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Summary Information

Repository: Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Title: Harold Bond Fields papers
ID: UA.17.211
Date [inclusive]: 1894-1988, undated
Physical Description: 0.5 Cubic Feet, 19 folders
Language of the Material: English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Harold Bond Fields was born on August 9, 1900 in Dowagiac, Michigan. He earned his A.B. from Dartmouth College in 1928. He then studied at the University of Chicago where he got his A.M. in 1929 and his Ph.D. in 1942. In 1929, Fields began teaching at Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) and was a professor of history until his retirement in 1967. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta, the American Historical Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the Historical Society of Michigan. He died on January 14, 1995.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains research compiled by Harold Bond Fields. One set of research notes pertains to Captain Ransford D. Bucknam. This research is composed of newspaper clippings, handwritten notes,
correspondence, and some rough drafts of a biography on Bucknam. The last will and testament of Bucknam's adoptive mother, Julia A. Elliott, is also included.

Another set of research notes relates to Edward H. Ryder, dean and history professor at Michigan State University. This research is mostly composed of letters and newspaper clippings donated to the estate of Harold Fields by Ruth Ryder St. John, Edward Ryder's daughter.

The collection also contains information about Fields' appointment at Michigan State University and his social life while on campus.

There is also a folder about the naval cruiser, *The Maine*.

The collection also contains many photographs of Edward Ryder and his family. There are also portraits of Captain Lewis Elliott and his wife, Julia.

Postcards in the collection include several of ships, the Roger Williams Hotel in New York City, and Beaumont Tower on the Michigan State University campus.

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**Administrative Information**

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Collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Access**

**Legal Status:** Copyright: Michigan State University. Property Rights: Michigan State University.
Custodial History

Papers were donated by Brian Melzer.

Controlled Access Headings

- Postcards
- Photographs
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Ships
- Ryder, Edward H.
- Michigan State University. Beaumont Tower
- Fields, Harold Bond
- Association of American Railroads
- Elliott, Julia A.
- Maine (Battleship)
- Bucknam, Ransford Dodsworth, 1869-1915

Collection Inventory

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### Ruth Ryder St. John

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### Postcards
- drawer
- Postcards

- MSU. Buildings. Beaumont Tower
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