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Marilyn Lovell Collection

Collection Summary

Title:	Marilyn Lovell Collection
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Note:	Related collection: MS 94-16, George E. Lovell Papers
Restrictions:	None

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Content Note

The Marilyn Lovell Collection includes many loose photographs, an album, her baby book, personal correspondence, travel memorabilia, work-related materials, and personal business papers. Ms. Lovell entered the Navy as one of the first WAVES from San Antonio in 1943. Much of the material relates to her career in aviation and space program material procurement, as well as family and social life through the early 1970s.

Biography

Marilyn Lloyd Louise Lovell was born August 29, 1920, in Los Angeles, California, the only child of Captain George E. Lovell and Marjorie Victoria Blackburn Lovell. George Lovell graduated from West Point in 1913, beginning a long Army career from the cavalry to aviation. Stationed as military attache to the American Embassy, the family lived in Rome, Italy, from 1927-1932. From 1937-1939 the family was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. After early studies in Geneva and Paris, Marilyn graduated from high school in Shreveport,

Louisiana, attended H. Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans, and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BA in English in 1942. Upon her entry in the Navy in 1943, Marilyn trained at the United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and earned a commission as an ensign in the Reserves. While in the service, Marilyn was an Aviation Machinist's Mate, assistant to production engineers in the Electronic Components Group, BUAIR, Washington, D.C., until June 1946.

With an Honorable Discharge, Ms. Lovell sold real estate and wrote advertising copy for Mildred Shaw Campbell Realty, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, through 1949. She then married and as Mrs. William Daniel Pratt, Jr., lived in Fredonia, Kansas until 1954. After her divorce, Marilyn served as material and spares clerk for North American Aviation, Inc., at Patrick Air Force Base, in Aviation Missile Control, living in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Her resume indicates her position included "Maintaining Electronic and Mechanical Lab stock material level in support of missile flight test(s)." From 1957 to 1963, Marilyn worked for Martin-Marietta, Canaveral Division, Cocoa Beach, Florida, as a Material Analyst and as a Procurement Coordinator.

Letters of condolence on the death of her mother in 1957 make up the bulk of one section of her personal correspondence. After this time, material and information is scarce. Her work record is clear from resumes through 1963, when she was searching for another position. After this time, the final information included in the collections relates to a 1974 trip to Rome.

Marilyn Lovell served her country both in the Service and in the Aviation Industry. Her biography as reflected by the material in this collection is incomplete, but serves to illustrate a portion of an important time in United States history and development.

Detailed Description: Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1-4	Correspondence. Includes personal and work related correspondence.
Series 2	Box 1 FF 5	Employment Papers. Includes applications, resumes, and a University of Oklahoma transcript.
Series 3	Box 1 FF 6-9	Personal Papers. Includes Naval papers, vacation trips, personal business and mementos.
Series 4	Box 2 FF 1	Clippings.
Series 5	Box 2 FF 2-7	Photographs. Includes portraits, family photos, trips, and an album of Naval training photographs.
Series 6	Box 3	Baby Book and Diplomas.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Correspondence

Box 1	FF 1-2	Correspondence. Contains letters to and from family and friends including letters of condolence on the death of her mother in 1957.
Box 1	FF 3	Cards. Contains gift and greeting cards.
Box 1	FF 4	Work-related correspondence. Contains correspondence written during her Naval service.

Series 2 – Employment Papers

Box 1	FF 5	Employment papers. Contains applications, resumes, and University of Oklahoma transcript.
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Series 3 – Personal Papers

Box 1	FF 6	Personal papers. Contains papers written during her Naval period, entry papers, social material, and telegrams of congratulations.
Box 1	FF 7	Personal papers. Contains personal business, college graduation, Confirmation, and artwork.
Box 1	FF 8	Personal papers. Contains mementos of a trip to Florida in 1955.
Box 1	FF 9	Personal papers. Contains mementos of a trip to Rome in 1974 which may possibly be related to photos in Box 2, File Folder 5.

Series 4 – Clippings

Box 2	FF 1	Clippings. Contains articles related to the Lovell family and an advertising copy from Mildred Shaw Campbell Realty.
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Series 5 – Photographs

Box 2	FF 2	Portraits. Contains unlabeled portraits from her Naval period as well as others.
Box 2	FF 3	Photographs. Contains labeled photographs with names, dated and other information. Includes photographs of friends and family.
Box 2	FF 4	Photographs. Contains family photographs. (Note: Identification information may be more complete in the George E. Lovell Papers, MS 94-16.)
Box 2	FF 5	Photographs. Contains unlabeled family photographs. Also includes photographs of a trip to Rome.
Box 2	FF 6	Photographs. Contains unlabeled photographs of family and friends.
Box 2	FF 7	Photographs. Contains photographs of family dated 1954-1957.

Series 6 – Baby Book and Diplomas

Box 3		Albums and diplomas. Contains oversized albums including a baby book and an album of family and travel photos during her Naval period. Also includes testimonial and high school diplomas.
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