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005 Small Manuscripts Collection  
006 Nancy E. Lynch Papers  
140 Vietnam Mailbag Records  
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261 Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs collected by Nancy E. Lynch for her "Vietnam Mailbag" column in the *Wilmington Morning News*.  
270 Correspondence includes nearly nine hundred letters from Delaware soldiers in Vietnam, describing their viewpoints on the war, life in Vietnam, and the home front. Sometimes included with the letters are news clippings from Vietnam. On the envelope is a small hand-written date; this is the date that the letter or excerpt appeared in the column. These records were used in Lynch's book, *Vietnam Mailbag: Voices from the War, 1968-1972*. Correspondence is divided into entire letters used in the book and letters that had only excerpts or were not used. There is a typed transcript for each month of the letters or excerpts used in the book. If a letter or excerpt appears on the printout but no original letter exists, it is missing or was returned to the family.

Lynch's columns primarily consist of entire letters or excerpts from the soldier's letters as well as information about the war, veteran benefits, and news about soldiers. Photographs include those sent by the soldiers and those that the military issued to the press. In the last box are Lynch's personal files. These include correspondence from parents, column readers, and others; a Christmas card designed by News Journal cartoonist Jack Jurden and sent to the troops in 1970 and 1971; a list of Delaware soldiers killed in action, 1963-1970; maps of Vietnam; and newsletters from the SOS-Vietnam Interdenominational Center, Red Lion Methodist Church, an organization that sent care packages to soldiers. A proof copy of the book is included.

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330 Arranged chronologically by date of record.  
331 Index includes date of creation, author's name, location, military affiliation and content of letter. Letters, envelopes, photographs and ephemera were issued a unique.  
332 Handwritten, printed, typed.  
350 Digital images on DPA website.  
360 Fair - good condition. Acid damage, water damage.  
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420 2009085.  
430 Newspaper clippings were photocopied for preservation. Many of the envelopes or letters had social security numbers; these were blacked out at the request of the donor.  
990 May 14, 2009  
995 August 23, 2013; July 14, 2015;  
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