

# Guide to the John and Grace Branch papers, 1928-1945

## Descriptive Summary

**Title :** John and Grace Branch papers  
**Creator:** Branch, John A  
**Dates :** 1928-1945  
**ID Number :** B33  
**Size:** 2 boxes  
**Language(s):** English

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**Acquisition Information:** Gift  
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**Processing History:** Complete

## Biographical Note

John A. Branch (b. 1908) served as an Army private in Europe during World War II. He earned a purple heart for wounds received while stationed in France. During his tour of duty in Europe, and while recovering from war injuries, Branch wrote numerous letters to Grace Gleaton, who later became his wife. Branch was admitted to the Florida Bar in December 1936. After his military service, he maintained a law office in Tampa for many years. Grace Branch (1904-1994) was appointed chairman of the Hillsborough County Historical Commission in 1949. She died in August of 1994 and was laid to rest in her childhood hometown of Lutz, Florida.

## Scope Note

Collection includes letters and Victory Mail (V-mail) written by John A. Branch to his wife Grace while he was stationed with the Army in Europe during World War II. Also included are letters written before the couple married, letters written while Mr. Branch was recuperating from war injuries, photos, and miscellaneous papers.

*Arrangement Note:* Organized by type of material.

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## Subject Headings

**Personal Names:** Branch, Grace  
Branch, John A.  
**Geographic Names:** Cuba -- History -- Invasion, 1961  
Cuba -- History -- Invasion, 1961 -- Personal narratives, American  
**Subject Terms:** V-mail

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**BOX 1 :** Correspondence, 1895-1945

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FOLDER 7 : July 1944

FOLDER 8 : August 1944

FOLDER 9 , September 1944

FOLDER 10 , October 1944

FOLDER 11 , 1945

**BOX 2** : Correspondence, Legal Documents, Assorted Documents, Newspaper Clippings, and Photographs

FOLDER 1 : Correspondence- n.d.

FOLDER 2 : Correspondence- 1987

FOLDER 3 : Correspondence- Hillsborough County Historical Commission

FOLDER 4 : Legal Documents

FOLDER 5 : Printed Materials- Greeting cards and programs

FOLDER 6 : Printed Materials- Newspaper clippings

FOLDER 7 : Assorted documents

FOLDER 8 : Assorted writings

FOLDER 9 : Photographs

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