

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Collection number:** M 1.1

**Collection title:** Carl Wene Collection

**Dates:** 1941-1942

**Size:** 1 Archival Box

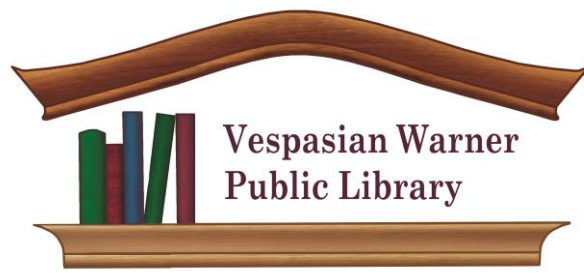
**Creator/Collector:** Earnest Wene

**Acquisition info.:** Digitized while on loan from Ruth Wene, 2016-2017.

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected

**Custodial history:** Unknown

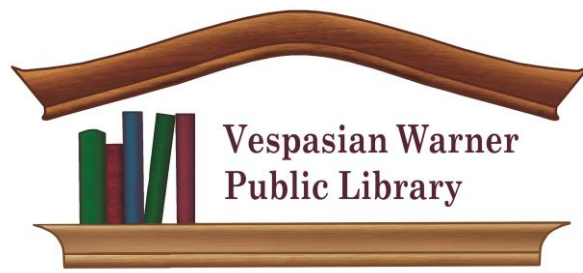
**Language(s):** Collection materials are in English



**Repository:** Illinois State University

**Processed by:** Bobbi Perryman, 2016-2017

**Conservation notes:** None



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### **Access restrictions**

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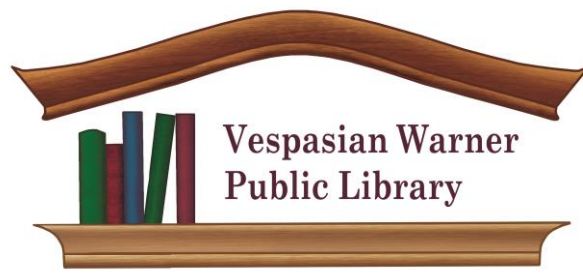
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### **Technical access restrictions**

None

### **Publication rights**

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## INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

### **Preferred citation**

Must contact Illinois State University for citation information.

### **Related collections**

None

### **Separated material**

None

### **Published descriptions**

Not applicable

### **Location of originals**

Illinois State University

### **Location of copies**

Vespasian Warner Public Library District

### **Publication note**

Not applicable

### **Subject headings**

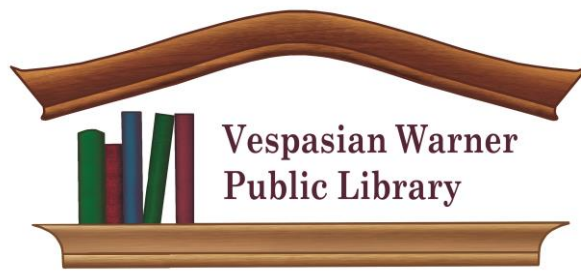
Weldon (Ill.) – History.

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World War, 1939-1945 – Personal narratives

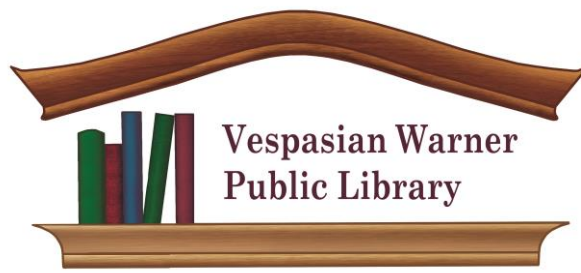
Soldiers – United States – Biography



## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION/ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

Carl Wene was born in 1919 in Illinois. His family lived in Weldon, Illinois. He attended Illinois State University, but dropped out before completing his degree. He enlisted in the United States Navel Reserves in 1940 and was stationed at naval air bases in Pensacola, Florida and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was at Pearl Harbor during the December 7, 1941 attack.

“On January 30th, 1942, Wene was reported missing when he and the rest of his aircraft crew did not return from a mission near Fiji. Though he was officially listed as Killed in Action in 1943, Wene’s remains were never recovered. Wene’s name is listed on the [Honolulu Memorial](#), also known as Courts of the Missing, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.” – *ISU website* <https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2015/12/isnus-pearl-harbor-connection-74-years-later/> Accessed 29 December 2016.



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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Wene sent letters, postcards, and photographs to his parents, Earnest and Hazel Wene, who kept them in their home. Wene's niece Ruth Wene found the collection in her grandparents' home. She loaned the collection to the Vespasian Warner Public library for digitization in December 2016.

Paper and digital copies are located in the archive. All originals are located at Illinois State University.

