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**Guide to the Edward E. Oliver Collection,
ca. 1871-1977 (2008.121)**

Creator: Oliver, Edward Elliot (1911-1997)

Accession Number: 2008.121

Extent: .16 cubic feet (1 box)

Source: Barbara Wengrovius on behalf of St. George's Church, Schenectady, New York.

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1871-1977

Access: Access to this collection is unrestricted.

Abstract: Collection of photographs and memorabilia related to Edward E. Oliver and family.

Catalog Terms:

Oliver, Edward Elliot, 1911-1997

Oliver family

Hempstead family

World War, 1939-1945

Scope and Content Note:

The collection is composed of photographs and World War II memorabilia related to Edward E. Oliver and photographs of members of the Oliver and Hempstead families. The collection includes photographs of Lillian Hempstead Oliver (1878-1967), mother of Edward Oliver; Edward Wright Hempstead (1855-1923) and Elthea Canfield Hempstead (1848-1923), maternal grandparents of Edward Oliver; Francis E Oliver (1867-1955), father of Edward Oliver; George Oliver and Amanda Hubbell Oliver, paternal grandparents of Edward Oliver. The collection also includes photographs, letters, and memorabilia regarding Oliver's WWII service on the U.S.S. *Lauderdale*.

Organization Note:

The original organization of materials has been maintained.

Biographical Note:

Edward Elliot "Ned" Oliver was born in 1911 in Syracuse, New York, to Francis and Lillian (Hempstead) Oliver. He graduated from Shaw High School in Cleveland, Ohio in

1930 and graduated from Syracuse University in 1934 with a degree in finance. After finishing his schooling, he began working for General Electric's district office in New York City. In 1943, he resigned from his position as a general manager to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy's supply department; from December 1944 until his discharge in December 1945, he served as Supply Officer for the U.S.S. *Lauderdale*. Oliver rejoined General Electric in 1946, working in sales promotion and advertising in Schenectady until his retirement in 1974. Oliver was also actively involved in YMCA youth programs for over 30 years, including service as Camp Chingachgook committee chair from 1959-1975 and Schenectady YMCA President from 1976-1986. Oliver died in 1997 and was survived by his wife of over 50 years, Janet.

Condition Note:

Some scrapbook pages are brittle and should be handled with care; two scrapbook pages have been cut or ripped.

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Folder Listing:

Folder 1 – King of Siam – General Electric visit – 1931

1. Photo of when His Majesty, the King of Siam visited G.E., Schenectady, July 9, 1931

Folder 2 – Photographs of Edward “Ned” Oliver – 1912-1949

1. 6 Months old – 1912
2. Ned: 1-½ years old (oval print) – 1913
3. Ned at 3rd Lake, N.Y., 1914
4. Ned 3 years old with Grandfather E.W. Hempstead, March 5, 1915
5. Ned with his mother at Syracuse University, 1915
6. Ned with his mother, 4 years., 3 months – 1916
7. 4-½ years old (sailor suit) [2 prints], May 1916
8. Ned age 7, Cleveland, Ohio – 1918
9. Ned and his mother, Palm Beach, Florida – ca. 1925
10. Edward E. Oliver, Schenectady, N.Y. – ca. 1946
11. Lt. (Jr. Grade) Edward Oliver – ca. 1943
12. Edward Oliver – ca. 1950 [3 photos and negative]
13. Photo of Ned and his wife Janet, Dec. 1949
14. Newspaper photo of Mrs. Oliver as a Red Cross aide – ca. 1950

Folder 3 – Hempstead Photographs – Edward and Elthea – 1888-ca. 1915

1. Edward W. Hempstead, father of Lillian, grandfather of Edward, 1888
2. Elthea Canfield Hempstead, wife of Edward, mother of Lillian, Grandmother of Ned – ca. 1890
3. Elthea Hempstead – ca. 1915

4. Edward W. Hempstead – ca. 1915

Folder 4 – Lillian Hempstead and Francis Oliver – Marriage – 1909, 1911

1. Marriage certificate: Francis E. Oliver; Lillian Elizabeth Hempstead, November 1, 1909.
2. Wedding announcement: Newspaper – 1909
3. Birth announcement: Edward E. Oliver, November 5, 1911

Folder 5 – Lillian Hempstead Oliver (1878-1967) – Photographs – 1893-1910

1. Lillian, age 15, 1893
2. Lillian, age 16, 1894 [2 copies]
3. Lillian, age 19, 1897 (Elmira, N.Y.)
4. Lillian, 1908 (oval picture)
5. Lillian, August, 1909, Oneida Lake
6. Lillian, January, 1910 (Picture in wedding dress) (wedding was Nov. 1909)
7. Lillian, 1910

Folder 6 – Oliver Family Photographs – ca. 1871-ca. 1912

1. Francis Elliot Oliver, age 4 – ca. 1871
2. Francis Elliot Oliver, age 6 – ca. 1873
3. Francis Oliver (as a young man), Syracuse
4. Francis, 1909
5. George W. Oliver
6. Amanda Hubbell Oliver, mother of Francis with Francis as a young Boy
7. Amanda Oliver, mother of Francis E.
8. Great grandmother Oliver – Mrs. M.P. Oliver
9. Francis Oliver, Yonkers, N.Y.
10. Francis Oliver (close up) – ca. 1912

Folder 7 – Big Moose Lake photographs – 1904

Folder 8 – Edward Oliver – Scrapbook pages – 1908-1977

1. Graduation program, Shaw High School, East Cleveland, Ohio – 1930
2. Letters sent to his family, 1944-1945
3. Appointment of Edward Oliver to Asst. Paymaster – 1943
4. U.S.S. *Lauderdale* memorabilia – 1944-1945
5. Service photos of Edward Oliver, U.S.S. *Lauderdale*, and photographs of a vacation with wife Janet – 1944-1945
6. Photograph of Lillian and Francis Oliver and article by Francis Oliver – 1908, n.d.
7. Copy of Commendation Ribbon citation – 1945
8. Newspaper article – 1948
9. Fraternity emblem – n.d.
10. Elfun Society Appreciation Certificate, 1977