

MS 678
Ration Books World War II
1943 - 1945

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of World War II ration books and related information issued between 1943 and 1945. Examples of Books 1 through 4 are represented with many different names associated with the booklets. Booklets were consolidated from diverse donations in the past. In addition to the actual stamp booklets there are auto mileage stamps, general program information sheets, food preservation suggestions, and stamp booklet holders.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

In the United States, nationwide food rationing was instituted in the spring of 1942 and family members received ration books from the Office of Price Administration (OPA). These books contained stamps and gave precise details of the amounts of certain types of food allowed for purchase. Rationing was an attempt to insure that each person received their fair share of items that were considered in short supply due to the war effort and import reductions. Ration book stamps were torn out and presented along with payments at grocery stores and other locations. Four different series of books were issued. Book #1 was issued in 1942 and Books #2, #3, and #4 were all issued in 1943. Most ration restrictions did not end until August 1945.

ACQUISITION

Various Donations Over Time

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in March 2010.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	War Ration Book One	1942
f.2	War Ration Book Two	
f.3	War Ration Book Three	
f.4	War Ration Book Four	
f.5	Ration Book Forms/Information Sheets	1943/1944
f.6	Sugar Purchase Certificate	1942
f.7	Auto Mileage Stamps & Forms	1943/1945
f.8	Rationing Clippings & Information Sheets	1943
f.9	Ration Point Token	
f.10	Ration Book Holders	