

CHARLES R. LORD PAPERS, 1946-1947
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Descriptive summary

Title: Charles R. Lord papers

Dates: 1946-1947

Accession number: 2016.475.1

Creator: Lord, Charles R., 1920-2010.

Extent: .83 linear feet (2 boxes)

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Abstract: The collection contains photographs and correspondence documenting Charles R. Lord's trip aboard the *SS Carroll Victory* "Cattleboat I" to deliver livestock to Greece as part of a relief mission by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) from November 1946 to March 1947. The correspondence is primarily between Charles and his wife Josephine. The photographs document the livestock delivery as well as trips to villages and cities in Greece, Palestine, and Africa. An itinerary of the *SS Carroll Victory* is also included.

Languages: English

Administrative Information

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Processing history: Adam Fielding, June 2017

Biographical note

Charles R. Lord (1920-2010) was born on 5 January 1920 in Grinnell, Iowa to Jesse and Elizabeth Lincoln Lord. He grew up on a farm, and graduated with a degree in agriculture from Berea College in 1942.

During the World War II, Charles was a registered conscientious objector, and worked with the Civilian Public Service. He married Josephine (Joy) Swift in 1945.

After the war, Charles was involved with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA). On 1 November 1946, Charles and the members of the *SS Carroll Victory* "Cattleboat I" left Baltimore, Maryland bound for Kavala, Greece. Known as the Heifers for Relief project, the trip was one of many to bring horses and other livestock to European farms in efforts to help them recover after World War II. The ship made stops to deliver livestock at Kavala on 14 November 1946; Haifa, Palestine, 27 November 1946; Durban, South Africa 1946 December 12 where they obtained more livestock; Piraeus, Greece, 2 January 1947; Durban then Haifa on 8 January 1947; Beira, Mozambique on 24 January 1947; Durban on 7 February 1947 to get more livestock; Piraeus on 7 March 1947 was their last delivery. The ship returned to New York on 27 March 1947.

Charles, Josephine, and their three children performed missionary work in Southern Rhodesia (present-day Zimbabwe) from 1954-1965. After returning to the United States, Charles became a teacher and pastor, and continued his missionary work in Africa through 1982.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series:

Series 1: Correspondence, 1946-1947

Series 2: Photographs, 1946-1947

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by folder, and chronologically by document. The bulk is written in the style of a diary where multiple letters can appear on a same page. Additional correspondence in the form of single letters have been separated from this file.

The photographs have been arranged chronologically according to Charles Lord's itinerary for the SS *Carroll Victory*. Photographs have been glued back to back and also have a small piece of paper to them with annotations.

Indexing terms

Person:

Lord, Charles R., 1920-2010.

Lord, Josephine.

Corporate:

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Topical Subject:

Reconstruction (1939-1951)--Europe.

International agricultural assistance--1940-1950.

War relief--Europe--History--20th century.

International relief--Europe.

Geography:

Haifa (Israel)

Palestine.

Beira (Mozambique)

Kavala (Greece)

Durban (South Africa)

Port Said (Egypt)

Piraeus (Greece)

Athens (Greece)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Correspondence.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Correspondence, 1946-1947

Box	Folder	Title
		Lord, Charles:
1	1	Letters sent to family, 1947
1	2	Lord, Josephine, 1946-1947
		Lord, Josephine:
1	3-4	Lord, Charles, 1946-1947 (2 folders)
1	5	Swift, Catherine, 1947

Series 2: Photographs, 1946-1947

Box	Folder	Title
1	6	SS <i>Carroll Victory</i> itinerary, undated
1	7	Brethren Service Committee; loading livestock; ships, circa September-November 1946
1	8	Kavala and Philippi, Greece, November 1946

1	9	Palestine, November 1946
1	10	Port Said, Egypt, November 1946
1	11	Durban, South Africa, December 1946
1	12	Piraeus and Athens, Greece, January 1947
1	13	Palestine, January 1947
2	1	At sea, January 1947
2	2	Beira, Mozambique, January-February 1947
2	3	Durban, South Africa, February 1947
2	4	Piraeus and Athens, Greece, March 1947
2	5	At sea, March 1947