

**Washington County Selective Service Board
WW II Inductee Photographs, 1942-1945**

FB-70

Introduction

This collection contains 74 photographs of inductees into military service for World War II from Washington County, Vermont, 1943-1945. The collection was purchased by the Vermont Historical Society in 2002 (ms. acc. no. 2002.21). They are housed in one flip top archival box and occupy .25 linear feet of shelf space.

Scope and Content

This collection contains formal and informal photographs of young men from Washington County, Vermont, being enlisted in military service in Montpelier, Vermont, 1942-1945. There are also four photographs of the selective service board, known as local board #1, at work in their office.

Most of the photographs show young men in civilian dress standing in front of the Washington County Court House in Montpelier, Vermont, in groups. However, the collection also includes informal photographs of the men getting ready to have their picture taken (see 10/13/1943), photographs of men walking from the court house to the train station in Montpelier (9/1/1942 and 10/6/1942), and photographs of inductees getting on a bus in front of the court house (5/18/1944). There is one photograph of an inductee and his family (4/9/1945).

Typewritten lists of inductees found in the collection have been matched to the photographs in the collection. The lists of names are not necessarily arranged in the same order as the men in the photographs, so it is not possible to match the photograph of an individual with a name. An index of the names has been placed in Folder 0 and on the web <http://www.vermonthistory.org/documents/transcriptions/washcountynanameindex.pdf>

Related Collections

Additional photographs of the World War II era are located in the VHS picture file, F-HIS-World War II. The VHS also owns a collection of World War II recruiting photographs assembled by Sgt. Francis E. Abbey (FB-84). The Aldrich Public Library in Barre, Vermont, has the papers of Col Fred S. Kent, chief of medical division of the Selective Service during World War II.

Inventory

FB-70:01	Inductees, 1942
02	_____, 1943
03	_____, 1944

- 04 _____, 1945
- 05 _____, undated
- 06 Draft board staff
- 07 List of inductees

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