



# Harald S. and Marguerite I. Patton Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Patton, Harald Smith, 1889-1945
<b>Creator:</b>	Patton, Marguerite I.
<b>Creator:</b>	Michigan. Welfare and Relief Study Commission
<b>Title:</b>	Harald S. and Marguerite I. Patton papers
<b>ID:</b>	UA.17.437
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1884-1941
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.5 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Lieutenant Colonel Harald Smith Patton was born on January 4, 1889. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1912. During World War I, he served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry until he was wounded in action in France. After recovering, he became an area supervisor for the Canadian Young Men's Christian Association, first in England and then in France.

Following the war, Patton studied at Harvard University where he earned A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in 1921 and 1926. He was appointed lecturer in economics at the University of Alberta and later served on the faculty of the University of Cincinnati. In 1929, he joined the Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) as the head of the Department of Economics. He joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and served until his accidental death on September 1,

1945, where he was on military leave from the college. His academic interests centered on international and agricultural economics. While at M.S.C. he also served as Assistant Advisor in International Economic Affairs for the U.S. Department of State (1937-1938) and the Pentagon (circa 1945).

Marguerite Irene Taylor Patton was born on October 21, 1893 in Toronto, Ontario. She married Harold Smith Patton on September 4, 1923 in York, Ontario. She and her husband both immigrated to the United States in 1925. She lived in East Lansing with her husband and earned a Bachelor of Music in Applied Music from Michigan State College in 1932. She lived in East Lansing until Harald died in 1945. Marguerite was an assistant professor of economics for Western Michigan College of Education, now known as Western Michigan University. After the death of her husband, from June 1946 to August 1948, Marguerite was the reports officer of the public safety branch in the U.S. section in Berlin. She was also an acting U.S. delegate on the denazification subcommittee of the Central Council of Germany.

Marguerite died at the age of 79 on November 8, 1972. She is buried next to her husband in Arlington National Cemetery.

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## Scope and Contents

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Harald Patton papers primarily document his World War I experiences. The correspondence consists of letters written by Patton to Marguerite Irene Taylor, who later became his wife, friends and relatives, and dates almost entirely from 1915 to 1919. Included is a journal (in letter form) describing his voyage to England in 1915 on the troopship Northland. There are also postcards, photographs, and a scrapbook.

Marguerite Patton papers includes correspondence, articles of incorporation, reports, and memoranda relating to the 1893 World's Colombian Exposition in Chicago. Most of these papers (1890-1893) relate to Robert A. Waller, an insurance agent, who was also a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the World's Colombian Exposition Corporation. Also, legal papers of Lawyer William H. Arthur including litigation papers (1894-1896) for a case concerned with an employee injury, in which he defended the Schriver Laundry Company. Her papers also include two mimeographed reports relating to public welfare organizations submitted to the Welfare and Relief Commission for its information and consideration.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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### Custodial History

Gift of Marguerite I. Patton

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### Processing Information

Changed record group from 00059 to UA 17.437 to reflect Harald Patton's connection to Michigan State University. Merged c.00423 (Marguerite I. Patton papers) and c.00422 (Michigan Welfare and Relief Study Commission records) into UA 17.437.

When this collection was first processed, all of these papers were together. At some point, Harald's, Marguerite's, and the Michigan Welfare and Relief Study Commission papers were separated into three distinct collections. It was decided these three separate collections should be merged back together and be renamed the Harald S. and Marguerite I. Patton papers . J. Russell, December 2019.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Litigation
- Social problems -- Michigan
- World War, 1914-1918
- Canada
- Chicago (Ill.)
- England
- Mons-en-Barœul (France)
- Journals (accounts)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Postcards
- Programs (Publications)
- Reports
- Scrapbooks
- Arthur, William H.
- Patton, Harald Smith, 1889-1945
- Patton, Marguerite I.
- Waller, Robert A.
- Canadian Young Men's Christian Association
- Harvard University
- Michigan State College
- Schriver Laundry Company
- University of Alberta
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Toronto
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Harald Patton papers

#### Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
June 18 - 24, 1915	box 6205      folder 2
June 26 - July 11, 1915	

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	box 6205	folder 3
June 28 - July 11, 1915	box 6205	folder 4
July 18 - 26, 1915	box 6205	folder 5
August 2 - 24, 1915	box 6205	folder 6
September 3 - October 3, 1915	box 6205	folder 7
October 11 - December 3, 1915	box 6205	folder 8
December 5, 1915 - January 11, 1916	box 6205	folder 9
January 18 - February 10, 1916	box 6205	folder 10
February 18 - March 19, 1916	box 6205	folder 11
March 29 - May 9, 1916	box 6205	folder 12
May 19 - June 11, 1916	box 6205	folder 13
June 12 - 25, 1916	box 6205	folder 14
June 25 - July 23, 1916	box 6205	folder 15
July 31 - August 24, 1916	box 6205	folder 16
August 27 - September 9, 1916	box 6205	folder 17
September 16 - 26, 1916	box 6205	folder 18
September 27 - October 7, 1916	box 6205	folder 19
October 10 - 22, 1916	box 6205	folder 20
October 22 - November 1, 1916	box 6205	folder 21
November 2 - 14, 1916	box 6205	folder 22
November 16 - 26, 1916	box 6205	folder 23
November 26 - December 10, 1916	box 6205	folder 24
December 14 - 29, 1916	box 6205	folder 25
December 31, 1916 - January 7, 1917	box 6205	folder 26
January 11 - 14, 1917	box 6205	folder 27
January 21 - February 8, 1917	box 6205	folder 28
February 8 - 18, 1917	box 6205	folder 29
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April 15 - May 3, 1917	box 6205	folder 33
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October 14 - 22, 1917	box 6205	folder 45
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November 8 - 30, 1917	box 6205	folder 47
December 2 - 9, 1917	box 6205	folder 48
December 9, 1917 - January 6, 1918	box 6205	folder 49
January 6 - 23, 1918	box 6205	folder 50
February 2 - 26, 1918	box 6205	folder 51
March 3 - April 12, 1918	box 6205	folder 52
April 22 - June 14, 1918	box 6205	folder 53
June 16 - August 22, 1918	box 6205	folder 54
August 28 - September 24, 1918	box 6205	folder 55
October 7 - November 3, 1918	box 6205	folder 56
November 10 - 24, 1918	box 6205	folder 57
December 2, 1918 - January 17, 1919	box 6205	folder 58
February 16 - March 24, 1919	box 6205	folder 60
April 27, 1919 - March 19, 1922	box 6205	folder 61
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YMCA Papers, April 1917 - July 1918, undated	box 6205	folder 65
Miscellaneous, 1916-1919, 1929, undated	box 6205	folder 66

**Estate Accounts**



<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
May 11, 1934 - May 11, 1937	box 6205	folder 67
May 11 - November 11, 1934	box 6205	folder 68
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November 13, 1925 - May 11, 1937	box 6205	folder 70
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Diploma. Harvard University, 1926	drawer 14	

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## Marguerite Patton papers

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Schrifer Laundry Litigation papers, 1892-1896	box 6208	folder 1
Legal Papers - Miscellaneous, (1884-1892, 1894-1910, undated)	box 6208	folder 2-4
World's Columbian Exposition, 1890-1893	box 6208	folder 5-9
World's Columbian Exposition Souvenir Programs, (1892, 1933)	box 6208	folder 10
Michigan Welfare and Relief Study Commission Preliminary Summary Report, 1936	box 6208	folder 11
Michigan Welfare and Relief Study Commission Proposed Bills, 1937	box 6208	folder 12

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<b>Postcards, 1915-1938, undated</b>	box 6208	folder 84
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Belgium, 1915, undated		
Canada, undated		
Canada. Alberta. Drumheller, undated		
Canada. Alberta. Edmonton, undated		
Canada. Alberta. Jasper National Park, undated		

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Kentucky. Harrisburg, undated

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Michigan. Antrim County, 1938

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People, undated

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People. Patton, Harald S.

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People. Unidentified, undated

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Scotland, July 7, 1920

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Title/Description	Instances	
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Animals. Dogs, undated	box 6208	folder 15
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Automobiles, undated	box 6208	folder 17
Boats. Houseboats, undated	drawer Copy Negatives Dr 3	item N0824
	box 6208	folder 18
Buildings, undated	box 6208	folder 19
Canada, undated	box 6208	folder 20
Canada. Alberta. Banff and Banff National Park, undated	box 6208	folder 21
England, circa 1914-1918	box 6208	folder 22
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Homes. (2 folders), 1934, undated	box 6208	folder 24-25
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Michigan. Crystal Falls, May 30, 1925	box 6208	folder 27
Michigan State University. Buildings. Beaumont Tower, undated	box 6208	folder 28
Michigan State University. Scenes. Red Cedar River, undated	box 6208	folder 29
Military Drills, circa 1914-1918	box 6208	folder 30
Music. Belgian Orchestra of Folkstone, circa 1914-1918	box 6208	folder 31

New Jersey. Atlantic City, undated	box 6208	folder 32
People. Gardner Family, October 1922	box 6208	folder 33
People. Greenfield Family, undated	box 6208	folder 34
People. Groups. (9 folders), circa 1894 - 1925	box 6208	folder 35-43
People. Groups. Unidentified. (6 folders), 1922, undated	box 6208	folder 44-49
People. Patton, Harald S. (3 folders), undated	box 6208	folder 50-52
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People. Patton, Muriel, undated	box 6208	folder 60
People. Patton Family. (4 folders), undated	box 6208	folder 61-64
People. Patton Family (Photograph Album). (2 folders), undated	box 6208	folder 65-66
People. Shaner, Ralph, undated	box 6208	folder 67
People. Taylor, Norma, undated	box 6208	folder 68
People. Taylor, Verona, May 19, 1917	box 6208	folder 69
People. Taylor Family, undated	box 6208	folder 70
People. Unidentified. (4 folders), circa 1914 - 1920, undated	box 6208	folder 71-74
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