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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: The Ruth Mills Bradley Collection. 1911-1995
Collection #: Ms B80
Dates: 1940-195
Size of Collection: 12 items
Accession Number: L97.7
Donor: Paul Audley
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Biographical/ historical note:

Ruth Mills Bradley was the first woman from Fairfield, and the first from Connecticut, to join the WACs after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 1942. She stayed in the Army as a career officer. She was promoted to Major in 1956 and had reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel when she retired in 1969.

Scope and content note:

The collection consists of materials gathered by her relatives to commemorate her life of service. The information includes a family history; biographies of Ruth Bradley; copies of her military records; news articles about her enlistment and career; an essay on WACs at Camp Ritchie, Maryland; assorted documents; two color photographic portraits; and two certificates she received on her retirement from the service. A framed set of medals awarded to Bradley are in the museum collection, accession number 1997.8.1-21.

BRADLEY, RUTH MILLS, 1911-1995
Papers, 1940-1995

- Folder 1. Family history
- Folder 2. Biography
- Folder 3. Copies of military records
- Folder 4. Newspaper articles, 1940-1969
- Folder 5. Essay on WACs
- Folder 6. Biography written by Mildred Mills Bradley Shippey
- Folder 7. Miscellaneous documents
- Folder 8. Portrait photographs, ca. 1969
- Folder 9. Certificates, 1969

Subject headings:

Bradley Family
United States. Army. Women's Army Corps.
Women soldiers--Biography
World War, 1939-1945—Women

Shippey, Mildred Mills Bradley