

General Claire Lee Chennault Papers

RG 43

Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

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Descriptive Summary

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| Provenance: | Donated by the Chennault Family in 1979. |
| Title: | General Claire Lee Chennault Papers |
| Dates: | December 5, 1956 – July 28, 1958 |
| Abstract: | Collection of letters written to Gen. Chennault while his was hospitalized with lung cancer and includes letters written by Anna Chan to various individuals. |
| Extent: | 37 folders |
| Accession: | 1979.16.1-36 |

Biographical / Historical Note

General Claire Lee Chennault was the notable leader of the Flying Tigers in China during World War II. He died in 1958 after battling lung cancer at the Oschner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. His second wife, Anna Chennault, was with him during that time.

Scope and Content

This collection contains letters written to Chennault (1893-1958) while hospitalized with lung cancer at Ochsner hospital. Includes copies of letters written by his second wife, Anna Chan, to various individuals during her stay in New Orleans with her husband, several letters regarding Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's visit to Chennault in the hospital, some letters advising Chennault of "miracle" cures for the disease, and others from men who served under Chennault's command.

Subjects

General Claire Lee Chennault
Anna Chennault
Madame Chiang Kai-Shek
Flying Tigers
Service in China
Cancer treatments and cures
Oschner Foundation Hospital

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related or Separated Materials

RG 450 General Claire Lee Chennault Papers II: scrapbooks, ephemera, newspaper clippings documenting Chennault's career.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

General Claire Lee Chennault Papers, Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Louisiana State Museum by the Chennault Family in 1979.

Notes

N/A

Contents List

Folder 1: 1958, August 4. Letter to Mrs. Chennault from George Stratemeyer offering condolences for the death of General Cennault.

Folder 2: 1956, December 7. Re-printed note from the "Defender" magazine, addressed to George Larrick of the Food and Drug Administration from Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Scott, regarding a cancer cure.

Folder 3: 1958, July 20. Letter to General Chennault from L.J. Rogers regarding causes of cancer.

Folder 4: 1958, July 23. Note to Turkish Ambassador in Washington, D.C., from L.J. Rogers regarding causes of cancer.

Folder 5: 1958, June 12. Letter to General Chennault from Albért Tréncaval encouraging General Chennault in his fight against cancer.

- Folder 6:** 1858, June 22. Letter to General Chennault from Ernest McEacharn regarding family news.
- Folder 7:** 1958, June. Letter to “Dear Sir” [General Chennault] from “An Unworthy American Admirer”.
- Folder 8:** 1958, June 30. Letter to General [Chennault] from Henry Allero, regarding military issues.
- Folder 9:** 1958, June. Letter to General Chennault from Paul Hick, wishing the General well and reminiscing about their time in China.
- Folder 10:** 1958, July 6. Letter to General Chennault from Samuel Swearington, reminiscing about past military ties.
- Folder 11:** 1958, July 8. Letter to General Claire and Anna Chennault from Merian Cooper offering his kind thoughts.
- Folder 12:** 1958, July 10. Letter to General Chennault from Suzanne Link offering her kind thoughts and prayers.
- Folder 13:** 1958, July 11. Letter to General Chennault from Katherine Bell Conner, reminiscing about meeting the General and offering her prayers.
- Folder 14:** 1958, July 12. Letter to General Chennault from Otto Egelhoff regarding a cure for cancer.
- Folder 15:** 1958, July 12. Letter to General Chennault from E.M. Nichols, regarding a cure for cancer.
- Folder 16:** 1958, July 12. Letter to General [Chennault] from Anselm Kirsch, regarding cures for cancer.
- Folder 17:** 1958, July 12. Letter to General Chennault from Rosetta St. Clergy, offering the prayers of her church to the General.
- Folder 18:** 1958, July 13. Letter to General Chennault from James Rusbury, reminiscing about past military days and offering his thoughts.
- Folder 19:** 1958, July 13. Letter to General Chennault from Bill Thomas, reminiscing about past military days and offering his prayers.
- Folder 20:** 1958, July 14. Letter to Anna Chennault from Jack, regarding funeral arrangements for General Chennault.
- Folder 21:** 1958, July 14. Letter to General Chennault from Horace Sagnor, Jr., expressing his admiration.

- Folder 22:** 1958, July 14. Letter to General Chennault from A. C. Spiegelberg, reminiscing about military days in China and offering his well wishes.
- Folder 23:** 1958, July 17. Letter to Jean from [signature cut off], regarding General Chennault's hospital visit.
- Folder 24:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to P.Y. possibly from Anna Chennault [no signature], regarding General Chennault's health.
- Folder 25:** 1958, July 17. Copies [2] of letter to General Chennault's family from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding his health and a recent family reunion.
- Folder 26:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Lil from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding General Chennault's health.
- Folder 27:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Madam Chiang Kai-Shek from Anna Chennault thanking her for her visit to General Chennault.
- Folder 28:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Sue from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding Madam Chiang Kai-Shek's visit and the General's health.
- Folder 29:** 1958, July 17. Copies [2] of letter to Governor and Anna Gray from Anna Chennault, regarding Madame Chiang's visit to New Orleans
- Folder 30:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Hugh Grundy from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding General Chennault's health.
- Folder 31:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Joe Chennault from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding General Chennault's health.
- Folder 32:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Robert Scott from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding his impending visit to New Orleans.
- Folder 33:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Hugh Hutchinson from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding traveling to a convention in San Francisco.
- Folder 34:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Theresa Schrider from Anna Chenault regarding bank business.
- Folder 35:** 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Jack Chennault from Anna Chennault [no signature] regarding arrangements for General Chennault and the General's health.
- Folder 36:** 1958, July. Get Well card to General Chennault from Paula [Paul A?] Hicks.
- Folder 37:** 1958, July 28. Newspaper clipping regarding death of General Chennault.

