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2002.FIA.10

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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection includes letters to Francis P. Murphy from friends stationed throughout the United States and Germany. The letters vary in length and topic from deaths to views on the war. Most of the letters were written between 1942 and 1951.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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Provenance : Purchased by the Worcester Historical Museum in 1990.

MARC Access : Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Historical/Biographical Notes

Francis P. Murphy was the night editor of the Worcester Telegram Pub, CO. on 291 Beverley Road in Worcester, MA from 1937-1939. Then in 1939, he was promoted to news editor for the Worcester Telegram. He continued through to 1952. During these years, he received numerous letters from friends stationed throughout the United States and Germany.

Scope and Content

Collection includes letters from friends throughout the United States and Germany between the years of 1942-1951. The letters vary in length and topic from deaths to views on the war.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Letters to Frank

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Francis P. Murphy Collection
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Series 1, Letters to Frank

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| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.4 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (Monday 24 July 1944) |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.5 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (Tuesday 20 June 1944) |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.6 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (Tuesday Nov 10) |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.7 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
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| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.10 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.11 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (Friday 30 June 1944) |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.12 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (Sunday July 16, 1944) |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.13 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.14 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 1 | 2002.FIA.10.1.15 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |

1 1 2002.FIA.10.1.16 Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (Friday 28
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| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.1 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (4 November 1942) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.2 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (8 November 1942) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.3 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (3 February 1943) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.4 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.5 | Letter to Frank on 16 February 1943 |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.6 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (2 April 1943) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.7 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (25 June 1944) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.8 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (2 August 1944) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.9 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (8 November 8, 1944) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.10 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (22 November) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.11 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (4 February 1945) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.12 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (8 February 1945) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.13 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (24 February 1945) |

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| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.14 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.15 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (21 May 1945) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.16 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (15 June 1945) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.17 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (July 29) |
| 1 | 2 | 22002.FIA.10.2.18 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (August 21) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.19 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. (1 September 1945) |
| 1 | 2 | 2002.FIA.10.2.20 | Letter to Frank from William Frank Butler Jr. |

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Series 3, Letters to Murphy

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| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.1 | Letter to Frank from Ivan (June 3, 1945) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.2 | Letter to Frank from Ivan (20 November 1946) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.3 | Letter to Frank from Jo (16 May- Germany) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.4 | Letter to Frank from M. H. Williams (May 9, 1945) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.5 | Letter to Frank, 26 April 1945 |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.6 | Letter to Frank from Jo (26 April 1945, Germany) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.7 | Letter to Frank from Jo (27 January 1945, Alsace) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.8 | Letter to Frank from Jo (19 June 1944, Italy) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.9 | Letter to Frank from Jo (20 July 1944, Italy) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.10 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (July 13, 1943) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.11 | Letter to Frank from Drummond |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.12 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.13 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves and Jo |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.14 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (August 22, 1944) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.15 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (December 7, 1944) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.16 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (10/10/44) |

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| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.17 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (December 5, 1945) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.18 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (February 21, 1945) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.19 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (February 8, 1945) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.20 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (December 22, 1944) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.21 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.22 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.23 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.24 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.25 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.26 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.27 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.28 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (June 24, 1943) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.29 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (August 17, 1943) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.30 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.31 | Letter to Frank from Drummond |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.32 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (May 17, 1944) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.33 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (6/26/44) |

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| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.34 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (August 8, 1944) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.35 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (May 23, 1943) |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.36 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.37 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves |
| 1 | 3 | 2002.FIA.10.3.38 | Letter to Frank from Dick Waves (February 29, 1943) |

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Series 4, Letters to Murphy

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| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.1 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (6 July 1947) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.2 | Letter to Frank (September 30, 1946) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.3 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (August 11) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.4 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.5 | Letter to Frank form Jack Reese (10 May 1945, Germany) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.6 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (29 April 1946, St. Petersburg, Florida) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.7 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese, St. Petersburg, Florida) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.8 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (May 31, 1946, St. Petersburg, Florida) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.9 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (June 18, , St. Petersburg, Florida) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.10 | Letter to Frank from Henry T. Ford (August 5, 1946, St. Petersburg, Florida) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.11 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (February 28, 1947) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.12 | Letter to Frank from John A. Reese Jr. (February 25, 1947, St. Petersburg, Florida) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.13 | Letter to Jack from Frank (March 20, 1950) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.14 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (12 March 1950, Augsburg, Germany) |

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| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.15 | Letter to Jack from Frank (September 29, |

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| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.16 | Letter to Jack from Frank (December 16, 1949) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.17 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (13 December 1949, Arkansas) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.18 | Addressed to John A. Reese on December 31, 1948 |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.19 | Letter to Jack from Frank (September 1, 1948) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.20 | Telegram |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.21 | Letter To Mr. Harris from Frank (October 1, 1946) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.22 | Letter to Jack from Frank (December 11, 1947) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.23 | Letter to Jack from Frank (October 15, 1947) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.24 | Letter to Advisory Board from Frank (January 30, 1946) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.25 | Letter to Jack from Frank (June 6, 1946) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.26 | Letter to "Whom it may concern" from Frank (April 13, 1946) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.27 | Letter to Jack from Frank (March 5, 1947) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.28 | Letter to Jack from Frank (February 25, 1947) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.29 | Letter to Jack from Frank (12/7/50) |

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| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.30 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (November 15, 1950) |

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| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.31 | Letter to Jack from Frank (November 1, 1951) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.32 | Letter to Frank from Jack Reese (24 October 1951) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.33 | Letter to Jack from Frank (November 20, 1951) |
| 1 | 4 | 2002.FIA.10.4.34 | Letter to Frank from Jack Rees (12 November 1951) |

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Series 5, Letters to Murphy

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| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.1 | Letter to Frank from Hilding E. Ohrstrom |

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| | | | (May 29, 1945, Augsburg, Germany) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.2 | Letter to Frank (May 24, 1945, Augsburg, Germany) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.3 | Letter to Frank from Hilding E. Ohrstrom (June 27, 1945, Augsburg, Ohstrom) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.4 | Letter to Frank from Pot. E. R. La Rocque (December 7, 1945, Munich, Germany) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.5 | Letter to Frank from Pot. E. R. La Rocque (February 5, 1946, Munich, Germany) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.6 | Letter to Frank from Pot. E. R. La Rocque (February 28, 1946, Munich, Germany) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.7 | Letter to Frank from Pot. E. R. La Rocque (April 17, 1946, Namur, Belgium) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.8 | Letter to Frank from Pot. E. R. La Rocque (January 19, 1946) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.9 | Telegram |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.10 | Letter to Congressman Holmes from Frank (December 17, 1945) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.11 | Letter to Congressman Holmes from Frank (December 24, 1945) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.12 | Letter to Pot. E. R. La Rocque from Frank (January 4, 1946) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.13 | Letter to Pot. E. R. La Rocque from Frank (February 15, 1946) |

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| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.14 | Letter to Pot. E. R. La Rocque from Frank (February 2, 1946) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.15 | Letter to Pot. E. R. La Rocque from Frank |

(January 10, 1946)

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| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.16 | Letter "To Whom it may Concern" from M.H. Williams (December 17, 1942) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.17 | Letter to Dick from M.H. Williams (April 28, 1943) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.18 | Letter to Dick from M.H. Williams (March 8, 1943) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.19 | Letter "To Whom it may Concern" from M.H. Williams (July 5, 1940) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.20 | Letter to Jo from M.H. Williams (February 28, 1945) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.21 | Letter to Jo from M.H. Williams (February 28, 1945) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.22 | Letter to Family from Dick |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.23 | Letter to "Sir" from Arthur Woods |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.24 | Song/Poem titled "Our Fighting Men" |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.FIA.10.5.25 | Letter to Unlucky Boss from PVT. Davis |