Date 1930-1945 and undated

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Ripoll Children's Schoolwork

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236942

Unit Date 1930-1945 and undated

Mixed Materials 12 (Box)

Family Legal and Financial Papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236943

Unit Date 1889-1983

Mixed Materials 13 (Box)

Miscellaneous Family Papers and Memorabilia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236944

Unit Date 1907-1975 and undated

Mixed Materials 14 (Box)

Mixed Materials 15 (Box)

Miscellaneous Newspapers and Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236945

Unit Date 1930s and undated

Mixed Materials 16 (Box)

Series 4. Military Papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236946

Unit Date 1942-1950 and undated

Scope and Contents

This series contains material documenting the Civilian Conservation Corps and military career of Pvt. Robert Ripoll, 1st Infantry Regiment, 16th Infantry Division US Army, until his death from dengue fever in 1944.

Robert Ripoll Military Service Papers and Personal Items

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236947

Unit Date 1942-1944 and undated

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

Container 1-2 (Folder)

Papers Regarding Death of Robert Ripoll

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236948

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Condolence Letter from General MacArthur

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236949

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

VMJ/VMR 352 Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236950

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

The 6th Infantry Division: 1939-1945

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236951

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

Robert Ripoll Civilian Conservation Corps Materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236952

Unit Date 1942 and undated

Mixed Materials 18 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Young American Patriots: The Youth of West Virginia in World War II, Volume II

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236953

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 18 (Box)

Series 5. Artifacts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236954

Unit Date 1941-1945 and undated

Scope and Contents

This series contains artifacts primarily belonging to Pvt. Robert Ripoll during his time in the Civilian Conservation Corps and the military such as first aid and sewing kits and uniform accessories.

Civilian Conservation Corps and Military Gifts from Robert Ripoll to Elsie Ripoll

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236955

Unit Date 1941-1945

Mixed Materials 19 (Box)

Robert Ripoll Civilian Conservation Corps and Military Artifacts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236956

Unit Date 1941-1945

Mixed Materials 20 (Box)

Framed VMR 352 Gold Star

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236957

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 21 (Box)

VMR 352 Ready Room Sign

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236958

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 21 (Box)

Minden, WV Decorative Plate

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236960

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 22 (Box)

Miscellaneous Artifacts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/236959

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 23 (Box)