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**DESMOND THOMAS DOSS (1919-2006) COLLECTION**

The collection includes biographical information on Desmond T. Doss, a conscientious objector who served as a medic during World War II and received the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving fellow soldiers on Okinawa. He also received the Purple Heart Medal for injuries received. The collection also includes the Lynchburg (Va.) City Council minutes and supporting documents concerning a highway marker, a memorial highway designation and a memorial tablet on Monument Terrace in Lynchburg, in honor of Doss. Dedication ceremonies and photographs on three computer disks are also included.

**DESMOND THOMAS DOSS (1919-2006)**

Desmond Thomas Doss was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on 7 February 1919, the son of William Thomas Doss and Bertha Oliver. He was drafted for military service in 1942. Due to his religious convictions, he refused to carry any weapons, but insisted on serving as a conscientious objector. He served as a medic in the Medical Detachment, 307th Infantry, 77th Infantry Division. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving the lives of dozens of fellow soldiers while under fire on Okinawa April 29-May 21, 1945. Wounded during the conflict, he received the Purple Heart Medal.

Doss married Dorothy Pauline Schutte, a schoolteacher from Richmond, Virginia, on 17 August 1942. After her death in a car accident in 1991, he married, secondly, Frances Duman in 1993. Desmond T. Doss died 23 March 2006 in Piedmont, Alabama.