



Connolly, Thomas J. and Gertrude Collection, 1896-1977

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0.20 cubic ft.

The letters in this collection focus largely on Thomas J. Connolly's deployment time in Bermuda during WWII. Taking place in 1942, he wrote back and forth with his wife, Gertrude Connolly, who stayed behind with her mother in Jamaica, N.Y. Earlier letters, written in German, document some time before the war. Letters post war are largely miscellaneous and relate to various topics. An article is included which documents Thomas Connolly's death, who was tragically stabbed within Penn Station in 1968 while returning from work, just one month away from retiring. A framed portrait of Gertrude Connolly is included among the collection.

The collection, which spans the years 1896-1977, is composed of a framed photograph of Gertrude Connolly along with a collection of letters focusing on the time during Thomas Connolly's deployment.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Thomas J. Connolly.
Gertrude Connolly.
Mike Burdziak.

Subjects:

Letters.
WWII.
Jamaica (N.Y.)--History.
Bermuda-----History
Long Island -----History.

Places:

Jamaica (N.Y.).
Long Island (N.Y.)
Bermuda.
Germany.

Form and Genre Terms:

Letters.
Photographs.

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Box and folder listings

Box 1

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Title/Description</u>
1	1896-1937	Pre-War Letters
2	1942	War Letters, June-October 1942
3	1942	War Letters, October-December 1942
4	1943-1977	Post-War Letters
5		Misc. Incomplete Letters and Envelopes
6		Framed Photograph of Gertrude Connolly