

## Samuel E. Burnette Collection

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| <b>Repository:</b>          | Rockingham Co. Historical Collections<br>Gerald B. James Library<br>Rockingham Community College<br>P. O. Box 38<br>Wentworth, NC 27375   |
| <b>Title:</b>               | Samuel E. Burnette Collection   |
| <b>Accession No.:</b>       | 98-014  |
| <b>Extent:</b>              | 2 boxes, 1 shelved with 3-D and Oversized   |
| <b>Provenance:</b>          | Donated by Beulah G. Burnette. The original gift was received in 1998 and was then added to in November of 2004.  |
| <b>Inclusive Dates:</b>     | 1943-1945   |
| <b>Subject Headings:</b>    | Burnette, Samuel E., 1907-1984<br>World War, 1939-1945 – Veterans – Rockingham County (N. C.)   |
| <b>Items Separated:</b>     | 1 box shelved with 3-D and Oversized Collections containing 1 soldier's hat, 1 plastic case with flag, hat and patch, 1 picture frame with medals and photograph, 2 copies of "Citation for Bronze Star Medal," 1 metal box "Multisorb," 1 Army jacket, 2 belts, 1 Army shirt, 1 pair Army pants (WWII staff sergeant's uniform)  |
| <b>Related Collections:</b> |   |
| <b>Preferred Citation:</b>  | <i>Samuel E. Burnette Collection. 98-014. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>   |
| <b>Descriptive Note:</b>    | The Samuel E. Burnette Collection consists mainly of items from his service in the U. S. Army, including originals and copies of discharge papers, military identification cards, newspaper articles and photographs. Also included are several pins, and on original certificate and case (empty) for Mr. Burnette's Bronze Star medal. This collection also chronicles Mr. Burnette's marriage to Beulah Grogan Burnette, and his career with |

Fieldcrest Mills. A colorized photograph in a frame accompanies this collection.

**Contents:**

1 Bronze Star case with paperwork (no medal)

1 small plastic case with 4 pins

1 colorized photograph in a frame – Samuel E. Burnette

1 Armed Forces Souvenir Book (1945), produced by Marshall Field & Co., Leaksville-Spray Branch

1 photocopied packet of photographs, newspaper articles, military ribbons, Western Union correspondence. Also included is a family history of Mr. Burnette beginning with his birth on September 20, 1907, possibly put together by his colleagues at Karastan. This chronicle ends with a salute to Sam upon his retirement. Thirty signatures complete the tribute (total 29 pages)

1 set of photo album pages (22 pages):

2 small military books

Military ID cards

Newspaper articles

Several lists of award recipients

Certificate of Bronze Star Medal

“Application for National Life Insurance”

Military discharge papers

Western Union correspondence

1 typewritten account of his company’s crossing the Channel on D-Day

1 certificate from President Ronald Reagan honoring Sam Burnette’s memory and service in the military

1 letter and “Management Pass” from Fieldcrest Mills

Several postcards

1 laminated color tribute to Mr. Burnette, originally published in the *Reidsville Review*

*Inventoried by Lisa Rose*