

McLean County Museum of History

McCarty Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
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LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	<p>See also Photos – People – McCarty (One photo of Catherine McCarty)</p> <p>Civil War Era Correspondence Collection (32 letters to William McCarty during the War)</p> <p>Provenance: Materials were donated by the daughters of Frank and Alice Myrtle McCarty: Mary Helen Cothorn, Louise Moser and Alice Schlenker.</p>

Brief History

Key family members with documents in this collection:

Levi McCarty (1791-1854) served in the War of 1812. In 1824, he and **Elizabeth Tavenner** (1802-74) eloped and eventually became part of a group migrating from the east to McConnelsville, OH. Elizabeth moved to McLean County with her children and is buried at Funks Grove, McLean County, IL.

Children of Levi McCarty and Elizabeth Tavenner McCarty

Charles McCarty (1831-1908), son of Levi and Elizabeth, wed Maria Cotton (1834-98). In 1864, the couple moved to McLean, IL area, where they helped found the local Methodist Church. In 1891, he relocated to Bloomington where he was a member of the Grace M.E. Church.

William McCarty (1840-1909), son of Levi and Elizabeth, volunteered and served in the 97th Ohio until the Civil War ended in 1865. He then wed Martha Brown. They left Ohio for McLean County in 1868 and farmed near William's brother Charles. William became active in the local Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). In 1885, William and his family joined some friends in moving to McPherson County, Kansas, where farm land was far cheaper.

Catherine "Kate" McCarty (1842-81), daughter of Levi and Elizabeth, was engaged to her brother William's close friend Francis Hammond. Hammond was killed during the War. Carrie remained single and suffered ill health which the family attributed to hard farm work during the War. She died at the Hygiene Home in Quincy, IL, in 1881 at age 39.

Other children included Joseph McCarty (born 1826), Nancy McCarty Tavenner (1829), John McCarty (1833), Mary McCarty (1835), and Susan McCarty (1837).

Grandchildren of Levi McCarty and Elizabeth Tavenner McCarty

Carrie McCarty Hazlett (1865-1943), daughter of Charles and Maria, grew up in McLean County, a close friend to her cousin Frank. She married James L. Hazlett in 1887 and he became construction superintendent of Northern Pacific Railroad. After he died in 1909, Carrie returned to Bloomington.

Francis Asbury "Frank" McCarty (1867-1938), son of William and Martha, was born in Ohio, reared in McLean County, and attended a preparatory college in Kansas. He graduated Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington in 1897; then Boston University's Divinity School; and later received a doctorate of divinity from Wesleyan. Ordained a minister in 1902, he wed Alice Abbot in 1904. Frank served as minister at First Methodist of Bloomington from about 1920-29. He served other congregations first as a minister and later as a regional superintendent.

Scope

This collection includes personal letters, diaries, genealogies and other family materials.

Box and Folder Inventory

General

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 "The McCarty Collection," undated 2 pp by donors.
- 1.2 "McCarty Family History," undated 4 pp by donors.
- 1.3 "Inventory of McCarty Collection," undated 2 pp by donors.
- 1.4 References: list of donors and their descendants, undated.
- 1.5 Handwritten genealogy info including dates of birth, death and marriage, 4 pp.
- 1.6 Family genealogy, 2pp.
- 1.7 Photocopies of photos of William, Martha Brown McCarty, Elizabeth Tavenner, Charles & Marie & Carrie, Catherine, Joseph, and Frank McCarty. 3pp.
- 1.8 "From Morgan to Mclean," transcribed article from McConnelsville, OH, *Weekly Herald*, 18 Jan 1934.
- 1.9 Obituary of Kate McCarty, *Pantagraph*, 26 April 1881. *Added by staff in 2014.*
- 1.10 Obituary of C.T. McCarty, *Pantagraph*, 5 Oct 1908. *Added by staff in 2014.*
- 1.11 Obituary of William McCarty, unidentified newspaper, March 1909.
- 1.12 Obituary of Frank McCarty, *Pantagraph*, 4 August 1938.

Tavenner Kinfolk

Folder 2: Tavenner Family Genealogy Book

- 2.1 Handwritten genealogy beginning with George Tavenner, 26pp. Plus 3 photographs of Tavenner houses in Virginia.

Folder 3: Book: Better Not

- 3.1 *Better not*, by J.H. Vincent LLD, 1888. "A discussion of certain social customs." Also includes notes from donors on this fundamental Methodist branch of Tavenner family in Virginia who beliefs would be reflected in this book.

Folder 4: White Family Genealogy

- 2.1 "... our Loves to you all ..." White Family Letters 1804-1836. Eva E Kaufmann, 1986, 109 pp. Family genealogy that includes Ann Janney White Tavenner.

Folder 5: Photo of Tavenner Quilt

- 5.1 "Tavenner Quilt now in possession of Jane Canfield, Heyworth postmistress."

Levi McCarty

Folder 6: Levi McCarty

- 6.1 Transcription of Levi McCarty's account book, 1839-68, 16 pp.
- 6.2 Photocopy of letter from Levi and Elizabeth McCarty in McConnelsville, OH, to relatives Anne and Mahlon Tavenner in Hamilton, VA, 12 Aug 1851, concerning flux in other neighborhoods, completed harvest, other kinfolk, etc. 4pp.
- 6.3 Photocopy of deposition about Levi McCarty's war record during War of 1812, 8 March 1857.

- 6.4 Deed for sale of Morgan County, OH, land to Levi McCarty, 1 March 1850. Also includes document relating to prior owner obtaining the property, 2 Jun 1832.

Charles McCarty

Folder 7: Letters

- 7.1 Joseph McCarty at Bloomfield, IA, to Mr. C.T. McCarty at Bloomington, 29 Aug 1898, concerning Maria's death and inviting Charles to visit.
- 7.2 C.T. McCarty at Hamilton, OH, to daughter Carrie, 13 March 1901(?), concerning his recent visit to Washington for inauguration, visiting Hamilton, etc., 4 sheets.

Folder 8: Diary

- 8.1 Daily diary of C.T. McCarty of McLean, January 1874-mid July 1876.
- 8.2 Transcript of above diary with comments on provenance, etc., 62 pp.

Folder 9: Correspondence

All letters below were written by Charles McCarty. All but one are addressed to his daughter Carrie (Mrs. J.L. Hazlett) at Bloomington; Item 9.10 is addressed to Mr. J.L. Hazlett.

- 9.1 Large postcard from Plymouth MA, 20 May 1899, concerning sightseeing with Frank.
- 9.2 From Paris, 11 Jul 1901, concerning travels in England, Paris, and eventually Switzerland; mortgage; crop prospects; etc. 2 sheets.
- 9.3 From Keswick, England, 25 Jul 1901, concerning the town, Christian Convention, sightseeing, etc.
- 9.4 Two programs for charity events for Seamen's Orphan Institution on 20 and 21 June 1901, aboard the R M S Saxon. Includes handwritten notes from C.J.(Charles) dated "Saturday" regarding sea voyage and Frank's seasickness.
- 9.5 From Edinburgh, Scotland, 16 Jul 1901, concerning Lucie's marriage, travels, people back home, etc.
- 9.6 From Meiringen, Switzerland, 26 Aug 1901, concerning mountain climb, fellow travelers, Frank's collision on "wheels" (bicycle), etc. 4 sheets.
- 9.7 From London, 10 Sep 1901, concerning finally rec'd letters from home, upcoming sea voyage to US, etc.
- 9.8 Letter card from Liverpool, 12 Sep 1901, concerning upcoming voyage to US.
- 9.9 From on board ship, 12-20 Sep 1901, concerning accommodations aboard vessel, Frank's seasickness, losing his hat overboard, religious services on board, anticipated travel visiting plans in US including visiting J.W., etc. Letter posted at Boston, MA.
- 9.10 From Boston, 23 Sep 1901, to Mr. J.L. Hazlett at Bloomington, concerning shipping bicycles, trunk, and telescope to Bloomington; travel plans in PA and NY, etc.
- 9.11 Ten postcards to Carrie in Bloomington, 24 Jun 1901 through 3 Sep 1901, from his travels in Europe.

William McCarty

Folder 10: Diaries, Deed, etc.

- 10.1 Diary, January – early June 1867. Plus transcript of same.
- 10.2 Diary, January –April 1874. Plus transcript of same.
- 10.3 Diary, January-May and October-December 1875.

- 10.4 Warranty deed for 80 acres sold by David Harpster to Wm McCarty for \$4,000 on 20 January 1849. East half of SE quarter of Section 6 in Twp 21 N. of Range 1 East.
- 10.5 Butterscotch yellow ribbon "Stand up for Kansas."

Folder 11: Diaries of William's young daughters

- 11.1 Two diaries of Effie, 1883 and 188?.
- 11.2 One diary of Ettie, 1888-90.

Catherine "Kate" McCarty

*** Indicates transcription in Folder 15.*

Following the transcription of the 15 Mar 1881 letter is a discussion of some of the other family members mentioned in the letters, including Nancy McCarty, Kate (married to Barton), Clancy, Emma Foreman, John, Keziah (Kezzy), Joseph, et al.

Folder 12: Diary, 1876.

Folder 13: Correspondence to Kate at Quincy 1

- 13.1 *** From Emma T. Clancy at Oak Grove, IA, to Aunt, 30 Jan 1881, concerning a recent letter, church revival meetings, sleigh rides, family health, status of family members and friends, etc.*
- 13.2 From Mary to Friend Kate, May 1880. *Faint and difficult to read.*
- 13.3 From ? at Hamilton, IA, to cousin, June 1880, concerning long interval since Kate's last letter, lack of funds to travel to her. *Difficult to read.*
- 13.4 From ? at Decorah, IA, 30 Sep 1880, concerning a picture, mother doing with a girl, accepting a persistence suitor and his death one week later, another undesired suitor, etc.
- 13.5 From ? McCarty at McLean to Aunt Kate, 7 Nov 1880, plus attached note conveying a \$30 postal order.
- 13.6 Pre-printed Holiday greetings from J.H. Thompson, Peoria, 1880-81.
- 13.7 Postcard with New Year's greetings from Mollie to Kate at McLean, 30 Dec ?
- 13.8 From Effie at McLean to Aunt Kate, 2 Jan 1881, concerning Christmas celebration and gifts, etc. At the end is a paragraph presumably from Ellie.
- 13.9 From Wm McCarty at McLean to Sister, 29 Jan 1881, concerning enclosed \$30 postal order, church meetings, scarlet fever in McLean, etc.
- 13.10 From John Tavenner at Pilot Grove, MO, to Kate, 6 Feb 1881, concerning trip to Ohio and plans of Uncle John Thompson and others. Appears to be written on letter he wrote home to wife and children from that visit to McConnellsville, OH, on 14 Nov 1880.
- 13.11 From Mary Tavenner at Pilots Grove, MO, to sister, 6 Feb 1881, concerning local illnesses, Chris' family, Charlie Woods' upcoming wedding, etc.

Folder 14: Correspondence to Kate at Quincy 2

- 14.1 A.T. Orr at Barry IL, 14 Feb 1878, Bro. McCarty's wife's snow injury, temperance tidal wave, revival meetings, photos, etc.
- 14.2 From Mollie Leafbunch (sp?) at Decorah, IA, 7 May 1880, concerning letter being prompted by discussion with local MD, visit from her injured brother, school teaching, Mollie's bad back, horses, buggy, new spring dress, temperance revival, ladies aid society,

- 14.3 From Geo & Emma Foreman at McLean to Dear Friend, 28 Jan 1880 concerning death of Petter Cly (sic), scarlet fever, sleighing, blacksmithing business, etc. Plus a note in another hand.
- 14.4 From Ella T. at Pilot Grove, MO, to Aunt, 15 Feb 1880, concerning various friends and family.
- 14.5 From Wm. McCarty at McLean to Sister, 4 Nov 1880 concerning returning from visiting her, Election Day fund raising dinner, Kate's diet, McLean singing school, etc.
- 14.6 From James R. Duff at McLean, 7 Nov 1880 concerning Kate's health, election day supper, McLean singing school, Sunday School, Ettie and Effie and Isla, etc.
- 14.7 From Mary Boyd at LeRoy, IN, 9 Nov 1880.
- 14.8 ** From Frank McCarty at McLean, to Aunt, 21 Nov 1880, concerning news of the area, Thanksgiving plans, etc.
- 14.9 From Wm McCarty at McLean to Sister, 25 Nov 1880, concerning postal order for \$35, special church lectures, the children, etc.
- 14.10 ** James R. Duff at McLean, 29 Nov 1880, concerning local dating news, Thanksgiving events, news of locals and family, etc. Plus note Duff wrote for Isla.
- 14.11 ** From Frank McCarty at McLean to Aunt, 5 Dec 1880, concerning broken eyeglasses, weather, etc.
- 14.12 From Isaac Beck at Breckenridge Summit, CO, 18 Dec 1880, concerning local weather, cooking for himself and marriage's desirability, intent to visit IL, etc.
- 14.13 ** Kate Barton at Corning, IA, 19 Dec 1880, concerning Sunday activities, concerns about family illnesses, marriage plans for Emma and Charley McCarty plus family opposition, etc.
- 14.14 ** From brother Joseph McCarty at Bloomfield, IA, to Sister, 20 Dec 1880, concerning spiritual encouragement during her illness, family illnesses, etc. On Higbee & McCarty stationery.
- 14.15 ** From ?Charles McCarty? at Ash Grove, IA, to Aunt, 20 Dec 1880, concerning Thanksgiving, Aunt Nancy's health issues, Christmas plans, etc.
- 14.16 From Frank at McLean to Aunt, 2 Jan 1881, concerning Christmas activities, etc. Also includes note from Ettie about Christmas presents.
- 14.17 ** From Luella M. Tavenner at Pilot Grove, MO to Aunt, 8 Jan 1881, concerning Christmas activities and gifts, family health, mother's new eyeglasses, etc.
- 14.18 From Effie at McLean to Aunt, 10 Jan 1881, concerning Thanksgiving activities, plans for a "big literary," fellow children and siblings, attending revival meetings, etc.
- 14.19 From Wm McCarty to Sister, 14 Jan 1881, concerning butchering, postal order for \$30, high board prices, etc.
- 14.20 Kate at Corning, IA, 21 Jan 1881, concerning busy attending church meetings, tuberculosis in town, pain and weight gain, etc.
- 14.21 ** From C.A. (Charles) McCarty at Ash Grove, IA, to Aunt, 13 Feb 1881, concerning revival meetings, sleighing, deep snow, Christmas and New Year events, etc.
- 14.22 ** From Geo and Emma Tavenner at McLean, 15 Mar 1881, concerning Julia Gray's serious railroad accident, local deaths and illnesses, P. Trott's proposal to Susan and aftermath, news of other friends and family.
- 14.23 From Mary Tavenner at Pilot Grove to sister, MO, 14 April 1881, concerning Mr. Rockwell's death of diphtheria, difficult winter, Ella losing three weeks of school and other school schedules, new minister, etc.

Folder 15: Transcriptions

- 15.1 Transcriptions of letters identified with ** in folders 12 and 13.

Folder 16: Kate's Medical Matters

- 16.1 Letter from D.K. Hitt MD at Ewing to Mr. Wm McCarty at McLean, 19 Aug 1880, responding to McCarty's letter regarding his sister's spinal malady and treatment plus menstrual issues.
- 16.2 Postcard-size advertisement for Dr. Fairchild's Hygeian Home and Movement Cure in Quincy. Includes illustration of the building.
- 16.3 Quincy Hygeian Home prescription for Miss McCarty's treatments, 3 Nov 1880. By M. Augusta Fairchild, M.D., physician and proprietor.

Carrie McCarty & Her Husband J.L. Hazlett**Folder 17: Carrie's Diaries 1**

- 17.1 Small 1875 daily diary with expense records in back.
- 17.2 1881-84 log book, including records of Effie and Isla lessons, letters written and rec'd etc., along with daily diary entries (mostly 1883-84) and a few pressed flowers.
- 17.3 Diary with daily entries for Sep 1885-Aug 1886 plus 12 loose sheets with diary entries.

Folder 18: Carrie's Diaries 2

Note: Items 18.7, 18.8, and 18.9: Original newspaper clippings reportedly were tucked into Carrie's 1887 diary.

- 18.1 Small tablet with daily diary entries Sep 1886-Feb 1887.
- 18.2 Small tablet with graph paper and daily diary entries for Aug-Dec 1887.
- 18.3 Small diary with daily entries May 1887-August 1887.
- 18.4 Five loose sheets with daily entries, Feb-April 1887. Includes comments on her marriage preparations.
- 18.5 Small diary with brief daily entries, 1897.
- 18.6 Lined book with entries by J.L. Hazlett (record of fencing on Fairbury and Stromburg Divisions, notes on farming activities, etc.). Last half of book appears to show Carrie's daily entries, 1888.
- 18.7 "Grant Railroad News," unidentified newspaper, 30 June 1887. Mentions J.L. Hazlett.
- 18.8 "A Pleasant Visit: To a Railroad Camp," unidentified newspaper, 7 Jun 1887. Reporter visits with J.L. Hazlett and Mrs. Hazlett, et al.
- 18.9 Newspaper article on wedding of Effie M. McCarty on 23 Dec 1895 near Galva, KN.
- 18.10 Two postcards: Frank McCarty at P_____ to Carrie, 5 July 1901, concerning mailed parcels, visit to Ireland, etc.

Folder 19: J.L. Hazlett's diaries

See also item 18.6 above.

- 19.1 Small 1884 diary with daily entries.
- 19.2 Small 1894 diary with addresses, notes, some daily entries, etc.
- 19.3 Small 1898 diary with daily entries.
- 19.4 Postcard from Frank H. Barber (sp?) at Whittier, CA, to J.L. Hazlett at Bloomington, 17 Dec 1904, concerning improvements to closet.

Frank McCarty

Folder 20: Frank's Misc. Documents

- 20.1 Photocopy of handwritten narrative poem, untitled, by Frank McCarty "at age 19". 9pp, undated.
- 20.2 Photocopies of F.A. McCarty's Illinois Wesleyan University report cards, 1884-85, 1p.
- 20.3 Masonic certificate awarding 32nd degree, Quincy IL, 2 Dec. 1918. Includes his photo.

Folder 21: Frank's Botany Notebook

- 21.1 Frank's botany notebook, Winfield, KS. Donors noted "S.W. Kansas College, 1889."

Folder 22: Frank's Diaries 1

- 22.1 Diary with daily entries. Lists show 1891, but dates of daily entries may correspond to 1892. Includes references to activities and ball games at the Wesleyan.
- 22.2 Diary with daily entries, 1893. Includes references to the Wesleyan.

Folder 23: Frank's Diaries 2

- 23.1 Diary with daily entries, 1899 at Boston.
- 23.2 Diary with daily entries, 1900 at Boston.

Miscellaneous

Folder 24: Family Miscellaneous

- 24.1 Receipt for registered letter at McConnelville, Ohio, post office, March 1857.
- 24.2 Program for Illinois Wesleyan University Commencement (sic), June 8-1 1884.
- 24.3 Program for McPherson (KS) County Schools, 2 Jun 1893. Lists Ettie McCarty.
- 24.4 Wedding announcement by Rev. F.A. McCarty for his sister Isla McCarty to Oral M. Bill, Mason City, IL, 4 Aug 1904.
- 24.5 Photograph of photograph of M.E. Church, Galva, KS.
- 24.6 Direction for dying deep blue. John Arvin, undated.
- 24.7 Handwritten recipes for various cakes and cookies, undated.
- 24.8 Small advert card for J& P Coats thread. Includes color illustration of frogs riding cycles.
- 24.9 Hood's Book of Home made Candies, copyright 1888, Lowell, MA. 18 pp.

Folder 25: Envelopes

- 25.1 Forty-two emptied envelopes.

Folder 26: Lemert Family Items

According to the donors, the Lemert family accompanied McCarty's from VA to OH to McLean and ran a general store in McLean

- 26.1 Warranty deed conveying two McLean lots from Abijah and Hannah Wood of MI to Harriett B. Lemert of IL for \$400, 21 Jan 1869.
- 26.2 Three autograph book (?) pages to Eva from Wm McCarty at McLean IL 9 Dec 1884, James T. Crosby at Ft. Scott KS 29 May 1889, Frank McCarty at McLean 7 Dec 1884.