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## Guide to Memoirs of Jack H. Wilkinson, MS670

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MS 670  
Memoirs of Jack H.  
Wilkinson

circa 2005

0.25 inches (linear)



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## Historical Sketch

Jack H. Wilkinson (1925-2014) was an athletic coach, science teacher, WWII veteran, and military history enthusiast. He also worked for 22 years as a right-of-way agent for the El Paso Natural Gas Company during summers. A member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame, Wilkinson played football for Odessa High School, lettered in football at Texas Western College (now UTEP), and played in two Sun Bowls. He later received his master's degree in physical education. During WWII, he served for three years in the U.S. Navy. After joining the Navy in El Paso, he trained in California and served in the Pacific Theater. He was married to Betty Wilkinson for 62 years. They had two children.

[Source: Obituary, *El Paso Times*; *Navy Days of Jack Wilkinson during WWII*]

## Series Description or Arrangement

The collection contains two copies of Jack H. Wilkinson's WWII memoir.

## Scope and Content Notes

This collection contains two copies of Jack H. Wilkinson's WWII memoir titled *Navy Days of Jack Wilkinson during WWII*. The fifteen-page memoir was probably written around 2005 – 2006. It describes playing football in Odessa, registering for the draft, joining the Navy in June 1943 in El Paso, military training in California, military experiences in the South Pacific and Japan, and a Casa Grande reunion in 2005.

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## Notes to the Researcher

None.

## Container List

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1	1	<i>Navy Days of Jack Wilkinson during WWII</i> [2 copies]	circa 2005-2006