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## Samuel Zemurray Jr. (II) Collection

**Accession number:** 1995.011

**Location:** Archive 2(The Lake) Shelf 43 C Ø 3

**Extent:** 2 document boxes, 2 large flat boxes, some objects stored separately

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### Background

The collection was accepted on behalf of the State of Louisiana Military Department by Deanna Schmidt, Curator/Director of the Jackson Barracks Museum on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, 1995. The Gift was made by Samuel Zemurray III, son of the Samuel Zemurray Jr., who lived at 477 Honey Ridge Rd., Guyton, GA 31312 (912-772-3576) at the time of the donation. A total of 45 items were listed and attached to the Deed of Gift and valued by an unidentified appraiser at \$1,250.00. No other inventory or collection record has been found with the exemption of a few objects that were cataloged in the US Army USAMS system and later transferred to PastPerfect. The collection was heavily impacted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This Finding Aid and associated PastPerfect database records were created for the surviving items. These documents, photos and objects were found scattered throughout the library and museum collections rescued after the hurricane. Disparate elements were consolidated by reference on the objects and documents to the family name.

### Biographical Information

**Samuel Zemurray Jr.** was born in New Orleans, LA in 1912. He graduated from Newman High school in New Orleans in 1928. He was a keen yachtsman, fisherman and hunter and played football and boxed at Tulane University. He graduated in 1932 with a Bachelors degree in Science and studied both business and forestry as a post-graduate at Harvard and Cornell. His father, Samuel Zemurray Sr. was president of the United Fruit Company in New Orleans with a large tung-growing operation managed by Sam Jr. Sam Jr. was also a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* whose assistant city editor, William Wells Jr. was also the local flying instructor. Samuel Zemurray Jr. was killed on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1943 when his plane crashed in North Africa – probably after being shot down by German fighters while returning from a submarine spotting reconnaissance mission. He flew planes during his college years and entered the Army service as a second Lieutenant at the age of 29 and had obtained the rank of Captain and squadron commander at the time of his death. He was promoted to Major posthumously.

**Ann Pickering**, known as “Pick”, of Boston married Samuel Zemurray Jr in... They had two children – a daughter born in 1939 and a son born in 1942 – which his father never lived to see. , Ann Pickering was the daughter of Professor William H. Pickering of Jamaica who taught astronomy at both MIT and Harvard.

**Mrs. Roger Thayer Stone** is the sister and only sibling of Samuel Zemurray Jr.

**Samuel Zemurray Sr.** is the father of Samuel Zemurray Jr. and president of the United Fruit Company in New Orleans. He maintained a residence at No. 2 Audubon Place in New Orleans but spent much of his time in Boston.

## Scope and Content

1916-1951 (1940-1947)

The collection contains correspondence, photographs, certificates, newsclippings, scrapbooks and personal items (1916-1943) related to the life and 1941-43 military service of Samuel Zemurray Jr.

## System of Arrangement

Loose documents have been minimally arranged in folders by subject and date. Scrapbooks are stored flat in acid-free boxes. Small objects are stored alongside the scrapbooks. Several objects (smoking pipes, pistol) are stored in separate locations in the Museum Collections (see Box List).

## Access

Title to the collection has been transferred to the Louisiana Military Department by Deed of Gift but no reference is made to the intellectual property rights. Use of the collection should be credited to: The Louisiana National Guard Archive.

## Archive Box List

1. Documents, Newsclippings and Photographs, 1939-1992 (1941-1943)  
document box, legal size – object ID 1995.001.001
  - a. Family Photographs, 1916-1930
  - b. Service Records, 1941-1946
  - c. “Capt Sam” Plane Dedication Event, 1947
  - d. 122<sup>nd</sup> Observation Squadron Newsclippings, 1942-51
  - e. Correspondence, to/from Sam Jr. and Pick, 1942-43
  - f. Correspondence, to/from Pick, 1939-44
  - g. Sam Jr. obituaries, 1943
  - h. Correspondence, condolences, 1943
  - i. Photocopy material and correspondence re Sam II death, post 1992
2. Scrapbooks, Wallet and Log Books, 1933-1943 (1941-1943)  
document box, letter size – object ID 1995.001.002
  - a. Scrapbook, wood cover, newsclippings, documents, photos
  - b. wood cover for scrapbook
  - c. Scrapbook, blue, newsclippings, documents, photos
  - d. Wallet, with pilot’s documents, photos, business card
  - e. Memorandum Book with notes
  - f. Pilot Log Books (2), 10/12/33-11/27/41

3. Scrapbooks and Oversize Material, 1937-1960s (1941-1943)

Medium flat box – object ID 1955.001.003

- a. File folder, 122<sup>nd</sup>/Sam Jr. photo collection with captions
- b. Oversize photos (3) Sam Jr. and Family
- c. Leather portfolio, gold engraved
- d. File folder, synagogue/school oversize documents (3)
- e. Manual for Civil Defense, 1941
- f. Ration Book, Mrs. Sam Zemurray Jr.
- g. Poem inscribed to Mom from Ray
- h. Power of Attorney Sam Jr. to wife, 1942
- i. Purple Heart certificate, 1943
- j. Presidential “In Grateful Memory” Certificate
- k. “Citation” Meritorious Chevron, 1940
- l. 122<sup>nd</sup> Boys Christmas Card, 1943
- m. Scrapbook, brown with flight wings, correspondence, documents, photos, 1943-45
- n. Scrapbook pages, family photos collected by Sam III 1937-1960s

4. Scrapbooks, 1916-1943 (1941-1943)

Medium flat box – object ID 1955.001.003

- a. “Scrapbook”, red-brown, Sam Jr. Service, documents, photos, 1941-43
- b. “Photographs” book, black, family photos, 1916-39
- c. “Scrapbook”, brown with flight wings/stars, newsclippings, documents, correspondence, 1942-43

## Related Objects

Object # JBPE043-054 – Smoking Pipes (12)

Object # M0051 – Pistol, Colt 1911A1 SN: 31367