

The Filson Historical Society

**Conner-Stein family
Papers, 1941-1994**

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Size of Collection:

0.66 cubic feet

Location Number

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Scope and Content Note

Collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, reports, and obituaries. A large part of the collection includes World War II letters from John Verser Conner, Jr. to his parents, John and Mary Conner. In these letters, J.V. Conner, Jr. discusses his experiences in Army Air Corps flight school and then as a fighter pilot in 1944. Also included are correspondence from Luther R. Stein announcing his retirement from Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing Company and several of Stein's obituaries. Photos of the Stein family were transferred to the Filson's photographic collection.

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Biographical Note

John Verser Conner, Jr., was born on August, 25, 1925 in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1941, after attending Ballard Memorial School, Conner graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy. He then attended Princeton University until March 1943, when he joined the Army Air Corps. On January 7, 1944, after receiving training at various air bases in the United States, Conner was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Beginning in June 1944, he served in the European theater, flying 64 missions over Italy before being killed in action on January 6, 1945. While a fighter pilot, Conner received several commendations and a promotion to First Lieutenant.

Luther R. Stein was born November 3, 1877 in Louisville. A relative of the Conner family, Stein served as the vice president and general sales director for the Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing Company from 1925 until 1954. As a civic leader, he was involved with organizations like the Boy Scouts of America, Community Chest, Red Cross, and the Chamber of Commerce. He died on February 26, 1957 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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- Folder 1: J.V. Conner, Jr. college correspondence ca. 1941-1943.
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- Folder 8: World War II correspondence, Jun.-Aug. 1944.
- Folder 9: World War II correspondence, Sept.-Oct. 1944.
- Folder 10: World War II correspondence, Nov. 1944-Jan. 1945
- Folder 11: Conner correspondence, 1945-1982.
- Folder 12: Conner reports, newspaper clippings, programs.
- Folder 13: Stein correspondence, 1935-1994
- Folder 14: Luther R. Stein obituaries, newspaper clippings
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Subject Headings

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