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Inventory of the Harry Levinson Papers, 1919

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Harry Levinson papers
Date(s)	1919
Creator:	Levinson, Harry, 1894-1956
Abstract:	Papers of Harry Levinson, World War I veteran and clothing store owner. Collection consists of a brief biography of Harry Levinson, a photocopy of a letter from Commander-in-Chief John Pershing to soldiers (February 1919), and a reproduction of a photograph of soldiers, including Levinson, celebrating Passover (April 1919) in France.
Extent:	1 folder (3 items)
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Biographical Note

Harry Levinson (1894-1956) was born in Manning, South Carolina, to Russian Jewish immigrants. After leaving school at the age of 12, Levinson worked as a salesman in a family clothing store in Bishopville, South Carolina. He was drafted into the army during World War I and assigned to an office in Paris, France. After the war, Levinson returned to Bishopville and married Anna Katz, the sister of a fellow Jewish soldier. In 1927, Harry and Anna Levinson moved with their two children, Irene and David, to Fairmont, North Carolina, where they opened a clothing store. Levinson was elected president of the Fairmont Rotary Club, appointed to the school board, and was active in the local Masonic Lodge.

Collection Overview

Papers of Harry Levinson, World War I veteran and clothing store owner. Collection consists of a one-page biography of Harry Levinson, a photocopy of a letter from Commander-in-Chief John Pershing to soldiers (February 1919), and a reproduction of a photograph of soldiers, including Levinson, celebrating Passover in France (April 1919).

Collection Arrangement

The collection is described at the item level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Levinson, Harry, 1894-1956
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--France
World War, 1914-1918--Participation, Jewish
Passover
Jews--South Carolina--Bishopville
Jewish merchants--South Carolina--Bishopville

Places

France--History--1914-1940

Types of Material

Correspondence
Photographs

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Harry Levinson papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2000 by Irene Levinson Schwartz.

Processing Information

Processed by Sarah Dorpinghaus, March 2011.

Encoded by Sarah Dorpinghaus, July 2011.

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Inventory

Biographical sketch, undated

Item is a photocopy of an original.

John J. Pershing letter, 1919 February 28

Letter is addressed to "fellow soldiers" and extends thanks for their service and patriotism. Item is a photocopy of an original.

Photograph of soldiers celebrating Passover, 1919 April 14

Photograph was taken in France during the first night of Passover. Harry Levinson is identified. Photograph is a reproduction.