

McLean County Museum of History

McKinzie Family Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1943-57
RESTRICTIONS:	
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

In 1924, William V McKinzie (1897-1980) wed Mary C Welsh (1900-1985). W.V. co-chaired the McLean County Ration Board during WWII. He was also president of a Chicago bank and a director of National Bank of Bloomington. McKinzie participated in multiple veterans organizations. He and wife Mary were active in Holy Trinity Church.

Son John F. McKinzie (1925-1981) attended Holy Trinity High School in Bloomington and graduated from University of Illinois with a bachelors and later a doctor of law degree. He was president of Sigma Chi fraternity in college.

In January 1944, he became a machine gunner in a US infantry unit in Europe and received a Bronze Star for his battle heroism. Later, he was on the staff an inspector general.

John entered the insurance industry as a claims lawyer and eventually became chief operating officer of Meridian Mutual Insurance in Indianapolis. He wed Mickey McCurley in April 1952.

Son James W. McKinzie became a physician and lived in Ventura, CA.

Scope

This collection primarily contains letters from sons John and James to their parents especially while the sons were at college or medical training or in the military.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: 1943 Letters

Letters (18) to W.V. McKinzie from son John who was a student in Champaign, Ill. And news items telling of the Freshman week opening Oct 7; Card from John to W.V. McKinzie at the National Bank.

Folder 2: 1944 Letters Part A

Letters (24) to W.V. McKinzie family from son John from Camp Wolters Texas, Fort Bragg, N.C., and New York, N.Y.; also from Central Illinois Trust Co. of Peoria.

Folder 3: 1944 Letters Part B

30 letters to W. V. McKinzie family from son John from Camp Wolter Texas and Fort Sheridan, Il.

Folder 4: 1946 Letters

Letters (1) to W. V. McKinzie family from son John from Belgium; (1) from German and (1) to W.V. McKinzie from W.A. Burress, Major General, U.S. Army Inspector General.

Folder 5: 1947 Letters

Letter (1) to parents about his golf game from Jim; Letter (1) to Mr. & Mrs. McKinzie from Louise G. Kreinbihl.

Folder 6: 1949 Letters Part A

Letters (4) to Mr. & Mrs. W.V. McKinzie from son Jim at University of Illinois.

Folder 7: 1949 Letters Part B

Letter (1) from Jim to parents; (1) Western Union Telegram from John.

Folder 8: Poems

Three poems signed by Mark (Christmas 53) Chicago.

Folder 9: 1950 Letters

Letters (12) to parents from Jim & John; (1) from Selective Service to James W. McKinzie concerning son becoming a physician.

Folder 10: 1951 Letters

Letters (11) from Jim & John to parents W.V. McKinzie.

Folder 11: 1952 Letter

Letter to parents from John & Mickey.

Folder 12: 1953 Letters

Letters (6) from Jim to parents.

Folder 13: 1955 Letter

Letter from Jim at Grant Hospital, Chicago, to parents.

Folder 14: 1957 Letter

Letter from Jim.

Folder 15: 1956 Graduation Announcement

Jim's graduation announcement -Chicago Professional College of the U of I..

Folder 16: Greeting Cards

Six miscellaneous greeting cards from John & Jim to parents.

Folder 17: Photograph

Unidentified photograph

Folder 18: Postcards

Five picture postcards from Jim in Florida to parents.

Folder 19: Souvenirs

Three souvenirs of James – picture postcard set, 2 golf score cards.

Folder 20: Stamps

Postage Stamps

Folder 21: Fraternity Programs

Four fraternity programs for Mothers Day banquets, 1947-52.

Folder 22: Miscellaneous Letters

Two undated letters from Art & John