

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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RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Access restrictions

Collection is open for research. The collection or parts of the collection may not leave the library building.

Physical access restrictions

None

Technical access restrictions

None

Publication rights

The Vespasian Warner Public Library does not have publication rights to these items. Publishers must contact Illinois State University.



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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 (III.) – History. DeWitt County (III.) – History. Illinois – History. World War, 1939-1945 – Personal narratives Soldiers – United States – Biography



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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.



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