

Tartari Family Collection  
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**Title**

Tartari Family Collection

**Date**

c.1940 – c.1975

**Extent**

0.5 linear feet; 1 box

**Name of Creator**

Tartari, James A.

**Biographical Note**

*James A. Tartari (1942 –)*

James Tartari was born in Framingham on October 1, 1942 and first lived at 13 Donizetti Street, the third generation to live in the home. When he was eight the family moved to 6 Simpson Road, where he still resides today. He attended Wellesley High School from 1957 – 1960; at the time the High School was only grades 10–12. He received his B.S.Ed. from Bridgewater State College in 1964, and his M.A. from the University of Massachusetts in 1966. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 – 1972, during the Vietnam War. Tartari was given a commission, received officer training, and achieved the rank of Captain. He was assigned to the 1956 Communications Group in Fuchu, Japan in 1969; in 1971 he was assigned Headquarters Squadron Commander to the Group. Following his service, he served as a PREP instructor in Europe, providing high school educations to military officers who were unable to complete high school; in 1974 –1975 he served as a teacher at the Frankfurt International School. He went on to serve as an administrator for high school completion programs for the military, acting as an administrator, guidance counselor, and management analyst. He is now retired and resides in Wellesley.

*Antonio Tartari (1912 – 1967)*

Antonio Tartari was the father of James A. and brother of Joseph Tartari. He was born October 9, 1912; he died January 20, 1967. Tartari was inducted into the U.S. Military for service in World War II, entering active service on July 7, 1943. He lived at 13 Donizetti Street, Wellesley.

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During the war he served as a Technician 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (TEC-5) with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; his dates of service were 1943 – 1945.

*Joseph Tartari (1917 – 1943)*

Ensign Joseph Tartari was the son of Alfonso Tartari, brother of Antonio, of 13 Donizetti Street. He was a graduate of Wellesley High School where he played on the football team; received his B.S. from Northeastern University in 1939. Born Wellesley 5 February 1917, he enlisted as a cadet in the U. S. Naval Air Force October 1941, during World War II. He was sent to Florida in March 1942, was commissioned in July. From October 1942 he served as pilot instructor in California; he was killed in an airplane accident 17 January 1943. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Needham, Massachusetts.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains photographs and archival material related to Tartari family military service.

**Index Terms**

United States—Armed Forces  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975  
Wellesley (Mass.)  
World War, 1939-1945

**System of Arrangement**

The collection is organized into three series, by individual person. Within each series, folders contain photographs and documents relevant to each family member represented.

- I. James A. Tartari, 1942 –
- II. Antonio Tartari, 1912 - 1967
- III. Joseph Tartari, 1917 – 1943

**Conditions Governing Access**

The Collection is open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.

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**Physical Access**

Some of the materials are fragile.

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**Languages and Scripts of the Material**

English

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

James A. Tartari

**Accruals**

The Historical Society will likely add materials to this collection in the future, however, no further accruals are expected at this time (May 2017).

**Related Materials**

Wellesley Historical Society, Textiles Collection. Military Uniforms. Accession 2016.25

**Description**

DACS-compliant Finding Aid created in May 2017 by Alden Ludlow. The processing of this collection was made possible through grants from the Wellesley Community Preservation Commission (CPC) and from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB).

**Bibliography**

Biographical information provided by donor.

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**Container List**

**I. James A. Tartari, 1942 –**

This series contains papers and photographs related to James A. Tartari's military service during the Vietnam War, as well as a few items from his high school years. Tartari served in the U.S. Air Force, and the bulk of the materials date from 1966-1972.

**Box 1**

- Folder 1: Photographs, school photos and high school diploma
- Folder 2: Photographs, Military Service personnel photographs
- Folder 3: Military Papers: Enlistment materials
- Folder 4: Military Papers: Training and Commissioning
- Folder 5: Military Papers: Promotion documents
- Folder 6: Military Papers: OERs (Officer Effectiveness Reports), appreciation letters
- Folder 7: Military Papers: Leave Records
- Folder 8: Military Papers: Assignment Orders
- Folder 9: Military Papers: Citation, Air Force Commendation Medal
- Folder 10: Military Papers: Separation Forms, Personnel Records
- Folder 11: Military Papers: Honorable Discharge
- Folder 12: Papers: Resumes

**II. Antonio Tartari, 1912 – 1967**

This series contains papers, photographs, printed materials, and ephemera related to Antonio Tartari's World War II military service. Tartari served in the U.S. Army, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and these materials date from c.1942 to 1945.

**Box 1**

- Folder 13: Photographs: World War II Europe [in photos, marked]
- Folder 14: Photographs: World War II Europe [not in photos]
- Folder 15: Correspondence, wartime card, Antonio to James, 1943
- Folder 16: Military Papers: Military service
- Folder 17: Printed Materials: 8th Infantry Division booklets
- Folder 18: Printed Materials: 8th Infantry "Golden Arrow" newspaper, May 21, 1945
- Folder 19: Printed Materials: "Stars and Stripes" article, 8th Infantry Engineers, March 6, 1945
- Folder 20: Military Papers: Honorable Discharge, October 26, 1945
- Folder 21: Military Ephemera: 8th Infantry patch, World War II Victory Medal, Campaign Ribbon

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**III. Joseph Tartari, 1917 – 1943**

This series contains photographs of Joseph Tartari during his military service during World War II. He enlisted as a cadet in the U. S. Naval Air Force October 1941, and was killed in an airplane accident in 1943. These photographs date from c.1941.

**Box 1**

Folder 22: Photographs: Collection of photographs of Joseph Tartari in military uniform

Folder 23: Certificate: "The USA honors the memory of Joseph T. Tartari..." c.1961-1963