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**William Duncan Silkworth II Papers**  
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**Folder Collection**

**Creator:** Adelaide Silkworth  
**Extent:** Total folders: 1  
Cubic feet: n/a  
**Inclusive Dates:** WW-II

**Access:** Open to the public.

**Classification:** Unclassified

**Scope and Content Note:**

This is a Folder Collection. There are quite a few one folder collections and they have been consolidated into one box to help save shelf space and eliminate the possibility of small collections getting lost. The folder has been placed in the "Special One Folder Personal Papers Collection" box.

**Folder Listing**

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**Biography**

William Duncan Silkworth graduated from Monmouth Junior College and was attending the University of Michigan when he volunteered for the Navy's V-7 program in 1939. He was commissioned as an Ensign in 1940 and served in the North Atlantic and the Pacific during WW-II.

He was commanding officer of a landing ship tank (LST 546) for two years and was involved in the repatriation of the Japanese Army from Manchuria at the end of WW-II.

As a reservist, he was recalled during the Korean War and served on an admiral's staff in the Philadelphia Navy Yard as liaison to the South American Navies. Silkworth retired at the age of 60 in 1979, with the rank of Captain.

### **Scope and Content**

A Memoir of WW-II, is based on letters from LT. William Duncan Silkworth II to his wife. Included are photographs covering the commissioning of LST 546 and the training duty period, from April 1944 until April 1945 in Little Creek, Va.

A summary of the Deck Log for LST-546 is also included.

### **Preferred Citation**

This collection should be cited as William Duncan Silkworth II Papers, Archives Branch, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C.

### **Folder**

“Bill and his Ship – A Journey: A Memoir of WW-II”.