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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University Archives and Historical Collections |
| Creator: | Alexander, Robert S. (Robert Seymour), 1923-1997 |
| Title: | Robert S. Alexander papers |
| ID: | UA.17.502 |
| ID [aspace_uri]: | /repositories/2/resources/6715 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1942-1981 |
| Physical Description: | 1 Cubic Feet |
| Language of the Material: | English . |

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Biographical Note

Robert Seymour Alexander served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II from 1943-1946, as well as in the Corps of Engineers for 17 months in the European Theatre. Following his time in the military, Alexander pursued his passion for art, and received his B.F.A. in 1951 from the University of Illinois, and his M.F.A. in 1952 from Cranbrook Academy of Art. Alexander joined the faculty of the Art Department at Michigan State College (now University) as an instructor in 1954, was promoted to associate professor in 1967 and eventually professor in 1972. He retired on July 1, 1987. Throughout his art career, Alexander received numerous honors and awards, including the first award for the "International Furniture Design Competition" in 1959; listings in "Who's Who in American Art", "Who's Who in the Midwest", and "Internationa Directory of the Arts" (1965 edition); Award of Excellence, at the Hartland Art Exhibit, in 1973, 1974, and 1975; and the 2nd award, at the Saginaw Museum, Photography of Art Exhibit, in 1977.

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Content Description

The Robert S. Alexander collection consists of correspondence to and from Alexander dated 1942-1954, 1981, and undated. Of note are the letters and cards from his time in the military during World War II. Alexander describes his experiences and often includes drawings on the correspondence. The collection also includes a small amount of photographs and negatives with images of a soldier in uniform, early Ford cars, and family/children and a house.

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Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1939-1945
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Michigan State University. Department of Art
- Michigan State University. Faculty

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Correspondence, 1942 | box 6917 | folder 1 |
| Correspondence, January - April 1943 | box 6917 | folder 2 |
| Correspondence, May - July 1943 | box 6917 | folder 3 |
| Correspondence, August - September 1943 | box 6917 | folder 4 |
| Correspondence, October - December 1943 | box 6917 | folder 5 |
| Correspondence, January - June 1944 | box 6917 | folder 6 |
| Correspondence, July - December 1944 | box 6917 | folder 7 |
| Correspondence, January - July 1945 | box 6917 | folder 8 |
| Correspondence, August - December 1945 | box 6917 | folder 9 |
| Correspondence, 1946 | box 6917 | folder 10 |
| Correspondence, 1947 | box 6917 | folder 11 |
| Correspondence, 1948 | box 6917 | folder 12 |
| Correspondence, 1949 | box 6917 | folder 13 |
| Correspondence, 1950 | box 6917 | folder 14 |
| Correspondence, 1951 | box 6917 | folder 15 |
| Correspondence, January - June 1952 | box 6917 | folder 16 |
| Correspondence, August - December 1952 | box 6917 | folder 17 |
| Correspondence, 1953 | box 6917 | folder 18 |
| Correspondence, 1954 | box 6917 | folder 19 |

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| Correspondence, 1981 | box 6917 | folder 20 |
| Correspondence, January - November Unknown Year | box 6917 | folder 21 |
| Correspondence, December Unknown Year | box 6917 | folder 22 |
| Correspondence, Undated | box 6917 | folder 23-24 |
| Photographs and negatives: Soldier in Uniform, family/ children and a house, early Ford Cars, undated | box 6917 | folder 25 |