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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	David Oscar Arendt collection
Date [inclusive]	1942-1944
Extent	2.5 Cubic feet
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

David Oscar Arendt was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in November of 1918. He graduated from Little Rock High School in 1936. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1941, due to World War II escalating. He was stationed at Baffin Island and Ascension Island working on weather stations during the war, where he met some of the native Inuits. He returned to Arkansas, but did not retire from the military until 1978, at the rank of Lt. Colonel. He remained in Arkansas until his death in Little Rock in 2009.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a photograph album of David Arendt's time in the military when he was stationed at Baffin Island and Ascension Island. In addition, there are near 700 loose photographs and negatives of his time at Baffin Island, Ascension Island, as well as photographs of the native Inuit tribe of Baffin Island. There is also printed literature that provides an American viewpoint of the people of the islands.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 6/5/2018

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use, and some photographs are available in digital format.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Georgiana Soderberg, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Photographs

Collection Inventory

Photographs	
PH.DOA.0001-.0010: David Arendt and friends	Box 1
PH.DOA.0011-.0020: David Arendt and friends	
PH.DOA.0021-.0030: David Arendt and friends posing with machine guns	
PH.DOA.0031-.0040: David Arendt and friends	
PH.DOA.0041-.0050: David Arendt and friends working and relaxing	
PH.DOA.0051-.0060: David Arendt and friends working	
PH.DOA.0061-.0070: David Arendt and friends cleaning and joking	Box 1
PH.DOA.0071-.0080: David Arendt and friends at mess hall	
PH.DOA.0081-.0090: Pictures around the base	
PH.DOA.0091-.0100: Pictures around the base	

David Arendt and friends with dogs

PH.DOA.0101-.0110: David Arendt and friends with dogs

PH.DOA.0111-.0120: David Arendt and friends posing with igloo

PH.DOA.0121-.0130: David Arendt and friends around the base

PH.DOA.0131-.0140: Pictures around the base

PH.DOA.0141-.0150: David Arendt and friends

PH.DOA.0151-.0160: Pictures around the base

Box
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PH.DOA.0161-.0169: Pictures around the base

PH.DOA.0170-.0179: Pictures around the base

PH.DOA.0180-.0189: Servicemen with planes

PH.DOA.0190-.0199: Planes

PH.DOA.0200-.0209: Expedition photographs

PH.DOA.0210-.0219: Expedition photographs

Expedition photographs

PH.DOA.0220-.0229: Expedition photographs

PH.DOA.0230-.0239: Expedition photographs

PH.DOA.0240-.0249: Boating and skiing photographs

PH.DOA.0250-.0259: Fishing photographs

PH.DOA.0260-.0269: Ocean and iceberg photographs

PH.DOA.0270-.0279: Ocean photographs

PH.DOA.0280-.0289: Snow scenery photographs

PH.DOA.0290-.0299: Snow scenery photographs

PH.DOA.0300-.0303: Scenery and plane photographs

PH.DOA.0304-.0314: Postcards and base photographs

Box

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PH.DOA.0315-.0324: Various nature photographs

PH.DOA.0325-.0331: David Arendt with Inuits and planes

David Arendt and dog

PH.DOA.0332-.0341: David Arendt and dog

PH.DOA.0342-.0351: David Arendt and dog

PH.DOA.0352-.0361: David Arendt posing

PH.DOA.0362-.0371: David Arendt

PH.DOA.0372-.0381: David Arendt

PH.DOA.0382-.0391: David Arendt and others

PH.DOA.0392-.0401: Scenic view and military men

PH.DOA.0402-.0410: Building and ocean photographs

PH.DOA.0411-.0420: Ascension Island and weather balloon photographs

PH.DOA.0421-.0430: Scenic photographs

PH.DOA.0431-.0440: Inuit photographs

PH.DOA.0441-.0450: Inuit photographs

Inuit and polar bear hunt

PH.DOA.0451-.0460: Inuit and polar bear hunt	Box 4
PH.DOA.0461-.0470: Polar bear hunt	
PH.DOA.0471-.0480: Inuit and polar bear hunt	
PH.DOA.0481-.0490: David Arendt and others with Inuits	
PH.DOA.0491-.0500: David Arendt and others with Inuits	
PH.DOA.0501-0508: American soldiers and Inuits eating	
PH.DOA.0509-.0518: Hunting expedition	
PH.DOA.0519-.0528 Hunting expedition	
PH.DOA.0529-.0538: Dog and hunting photographs	
PH.DOA.0539-.0548: Inuit and dog photographs	
PH.DOA.0549-.0558: Various photographs	
PH.DOA.0559-.0563: Hunting and travelling photographs	

Sensual poems and scenic photographs

PH.DOA.0564-.0573: Sensual poems and scenic photographs

PH.DOA.0574-.0583: David Arendt and friends and scenic photographs

PH.DOA.0584-.0593: Scenic photographs

PH.DOA.0594-.0600: Scenic photographs

Box

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PH.DOA.0601-.0610: Weather instruments and plane photographs

PH.DOA.0611-.0620: Working areas/various photographs

PH.DOA.0631-.0634: Photographs from British wife

PH.DOA.0635-.0637: Various photographs

PH.DOA.0638-.0647: David Arendt and various photographs (negatives)

PH.DOA.0648-.0657: David Arendt and dog photographs (negatives)

PH.DOA.0658-.0667: David Arendt and fishing photographs

PH.DOA.0668-.0672: David Arendt

Correspondence letters

Box

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Label for Collection (David Arendt Baffin Bay) Undated

General note

Originally from page 1 of the scrapbook.

One Brazilian real 1923 January 8

"The Battle of Ascension" song sketch, written for the Ascension Island Soldier Show called "Hysterically Speaking" 1944 November 24-26

"Ascension Island" song sketch, written for the Ascension Island soldier show called "Hysterically Speaking" 1944 November 24-26

Magazine clippings on Ascension Island, Brazil, and Trinidad during World War II. Undated

Correspondence letters

Soldier's letter (envelope)

Letter from British wife (envelope)

Unknown, Canterbury, Kent, England to Mrs. David O. Arendt

General note

This note was located originally in the envelope, "Letter to British Wife."

David Oscar Arendt photograph album

Drawer

Panorama photograph of Baffin Island Weather Station

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General note

This photograph is located in the over-sized map container in the vault.

Photographs of Baffin Bay, Ascension Island, Brazil, and David Arendt's WWII uniform jacket 1942-1944