Edwin F. Lawler, Jr., Papers (C4371)

Collection Number: C4371

Collection Title: Edwin F. Lawler, Jr., Papers

Dates: 1923-1999

Creator: Lawler, Edwin F., Jr., 1924-1991

Abstract: Military documents and photographs, travel and family photographs and slides, college yearbooks, personal correspondence, and miscellaneous material.

Collection Size: 1.25 cubic feet
   (40 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Edwin F. Lawler, Jr., was born on November 1, 1924, to Edwin F. Lawler and Emma E. Birdnow. He attended Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, Missouri. He entered the United
States Marine Corps on January 5, 1943, and fought the Japanese in the Pacific during the Second World War. He was discharged on January 11, 1946, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. Lawler was reappointed to the rank of Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve on December 16, 1946, and was later appointed a Sergeant.

In 1957, he married Pauline L. Baerveldt, who was born January 26, 1926, in St. Louis, Missouri. The couple had two children. From the 1950s to the 1970s Edwin Lawler taught at the Harris Teacher’s College in St. Louis. Also during this time he and his wife traveled extensively throughout Europe, the British Isles and the United States. In his later years, Lawler was treasurer of the First Marine Division Association.

Lawler died on May 22, 1991, and is buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. He had two brothers and two sisters, Mary Sharp, Norma Bishop, and Robert and Thomas Lawler.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following seven series:

American A.C. Dance Programs  
Funeral Documents  
Personal Correspondence  
Photographs and Slides  
United States Marine Corps Papers  
Yearbooks, Harris Teacher’s College, “The Torch”  
Miscellaneous

**Scope and Content Note:**

**American A.C. Dance Programs**

This series consists of dance program announcements, listing the name of the orchestras, advertisers, participating service members, members, and boosters, 1942-1947.

**Funeral Documents**

This series consists of materials pertaining to the funeral of Edwin F. Lawler, which includes an itemized bill, funeral purchase contract, and payment acknowledgement from Drehmann-Harral Funeral Directors, 1991.

**Personal Correspondence**

This series contains holiday greeting cards and a letter from Lawler family friends, 1998.

**Photographs and Slides**

This series consists of assorted Lawler and related family photographs and slides. Included are early family photographs, and World War II photographs taken by Lawler when he was in the Marines stationed in the Pacific. The bulk of the collection are slides taken during family vacations in the United States, Mexico, Canada, the British Isles, and Europe, 1923-1999.
United States Marine Corp (USMC) Papers

This series consists of Edwin F. Lawler, Jr.’s honorable discharge papers from the Marine Corps; a certificate of Honorable and Satisfactory Service in World War II; reappointment orders from Headquarters, Third Infantry Battalion, United States Marine Corps Reserve, Naval Reserve Armory, Foot of Ferry Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and accompanying certificate, designating rank, and a formal thank you form letter for military service from President Harry Truman, 1943-1949.

Yearbooks, Harris Teacher’s College, “The Torch”

This series contains Harris Teacher’s College, St. Louis, Missouri, yearbooks containing signatures from Lawler’s instructors and schoolmates, 1946-1949.

Miscellaneous

This series contains a AAA Auto Club certificate of recognition issued to Edwin Lawler; a postcard with a copy of a marriage certificate printed on the front from Scotland; an invitation to the 168th Birthday Observance of the U. S. Marine Corps; a certificate, “Domain of the Golden Dragon, Ruler of the 180th Meridian,” for crossing the International Date Line; Letter certificate from Roosevelt High School for baseball issued to Ed Lawler; an Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge for Robert L. Lawler; newspaper obituary for a Lt. Grant R. Ellis, killed in Korea; a John F. Kennedy Library information book and pamphlet, and a congratulatory card to Edwin Lawler on becoming a Life Member in the 1st Marine Division Association, 1938-1987.

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