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Collection Title: Samuel M. Bradley Letters

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Date Span: 1907-1971 (bulk, 1910-1949)

Size of Collection: 0.25 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 half size document case.

Type of Material: Correspondence, photographs and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized alphabetically by format; Chronological arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: Samuel M. Bradley, Sr. was born in Rowan County, Kentucky on August 16, 1868. He married Clara Anita Dyer on March 2, 1914. His son Samuel M. Bradley, Jr. was born on February 6, 1917. The father owned and operated a lumber mill in Rowan County and was president of Morehead State Bank. He served as mayor of Morehead for three terms and was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in 1919 and served until 1923. He represented the 35th senatorial district which consisted of Rowan, Bath, Fleming, Carter and Menifee Counties. Clara Anita Dyer was born in Davies County, Kentucky in 1885. Samuel M. Bradley Jr. served as a junior officer in the United States Navy Reserve during the Second World War. He trained at Camp Pickett and Norfolk Navy Yard in Virginia. He was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Erben and Tank Landing Ship LST-608. He separated from military service on September 30, 1945.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of personal correspondence written and received by Clara Anita (Dyer) Bradley, and her son Samuel M. Bradley, Jr. from 1916 to 1949. The collection contains letters received by Mrs. Dyer, the wife of Samuel M. Bradley, Sr., from 1910 to 1915 and Samuel M. Bradley, Jr. before, during and few years after the Second World War. Other items of interest include, official naval telecommunications announcing the death of

President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the surrender of Germany, correspondence with friends serving in United States Army in Germany after the war and letters from Morehead State Teachers College President J. Howard Payne and Moonlight School founder Cora Wilson Stewart.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Bradley, Samuel McKee, Sr., 1869-1945.

Bradley, Samuel McKee, Jr., 1917-

Dyer, Clara Anita, 1885-1971.

Stewart, Cora Wilson

Payne, John Howard

Hatcher, J. Wesley

Morrison, Geneva P., 1875-1914.

Allen, Keith S. C.

Morehead (Ky.) – History.

Camp Pickett (Va.)

Norfolk Navy Yard

U.S.S. Erben

Notes: Collection was purchased from Charles Apfelbaum Rare Manuscripts & Archives on June 26, 2008. See *History of Kentucky: The Blue Grass State*, Vol. IV, pg. 793-794.