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**Collection Title:** Franklin Runyon Sousely Scrapbook

**Manuscript Series Number:** MS065-2008

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**Date Span:** 1943-2006

**Size of Collection:** 0.01 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 1 compact disc.

**Type of Material:** Compact disc.

**Condition of Material:** Good.

**Arrangement:** Organized by creator.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** Franklin Runyon Sousely was born on September 19, 1925 at Hill Top, Fleming County, Kentucky. As a child, he attended school in nearby Elizaville and graduated from Fleming County High School in May of 1943. He was drafted into military service on January 4, 1944. After combat training in California and Hawaii, he was assigned to E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, Fifth Marine Division. Sousley landed with his company on the island of Iwo Jima near Mount Suribachi on February 19, 1945. On February 23, he and five other Marines raised the American flag atop Mount Suribachi. Sousley was killed in action on March 21, 1945.

**Scope and Content:** Collection consist of digital scans of a scrapbook kept by Goldie Price, the mother of Franklin Runyon Sousely. The scrapbook contains correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings and ephemera related to Private Sousely before, during and following his death. Included in the scrapbook are images of him as a child, high school student and Marine Corps recruit. A letter from him dated March 21, 1944 is also in the scrapbook.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Sousley, Franklin R. -- (Franklin Runyon), -- 1925-1945.  
Iwo Jima, Battle of, Japan, 1945.

Soldiers – Kentucky.  
Marines – Kentucky.

**Notes:** The digital scans were made prior to an exhibit at the Fleming County Courthouse in November of 2010.