

COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

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COLLECTION: William J. Heffner Collection

MANUSCRIPT NUMBER: INCLUSIVE DATES: ca. 1939-1995

ACCESSION NUMBER: RESTRICTIONS: None

DONOR: William J. Heffner LOCATION: Vault

DATE OF GIFT: August 1996 COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: Yes

SIZE: 4 boxes

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY: William J. Heffner was the assigned chauffeur for General George C. Marshall from 1948 until Marshall's death in 1959. He was also a member of the Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Service Center for the Armed Forces and was awarded the Certificate for Outstanding Service upon his retirement in April of 1960. He had been with the center for over 27 years. William J. Heffner passed away on August 12, 1995.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT: The collection fills four boxes and consists of seven series. Box one holds series I and it consists of correspondence organized first by alphabet and then by chronology. Photographs and newspaper/magazine clippings can be found in series II and III which are both contained in box two. The third box holds publications which relate to General Marshall, lectures by or relating to Marshall, and miscellaneous items which belonged to Heffner. These three categories of material make up series IV, V, and VI respectively. The final series is the oversize group and it holds feature newspaper articles on Marshall, various photographs, and miscellaneous oversize items.

THE WILLIAM J. HEFFNER COLLECTION

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### Scope and Content Notes

The William J. Heffner Collection consists of seven series. The first holds Heffner's own correspondence as well as some of the letters of General George C. Marshall; John C. Hagan, Jr.; and Joseph W. Martin. The bulk of the letters addressed to Heffner come from two sources: George and Katharine Marshall and the George C. Marshall Foundation. The letters addressed to Marshall, Hagan, and Martin are fewer in quantity but more significant in their research value. Among these are a letter from Winston Churchill praising George C. Marshall and, from the opposite standpoint, a group of letters from the general public which criticize Marshall.

The second series is a collection of photographs and prints. Most pictures are of George C. Marshall and many are autographed by General Marshall and/or others in the photographs. A major strength of this series is an informal group photograph taken at Dodona Manor and autographed by Marshall, Harry S. Truman, and members of the Truman Family.

Series three is key to the scholar interested in Marshall's family as there are files on Molly Winn (Marshall's daughter), Kitty Winn (Marshall's granddaughter), and Katharine Marshall (Marshall's wife). This series holds newspaper and magazine clippings organized alphabetically by last name.

The above materials fill boxes one and two while series four, five, and six are enclosed in box three; these are titled "Publications," "Lectures," and "Miscellaneous," respectively. The

publication series includes a nearly complete collection of the newsletters from the George C. Marshall Foundation and various magazines/articles with tributes to Marshall while series five contains lectures by or relating to Marshall. The single file of miscellaneous items holds an uncashed check given to Heffner by Katharine T. Marshall, a poem from the Defense Intelligence Agency, and a few items of lesser significance.

The collection is completed by series seven, the oversize group. Feature newspaper articles on Marshall, George C. Marshall Foundation publications and large photographs are the major items in this series. A certificate given to William J. Heffner by the U.S. Army Service Center for the Armed Forces is also included.

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Biographical Statement

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Sergeant William J. Heffner (1909-1995) entered the United States Army in 1932. His assignment took him to the 8th Field Artillery in the Hawaiian Islands but Heffner returned eastward to Fort Hoyle, Maryland in 1936. He served as a supply sergeant during World War II and became General George C. Marshall's assigned chauffeur following the war. Heffner served as Marshall's postwar orderly until the General's death in 1959. Upon retirement in April of 1960, Heffner was awarded the Certificate for Outstanding Performance by the U.S. Army Service Center for the Armed Forces. He had served the center for over 27 years. Sergeant William J. Heffner passed away on August 12, 1995.

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Container List

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
	<b>Hagan, John C.:</b>
1	1 Churchill, Winston to Hagan: 1958 July 30
	2 Eisenhower, Dwight D. to Hagan: 1955 April 1
	3 Rockefeller, John, Jr. to Hagan: 1956 January 23
	4 Truman, Harry S. to Hagan: 1953 January 19
	<b>Heffner, William J.:</b>
	5 Campbell, William J. to Heffner: 1988
	6 Carter, Marshall S. to Heffner: 1948 June 10
	7 Emerson to Heffner: 1957
	8 George, C.J. to Heffner: 1957 August 16
	George C. Marshall Foundation to Heffner:
	9 1963
	10 1964
	11 1965
	12 1970
	13 1971
	14 1972
	15 1974
	16 1976
	17 1977
	18 1978
	19 1979
	20 1982
	21 1983
	22 1985
	23 1986
	24 1987
	25 1991
	26 1992
	27 1994
	28 Hall, Wilbur C. to Heffner: 1959
	29 MacArthur Foundation to Heffner: 1957
	30 McCarthy, Frank to Heffner: 1956-1957
	Marshall, George C. and Katharine T. to Heffner:
	31 1948
	32 1949
	33 1952
	34 1953
	35 1954
	36 1955
	37 1956
	38 1958
	39 dates unknown
	40 Marshall, Katharine T. to Heffner: 1968-1969

41 Tribble, Paul to Heffner: 1987 July 20 and 21  
42 Warner, John W. to Heffner: 1987  
43 Winn, Kitty to Heffner: 1979

44 Winn, Molly to Heffner: 1967, 1971, 1979

**Marshall, George C.:**

45 Arcinas, Felix to Marshall: 1956 November 12  
46 Rosenthal, Edward M.: 1956, February 15

**Martin, Joseph W., Jr.:**

47 MacArthur, Douglas to Martin (photocopy): 1951  
March 20

SUBJECT SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE

48 Criticism: Letters from the general public to  
George C. Marshall  
Greeting Cards:  
49 Bishop Arnold to George C. Marshall  
50 Marshall, George C. and Katharine T. to  
Heffner  
51 Invitations: Various invitations sent to George  
C. and Katharine T. Marshall  
52 Tribute: Letter written by Heffner in tribute to  
C.J. George

PHOTOGRAPHS/PRINTS

*Sorted in  
folders  
in shelf  
beside boxes*

1 Baruch, B.M.  
2 Bradley, Omar  
3 Carter, Marshall S.  
4 Heffner, William J.  
5 "Liscomb Lodge" (the house of George C. Marshall  
in Pinehurst, North Carolina)  
6 Marryott, Ronald G.  
7 Marshall, George C.  
8 Marshall, George C. with Friends and Family  
9 Marshall, George C. with Frank McCarthy  
10 Marshall, George C. with Harry S. Truman  
11 Marshall, George C. with Mrs. Vanderbilt  
12 Marshall, George C. with Major Walter  
13 Marshall Park  
14 Miscellaneous (photographs and negatives)  
15 Pope Pious in Pinehurst, North Carolina  
16 Truman, Harry S. (print)  
17 Winn, Kitty

NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE CLIPPINGS

18 George, C.J.  
19 Lovett, Robert  
20 MacArthur, Douglas  
21 Marshall, George C.  
22 Marshall, Katharine T.  
23 Winn, James  
24 Winn, Kitty  
25 Winn, Molly

#### PUBLICATIONS

3 1 Biennial Report of the Chief of Staff of the U.S.  
Army to the Secretary of War. July 1, 1939-  
June 30, 1941 and July 1, 1941-June 30, 1943  
2 George C. Marshall Foundation Newsletters, 1962-  
1975  
3 George C. Marshall Foundation Newsletters, 1976-  
1995  
4 Golf Digest, June 1952  
5 The State, (includes article on George C.  
Marshall Reception Room)  
6 "Unforgettable George C. Marshall." A reprint  
from Reader's Digest

#### LECTURES

7 Nobel Lecture by George C. Marshall, 1953 December  
11  
8 Remarks at the Launching of the Polaris Submarine  
"George C. Marshall", 1965 May 21  
9 Wilson Jefferson Dance, Jr., Memorial Lecture,  
1958 April 18 ("General George C. Marshall--  
Soldier and Statesman)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

10 \$50.00 check signed by Katharine T. Marshall and  
given to William J. Heffner, February 19,  
1952  
Poem by the Defense Intelligence Agency, January  
24, 1969  
William J. Heffner's Calling Cards  
William J. Heffner's Card for Patrons Membership  
in the George C. Marshall Foundation

#### OVERSIZE

4 1 Certificate Awarded to Heffner (U.S. Army  
Service Center for the Armed Forces)

- 2 Feature Articles on George C. Marshall and the  
Marshall Plan
- 3 George C. Marshall Foundation Topics, 1980-1983
- 4 Photograph of Robert Lovett  
Photographs of George C. Marshall  
Photographs of George C. Marshall's Funeral  
Photographs of Washington dinner (Heffner  
included)

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SEPARATION RECORD

The following items have been removed to the George C. Marshall Museum:

George C. Marshall commemorative stamps (8 framed, 1 in envelope)  
George C. Marshall medal  
George C. Marshall's address book (empty)--1957  
George C. Marshall's calling cards--Chief of Staff  
George C. Marshall's "THINK" pad  
George C. Marshall's watch  
William J. Heffner's golf badge with 2 George C. Marshall pins