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Collection Information

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Historical/Biographical Notes

Albert B. Southwick grew up in Leicester on the family farm. He attended Mannville School, a one room wooden building where one teacher taught all eight grades. He went on to Leicester High School, Clark University, four years in the United States Navy, back to Clark for his M.A. degree and on to Brown University, where he did a year of graduate work in American History.

From 1950 – 1952, he was a civilian historian for the U.S. Seventh Army, bases in Stuttgart, Germany. On his return from Germany, he became a reporter for the Providence Journal. He came to the Telegram-Gazette as an editorial writer in the fall of 1952 and became chief editorial writer in 1968. He retired in 1986.

He and his first wife, Shirley, lived in Leicester and had four children. He married his second wife, Betty McGrath on December 21, 2002.

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Binder 3		2013.55.1.3	A.B. Southwick WWII Letters to Maple Hill 1944. 56 letters written from various locations throughout the US (Texas, Florida and Kansas).
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