

Guide to Manuscript Collections | The Vietnam War

2009.198 Bagwell, John Moreland

This collection primarily consists of the original letters written between John Moreland Bagwell, his wife Jana Lee Bagwell, and his parents Elizabeth and Carl Bagwell from November 1969 through October 1970.

The collection includes correspondence (including letters and greeting cards), and a self-published book of facsimiles of the original letters, facsimiles of photos, facsimiles of currency, certificates, and ephemera, and a facsimile of a map of the Indochina region.

This collection includes the letters between John and his wife, his parents, and various other family members and friends during his roughly one-year (Nov. 1969–Oct. 1970) deployment to Vietnam during the United States' military engagement there. The letters describe the experience of an adjutant at the 67th Evacuation Hospital in Qui Nohn, and the experiences of family members on the home front during this period of the Vietnam conflict.

The correspondence includes letters from John that describe the daily life and physical conditions at the 67th Evacuation Hospital in Qui Nohn, a city located about 500 miles north of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in Southern Vietnam, as well as the physical geography of this region of Vietnam.

The letters from his wife, Jana, describe her experience living on her own in Arkansas City, Kansas, and Norman, Oklahoma, during John's deployment. In some letters she offers her opinions on current issues involving the conflict in Vietnam. She mentions, to a limited extent, the political climate on the campus of the University of Oklahoma, where she was a student at this time.

Letters from his father, Carl, mention some of his professional activities as a lawyer in Oklahoma City since John had gone to law school and was planning to become an attorney upon completion of his commitment to the US Army.

2012.008 The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History Collection

Files of the encyclopedia project; includes historical research and correspondence

Historic Oklahoma

Historic Oklahoma is a vertical file of original materials. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and includes a biographical series.

2014.174 Riverside Indian School Collection

Contains enrollment lists for Riverside Indian School students during the 1950s and early 1960s. Included in this collection is a list of graduates who were killed in the Vietnam War.

2008.066 Williams, Franklin

The Franklin Williams Collection contains the military records of Franklin Williams as well as information regarding the My Lai Massacre.

2012.148 USO Saigon Oklahoma Collection

Contains handwritten logbook with names of Oklahomans who fought in Vietnam. Donated by the office of the governor in 1976.