The Harry H. Vaughn Collection

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Open for research use. Please wear cotton gloves and take notes only in pencil.

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Notes on the Preparation of this Finding Aide:
This collection consists of personal Vaughn information including personal correspondence, news items, and biographical information. The collection has been put together according to subject and most of the documents are concentrated between the mid 1940s and the early 1950s.

Collection Overview:
This is something of a miscellaneous collection of items of personal interest to General Vaughn. Some of the items are personal correspondence; some are news items on Vaughn or information relating to the historical context around Vaughn’s time in office. There is also a list of promotions and official letters informing Vaughn of his new positions. Along with promotions is included a folder containing information regarding medals that Vaughn received both in the United States and abroad. The collection offers a view into Vaughn’s personal life as well as an idea of the national and international issues that interested Vaughn during his time in office.

Box List:

Box 1:
Folder 1: None Dated Vaughn Material
Newspaper clippings
The Ebening Star: Vaughn Voting in Virginia’s Gubernatorial Contest
Folder 2: Non Vaughn News Items
Dec. 12, 1952 World News Report: More War in Korea
Newspaper: November 13, 1954 “The Washington Merry-Go-Round”
Newspaper: 1954, “Tragedy of Errors in 11 Scenes”
Newspaper: “Eisenhower and Truman”
Newspaper: “The Charge of Treason”
Newspaper: “Investigations by Congress”
Folder 3: Harry H. Vaughn Medal Folder
Letters informing Vaughn of receiving medals
Letters of congratulations for medals
Newspaper clippings about medals (especially controversial ones received from South American Governments)
Folder 4: Personal Papers H. H. Vaughn
Letters from William and Mary on daughter Janet’s admission
Letters from William and Mary on tuition
Grade cards and congratulatory letter for Janet making the deans list
Personal notes, cards and memorabilia
Folder 5: Miscellaneous Non-Vaughn Material
“Lest They Forget” a collection of What People Said about Soviet Russia 1942-1948
Some of the information is from Truman, McGeorge Bundy, and MacArthur
Letter from John Maragon to Joseph McCarthy about charges that he used government funds to take a personal trip to Paris
Folder 6: Vaughn, H. H. Appreciation Letters
Many letters of reassurance and loyalty in the face of criticism against Vaughn
Thank you notes from Vaughn for kind letters of support
Thank you notes to Vaughn for help with favors, like getting kids travel arrangements or army placements
Thank you notes to Vaughn for hospitality at home or in Washington
Some letters to Mrs. Vaughn on the good work of her husband
Folder 7: Vaughn, H. H. Promotions
Notification of temporary appointment to Brigadier General
Notification of temporary appointment to Major General
Letters of congratulation on achieving Major General
Officer Efficiency Report
Folder 8: Non Vaughn- Westminster ROTC Patch Approval
Letters concerning creating a Westminster College ROTC Patch
Sample patches
Invoice for patches
Folder 9: Westminster Correspondence
Letter from McCleur informing Vaughn of receiving his honorary degree
Letter of thanks from Vaughn for degree
2 invitation cards: to Reeves Library and to a dinner
Folder 10: Vaughn Biographical Material
International Biographical Record featuring Vaughn
The Officer article from July 1981 after his death
Brief timelines and short biographical/informational paragraphs on his career