



James Philip & Robert Stewart Beggs Collection

c. 1932-2000

252 textual documents, 69 photographs and 27 artifacts | 2 linear feet | 2 boxes

This is a personal collection from James Philip Beggs who was a native of Corona. The Beggs family consisted of parents Elsie S. (b.9/19/1887; d. 11/15/1969) and James F. Beggs (b. 6/20/1882; d. 10/24/1974) and five children, in order of birth were daughter Leola, Robert Stewart (b.1/15/1916; d. 12/8/2004), Jean, James Philip (b. 8/6/21; d. 10/10/2000), and Alan (b.1/15/1925 d.10/11/1974). The James Philip & Robert Stewart Beggs Collection provides the researcher with information pertaining to Corona High School during the years 1932-1945. Personal effects from the high school are included in the collection. Also of significance are the World War II memorabilia from James Philip Beggs' service in the Army during World War II. Personal as well as official military correspondence, propaganda materials, military honors, military newspapers and magazines encompass this collection.

The collection consists mainly of correspondence, yearbooks, newspapers, magazines, mementos, souvenirs, medals for military service, and both military and school photographs. Most of the collection was owned by James Philip Beggs. Robert Stewart Beggs contributed yearbooks, high school reunion mementos, a high school diploma and various other school mementos.

The collection provides a snapshot view of history during the moment in time of the collection. The dates range from 1932 to 2000.

Location: B-25

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Gifts of: James Philip Beggs' widow.

Inventory

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records
M147/1*	1	Finding Aid & Accession Records

Series 1		Corona High School	
M147/1	2	1932-1933 Student Body Member Corona H.S. from Robert Stewart Beggs	
		Receipts (2): February 21, 1933 and May 9, 1933 from junior class dues- Robert Stewart Beggs	
		Merit Card: for student body Treasurer- Robert Stewart Beggs June 7, 1934	
		Quarterly Report Card 1933-1934 - Stewart Beggs	
		Invitation to dinner -dance given by Walter Jameson, Evelyn Jameson and Jean Hiler June 2, 1934	
			Physical education report card
	3	30 page Mission Inn booklet with envelope 8.75 X 15 cm.	
		Junior-Senior banquet program book May 23, 1934 held at the Mission Inn, Riverside	
		Table seating card	
		Invitation to Junior-Senior banquet Junior-Senior dance autograph book sponsored by The Girls' Work Council	
M147/1	4	Piano recital program sheet December 14, 1934 -Robert Stewart Beggs plays "Old Tune"	
	5	Newspaper article: 1934 "High School Finals Tomorrow Evening" Robert Stewart Beggs is listed in the article.	
	6	Cards: Graduation congratulatory cards addressed to Stewart Beggs	
	7	Corona High School Class of 1934 graduation announcement	
		Name card-Robert Stewart Beggs	
	8	Program book: Senior Class play Oh, Doctor! And Lemonville April 20, 1934	
	9	Baccalaureate service program book Class of 1934	
		Newspaper clipping related to the class of 1934 commencement	
	10	Newspaper article: "Don't expect Too Much, Graduates Advised by Noted Educator; Seven Rules for 1934 Given" from Riverside Enterprise June 6, 1934.	
	11	Diploma of Graduation: Robert Stewart Beggs June 7, 1934	
		Name card: Robert Stewart Beggs	
	12	Program book: Lemonville Revue October 17, 1934	
	13	Program book: Senior Class of 1935 play "I'll Leave It to You" March 1, 1935	
		Admission ticket stub	
	14	Report cards: 1937-1938 and 1938-1939 school years for James Philip Beggs	
	15	Program book: Corona High School 1 st Annual Riverside County Vocational Conference April 29, 1940.	
16	Program book: Junior-Senior dance May 24, 1940		
17	Receipt: cap and gown rental		
	Autograph book: Class of 1940		
	Name cards from class of 1940		
18	Program sheet: class night May 28, 1943		
19	Reunion book: 35 th reunion, class of 1934		
20	Reunion book: 40 th reunion, class of 1934		
21	Pages from 45 th reunion, class of 1934		
	Letter: to class of 1934 members dated September 7, 1969.		
22	Reunion book: 45 th reunion, class of 1934		
23	Reunion book: 50 th reunion, class of 1934		
Series 2		Riverside Community College (formerly Riverside Junior College)	
M147/1	24	Yearbook: 1937	

Series 3		Boy Scouts
M147/1	25	Newspaper: copy of Emery Wheel, Camp Emerson, Idyllwild, Calif. Boy Scout Daily newspaper June 22 and 24, 1938
		Membership card and card holder: Boy Scouts of America April, 1938
		Membership card: Boy Scouts of America, 1940
		Memo: from Camp Emerson June 11, 1936
		Coin: "On My Honor I Will Do My Best" Boy Scout Coin
Series 4		World War II
M147/1	26	Advertisement: U.S. Army Flying Cadets aviation training school
	27	Manual: FM 21-100 War Department Basic Field Manual Soldier's Handbook July 23, 1941
	28	Piecemeal itinerary of James Philip Beggs' military career during WWII
		Postcards & Letter: Tyndall Field, Florida. March, 1943
		Enlisted man's passes (3): Bluethenthal Field, North Carolina; May & June 1943
		Air Transient Pass: Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, Pennsylvania; July 1943
		Letter: Presque Isle Army Air Field, Presque Isle, Maine; August 17, 1943
		Enlisted man's passes (5) and Recuperation, Rehab. and Recovery letter: Great Britain; September 1943-July 23, 1944
Pamphlet: Daily activities at AAFRS No.1; September, 1944		
M147/1	28	Physical status report and pass: Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas; October and November, 1944
		Enlisted man's passes: March Field, California; December 16, 1944 and May 1, 1945
		Identify card: Westover Field, Massachusetts
		United Hotels Company of America calendar card, 1943
		Army Service Forces New York Port of Embankment Baggage and Effects Section
		Receipt: Officers & Enlisted Men's checklist memorandum
		Processing Sheet for new arrivals
	29	Yearbook: "Sustineo Alas" Chicago Schools Army Air Forces Technical Training Command
	30	Yearbook: Tyndall Field Yearbook Army Air Forces Gunnery School Tyndall, Florida
	31	Diploma: United States Army Air Forces Technical School Radio Operators and Mechanics; February 20, 1943
	32	Newsletters (3): Panthers in Service from Corona High School
	33	Distress Procedures for Air Sea Rescue
	34	Record book: Soldier's individual pay
		Records: Immunization
		22 nd Antisubmarine Squadron, May 1, 1943
	35	Letters (77): Personal correspondence from James Philip Beggs to various people all from 1944
	36	Speech scoring sheet from military
	37	Mass produced propaganda letter from Dwight Eisenhower
	38	Newspaper column: written by Ernie Pyle from the Daily News, Los Angeles
	39	Magazine: <i>Target: German The U.S. Army Air Forces' Official Story of the VIII Bomber Command's First Year Over Europe</i>
40	Flight Records 11 individual flight records	
41	Pilot Flight Record & Log Book 1945	
42	Ration cards (5) for tobacco, gas and from the Army Exchange	
43	Medical certificate from the U.S. Department of Commerce: Student and private pilot	

		Airman rating record from the U.S. Department of Commerce Civil Aeronautics Administration	
		Airman certificate from the U.S. Department of Commerce Civil Aeronautics Administration	
	44	Miscellaneous paper: teaching the use of escape kit	
Series 5 Miscellaneous Documents			
M147/1	45	Daily temperature template: Graphs the temperature each day from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 year unknown	
	46	Pamphlet: Title is "Canciones" pamphlet is in Spanish	
	47	Employment card from James Philip Beggs	
		I.D. card for reporting to new job as telephone directory deliverer	
48	Obituary: James Philip Beggs		
Series 6 Artifacts			
M147/1	49	Military pins (3)	
	50	Pocket watch case with initials "JPB"	
	51	Medal: Good Conduct	
	52	Dog Tags from WWII: James Philip Beggs	
	53	Medal: Distinguished Flying Cross	
	54	Award of Air Medal list of recipients	
		Air Medal Newspaper article mentions James Philip Beggs	
		Air Medals (2)	
		Oak Leaf Cluster (1)	
	55	Corona High School Panthers varsity letter-1940	
Series 7 Photographs			
M147/1	56	National Naval Medical Center	
		Army Air Forces Technical Training Command Parade	
	57	James Beggs-August, 1944	
		Kneeler Phil Beggs-May 23, 1945	
		Phil Beggs-England, 1944	
	58	Unknown wedding photo	
	59	Original mini-photos of U.S. Army airplanes. All photos have models identified.	
	60	Elementary school photos:	
		Eileen Jewel – PER-aaa-827b	
		Gale Bratton – PER-aaa-826b	
		Viola Horton – PER-aaa-1480	
		Margie Kellen – PER-aaa-1482	
		Jimmie Nelson – PER-aaa-836b	
		Philip Beggs – PER-aaa-1484	
		Eileen Jewel – PER-aaa-1481	
	Margie Kellen- PER-aaa-1483		
	61	Square dance calling- PER-aaa-1486	
	62	Square dance calling – PER-aaa-1485	
	63	Corona Victory Service Flag – MIL-AAA-062 c,d	
		Jean Beggs Hunter PER-AAA-1571	
		Corona Junior High Class photo SCH-JUN1-028	
		James Philip Beggs with unknown male PER-AAA-1577	
		Square dance calling PER-AAA-1572	
		James Philip Beggs with pet dog, Blackie PER-AAA-1579	
		Square dance calling PER-AAA-1578	
		James Philip Beggs in Army Uniform, 1944 MIL-AAA-199	
		Square dance calling PER-AAA-1575	
Jean Beggs Hunter and unknown friend PER-AAA-1586			
Jean Beggs Hunter PER-AAA-1585			

	Jean Beggs Hunter with squirrel PER-AAA-1587
	Jean Beggs Hunter and Russell Hunter appears to be wedding photo PER-AAA-1583
	Russell Hunter with baby PER-AAA-1588
	Jean Beggs Hunter in formal gown PER-AAA-1581
	Jean Beggs and Russell Hunter PER-AAA-1582
	Mrs. James Beggs and unidentified male in San Juan Capistrano PER-AAA-1576
	Jean Beggs Hunter and Russell Hunter PER-AAA-1584
	Unknown plane crash-May 17, 1947 TRA-AIR-029
	Aircraft "Slightly Dangerous" James Philip Beggs Assistant Radio MIL-AAA-198
	Square dancing PER-AAA-1574
	Washington Elementary School music by "Washington Toy Symphony" SCH-WAS-060
	Mrs. Campbell's Orchestra Jefferson Elementary School-James Philip Beggs shown in back row SCH-JEF-042 a,b
	Unidentified group of square dancers PER-AAA-1573
	Phillip Beggs & Family photo- PER-AAA-1578
64	Various photos of James Philip Beggs arranged in a PowerPoint presentation. Photos are arranged chronologically by his age at the time of the photo. Includes information on his Memorial Viewing.

Series 8	Newspapers
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M147/2	Newspaper article: "Gunners for our Air Force" 3 pages including pictures
	Periodical: <i>Scholastic ROTO National High School News in Picture and Paragraph Volume 2, Issue 6</i>
	Newspaper clipping: "As A Sailor's Life Goes on While on a Convoy" from the <i>New York Journal American</i> , June 15, 1943
	Newspaper: <i>The Evening News</i> from London June 26, 1944
	Periodical: <i>Clipper Fourth Air Force Weekly</i> May 7, 1945
	Newspaper: <i>Chicago Schools' Skylines Army Air Forces Technical Training Command</i> February 11, 1943
	Newspaper: <i>Chicago Schools' Skylines Army Air Forces Technical Training Command</i> February 18, 1943
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> March 30, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> April 5, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> April 6, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> April 8, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> April 15, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> April 21, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> April 22, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> May 4, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> May 29, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> May 30, 1944
	Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> June 8, 1944

Newspaper: <i>The Stars and Stripes Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations</i> June 19, 1944
Magazine: British Edition: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> May 7, 1943
Magazine: British Edition: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> May 14, 1944
Magazine: British Edition: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> April 9, 1944
Magazine: British Edition: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> April 23, 1944
Magazine: Liberation Edition: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> June 11, 1944
Magazine: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> March 23, 1945
Magazine: <i>Yank the Army Weekly</i> October 12, 1945
Newspaper: <i>Ko-Hi-Nur</i> from Corona High School April 1, 1935
Newspaper: <i>Ko-Hi-Nur</i> from Corona High School April 16, 1942 Alan Beggs, one of the Beggs brothers is mentioned in this issue along with a photo.

*Call # is the Manuscript #/Box #



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Item List of Relocated Artifacts & Photographs

New Location	ID Number	Description	Type
Photograph Drawer	PER-aaa-827b	Eileen Jewel	PHOTO
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Photograph Drawer	PER-aaa-1483	Margie Kellen	PHOTO
Photograph Drawer	PER-aaa-1486	Square dance calling- James Philip Beggs in plaid shirt with microphone	PHOTO
Photograph Drawer	PER-aaa-1485	Square dance calling-James Philip Beggs in center with plaid shirt	PHOTO