JAMES MAURICE HOWELL (1913-1994) SCRAPBOOK, 1931-1941
Series 31/6/68
1 Volume

Biography

James Maurice Howell was born in Chicago to Charles Maurice Howell and Harriett Waring Howell on February 8, 1913. His parents were both natives of Ontario, Canada. He attended Northwestern University from 1931 to 1935, when he graduated with a B.A. degree in Classics. While at Northwestern, Howell, who went by the nicknames ‘Maurie’ or ‘Spook’, was a drum carrier in the marching band and a member of the glee club. He was initiated into the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in September of 1934 and remained active in the fraternity after his graduation. Howell worked at the Retail Credit Company after graduation.

Howell was married to Helen Elisabeth Taggart, an NU graduate (Arts ’40). The couple had several children. Mrs. Howell died on July 17, 1964.

Howell served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II and thereafter, and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the war he worked in California. Howell died in Atlanta, Georgia on December 6, 1994.

See also: Alumni Biographical Files, Series 51/14, Box 418, for more information.

Description of the Series

The scrapbook, which measures approximately 11” by 17”, contains mementos from Howell’s years at Northwestern and the years immediately following his graduation. Included are newspaper clippings about Howell’s friends and fraternity brothers, invitations, tickets and programs from events, and photos of the marching band and football team at NU games. Also included are traffic and parking tickets from Evanston and receipts from trips to St. Louis and Ontario.

The scrapbook was placed in a sturdy cover by the Conservation Department, and should be handled with care.

Provenance: The scrapbook was donated to the University Archives by James Maurice Howell on March 2, 1987, as Accession No. 87-34.

Restrictions: None.

Separations: One photo of a 1933 football game between Northwestern and Stanford was separated from the scrapbook and placed in the University Archives photo file.

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