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## OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

**Title:** William A. Hagins papers

**Date:** 1919-2005, bulk 1942-1946

**Extent:** 4 Boxes (2.84 linear feet), 1 Oversized Folder

**Creator:** Hagins, William A., Sr., 1888-1980

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. [specolle@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:specolle@georgiasouthern.edu), 912-478-7819, [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu).

**Processing Note:** This collection was processed by Tyler Hendrix, Graduate Assistant, under the supervision of Autumn Johnson, Special Collections Librarian.

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## ABOUT THE COLLECTION

**Biographical History:** William Archer Hagins Sr. was born on August 8, 1888 in Halcyondale, Screven County, Georgia. In his adult life, he joined the United States Regular Army as a medical officer in the Medical Corps. During World War I, he was deployed to France with the American Expeditionary Force as a First Lieutenant. He received a citation for distinguished and exceptional gallantry at the Battle of Soissons on July 18, 1918. During World War II, he continued his military service, where he was promoted to be the Assistant Surgeon of the U.S. Third Army. In late 1943, he was promoted to be the Chief Surgeon of the Southwest Pacific Area under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. In 1945, he was promoted to Brigadier General, where he continued his Pacific Theater service. He participated in the Occupation of Japan, and was returned home as part of Operation Magic Carpet on the U.S. Navy battleship U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62). Hagins retired from the U.S. Army in 1948 and died in 1980 at 92 years old. He is buried in Bulloch County on family lands.

William Archer Hagins, Jr. was an esteemed medical researcher from the 1980s through 2007. He received his degrees from the Leland Stanford Junior University. Many of the materials created post-1980 were created by William A. Hagins, Jr.

**Scope and Content:** This collection contains the papers of William Archer Hagins, Sr. from 1919-2005. Included within the collection are written letters, V-Mail, military documents, and legal documents concerning Hagins' service in the United States Army during World War I and World War II. Additional materials related to the Hagins Family including William Archer Hagins, Jr., prominent American medical researcher, are included and consist of family photographs and genealogical research materials.

**System of Arrangement:** This collection is arranged by original purpose in five series. The first series is Hagins' correspondence from the 1940s through the 1970s. Series two contains Hagins' military documents from his service in the United States Army. Series three contains family documents, and series four contains photographs from both Hagins' military service and personal life. Series five contains oversized materials and is housed separately.

**Box 1:** 0200106671585

**Box 2:** 0200106671577

**Box 3:** 0200106671569

**Box 4:** 0200106671551

**Oversized Folder:** 0200100002969

**Acquisitions Info:** 2013

**Access Points:**

William A. Hagins  
Helen B. Hagins  
World War I  
World War II  
U.S.S. New Jersey  
The Philippines

6th Army  
Sixth Army  
Presidio of San Francisco  
Nagasaki, Japan  
Hiroshima, Japan

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**CONTAINER LISTING**

**Series 1: Correspondence**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
V-Mail: 1943	1	1
V-Mail: January - March 1944	1	2
V-Mail: April - June 1944	1	3
V-Mail: July - September 1944	1	4
V-Mail: October - December 1944	1	5
V-Mail: January - March 1945	1	6
V-Mail; April - July 1945	1	7

Correspondence, 1942 - July 1943	2	1
Correspondence, August - October 13, 1943	2	2
Correspondence, October 15 - December 1943	2	3
Correspondence, January - February 1944	2	4
Correspondence, March - April 1944	2	5
Correspondence, May - June 1944	2	6

Correspondence, June - July 1944	2	7
Correspondence, 1945	2	8
Correspondence, 1946 - 1949	2	9
Correspondence, 1950's	2	10
Correspondence, 1960's	2	11
Envelopes from Correspondence, 1960's	2	12
Correspondence, 1970's - 2000's	2	13
Correspondence, loose and undated	2	14

## **Series 2: Military and Legal Documents**

<b><u>Items</u></b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Assorted Correspondence and Documents (1)	2	15
Assorted Correspondence and Documents (2)	2	16
Postcards and Envelopes (1)	2	17
Postcards and Envelopes (2)	2	18
Postcards and Envelopes (3)	2	19
Military Documents, May 1928 - undated	2	20
Various Rosters of the 6th Army	2	21
Reports and Operations	2	22
"Atomic Bomb of Hiroshima" Account by P. Siemes	2	23
Photos of Atomic Bomb victim / Memo: Medical Aspects	2	24
Maps - U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62) Homecoming Route/ Map of Philippines	2	25
Orders for the U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62)	2	26
Medical and Personnel reports	2	27
Pacific Medical Conference	2	28

Captured enemy supplies from Japan	2	29
Hagins' Merits and Promotions - Medals	2	30
Orders to 8th Service Command	2	31
Manuscript Organization and Administration	2	32
Miscellaneous Orders	2	33
Army Discharge and Medical Information	2	34

Medals to 6th Army, including to Hagins	3	1
Sixth Army amphibious training of Second Infantry Division	3	2
Newspaper and events in Japan	3	3

### Series 3: Hagins Family materials

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Photos of Philippines	3	4
Officer Photos	3	5
Hagins at desk (photos)	3	6
Business Letters, February 19, 1943 - undated	3	7
Military Discharge and Legal Papers, February 22, 1943 - December 19, 1963	3	8
School papers and letters for William Hagins, 1914 - undated	3	9
Hagins family genealogy, May 7, 2004 - July 23, 2004	3	10
William A. Hagins work papers, December 29, 1982 - undated	3	11
Family Financial Documents	3	12
Handwritten notes and documents	3	13
Family rations papers and other documents	3	14
Miscellaneous documents - poetry and humorous stories	3	15
Travel orders and authorizations, 1943	3	16

Trip for Washington state forts - February 4th, 1947	3	17
Orders to move to Presidio of San Francisco	3	18
Letters and magazine articles by Garfield G. Duncan	3	19
Letters between Hagins and correspondents	3	20

#### **Series 4: Photographic Materials**

<b><u>Items</u></b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Family photos	3	21
William Hagins diplomas	3	22
Lecturer certificate - Wesleyan University	3	23
Memorabilia, March 5, 1948 - undated	3	24
Awards and memorabilia, April 1, 1946 - March 19, 1999	3	25
Photos of Japan and the U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62)	3	26
Bill & Parents photographs, 1929 - 1940	3	27
Photoalbum, 1970 - May 25, 1977	3	28
Bill, 1929 - undated	3	29
Georgia - Autumn, 1971; London, 1972	3	30
Hagins Acres, 1972 - March 23, 1995 (1)	3	31
Hagins Acres, 1972 - March 23, 1995 (2)	3	32
Natural Disasters, January 30, 1978 - June 10, 1984	3	33
Bill & Helen, December 1978 - undated	3	34
Dr. Hagins' last pictures, December 1977	3	35
Funerals & Graves, 1980 - February 18, 1984	3	36
House, March 1980	3	37
Helen, Sterling, Fields, Woods & Preplantrip, Fall 1984	3	38

Fishing on the Ogeechee, undated	3	39
Assorted Photographs, undated	3	40
Military Photos of W. A. Hagins, 1909 - 1946	3	41
Photographs of Degrees & negatives, June 15, 1952 - October 1, 1952	3	42
Safety Film addressed to Mrs. Hagins	3	loose

**Series 5: Oversized Materials**

William Archer Hagins Officer Hat	4	loose
Family Photograph	Map Case	B6
Hagins Lithograph	Map Case	B6
Citation award for service at Soissons, 1919 March 27	Map Case	B6
Family Photograph	Map Case	B6