



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS – 140

COLLECTION TITLE: Switzer Collection

DATES: 1924 – 1966

SIZE: 3 banker boxes

DONOR: Sue Switzer Dunlap, 8/11/14

PROCESSED: Processed 12/10/2014 by K. Craun, B. Hopkins and J. Litten

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Frank Switzer's paternal grandfather, John Andrew Switzer, was a Confederate veteran and was a long time sheriff of Rockingham County. His father, Walter Switzer, was deputy sheriff who then founded the Harrisonburg Telephone Company. Frank Switzer attended Harrisonburg City Public Schools and graduated from Washington and Lee University. He returned to Harrisonburg in 1924 to help his brother Fred manage the family owned telephone company. He served on the city council for 24 years and as Mayor for 12 years. He married Mamie Omohundro who was born in Clifton Forge.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection contains genealogical research on the Switzer, Roller, and Omohundro families. There is also a collection of WWII letters between Frank and his wife Mamie.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Love letters from Mamie to Frank 1926-1929
- Folder 2: Love letters from Frank to Mamie 1937
- Folder 3: War time letters from Mamie to Frank 1941
- Folder 4: War time letters from Mamie to Frank 1942
- Folder 5: War time letters from Mamie to Frank 1943
- Folder 6: War time letters from Mamie to Frank 1944
- Folder 7: War time letters from Mamie to Frank 1945
- Folder 8: War time letters from Frank to Mamie 1941
- Folder 9: War time letters from Frank to Mamie 1942
- Folder 10: War time letters from Frank to Mamie 1943
- Folder 11: War time letters from Frank to Mamie 1944-1945
- Folder 12: V-Mail letters from Mamie to Frank 1942-1943

- Folder 13: V-Mail letters from Mamie to Frank 1944-1945
- Folder 14: V-Mail letters from Frank to Mamie 1942-1943
- Folder 15: V-Mail letters from Frank to Mamie 1944
- Folder 16: V-Mail letters from Frank to Mamie 1945
- Folder 17: V-Mail letters to Frank from Misc. People 1942-1945
- Folder 18: V-Mail letters from Frank to Misc. People 1942-1945
- Folder 19: Misc. letters 1940's
- Folder 20: Letters to Frank from his mother 1943-1945

Box 2:

- Folders 21 & 22: Two notebooks of Switzer history
- Folder 23: Four historical booklets on Switzer family
- Folder 24: Antique survey map of Rawley Pike for waterline and an old poster for Rawley Springs Hotels
- Folder 25: Switzer/Roller family research
- Folder 26: Article on Fred and Frank Switzer, "Virginia Telephone Men"
- Folder 27: Frank Switzer's senior thesis, "Government Ownership of the Telephone in the United States", 1924
- Folder 28: Miscellaneous Carrie Switzer Davis letters
- Folders 29 & 30: Carrie Switzer Davis family photos
- Folder 31: Roller Family Record Book
- Folder 32: Switzer Genealogy Booklets
- Folder 33: Family research by Frank Switzer and Cornelia Switzer Burkholder
- Folder 34: Miscellaneous family research
- Folder 35: Mamie Omohundro Switzer writings, photos, clippings and diploma from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, TN, 8/25/1926

Box 3:

- Folder 36: Omohundro family research
- Folder 37: Sherman family research
- Folder 38: Booklet - Sherman family history
- Folder 39: Switzer Coat of Arms, cemetery lots in Mt. Crawford and Harrisonburg, and family tree lists
- Folder 40: Germanna Colonies in Virginia 1956-1966 book, Germanna Descendants Reunion 1972 booklet, Marker dedication pamphlet, and membership certificate
- Folder 41: Frank Switzer family research and correspondence
- Folder 42: Frank Switzer personal correspondence
- Folder 43: Papers regarding John Andrew Switzer
- Folder 44: Papers regarding Walter C. Switzer
- Folder 45: Papers regarding G. Fred Switzer
- Folder 46: Papers regarding Margaret Switzer Richardson
- Folder 47: Newspaper obituaries for Frank and Mamie Switzer
- Folder 48: Papers regarding Frank's campaigns for city council and mayor
- Folder 49: Newspaper articles regarding Frank's campaigns and campaign ads
- Folder 50: Newspaper articles and other information regarding Switzer Dam
- Folder 51: Booklet: Journey into the Past: Historic Harrisonburg and other papers

Folder 52: Notebook: Induction of Co. "C" 1st Batt. 116th Inf. 29th Div. into Federal Service
2/3/1941 news articles and roster, photos and other papers regarding Company