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Joseph William Paddock, Jr.

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Brief History

Joseph Paddock was born in Pana, Illinois, the family moved to Evanston where Joseph went to grade school and high school. He enrolled in Northwestern University, but was unable to continue after two years. His interest was English and Journalism. He was active in the Christian Science Church. Joseph returned to his education, attending Principia College and lived away from home, which was an enriching experience. He had excellent grades and was awarded several small scholarships. He later transferred to Illinois State Normal University. Joseph graduated in June, 1941. Joseph Paddock was listed in the 1947 City Directory as a mechanic. In 1970 he was listed as a bookkeeper living and working at 612 E. Grove Street in Bloomington.

Scope

Most of the material centers on Joseph's academic life from Northwestern, then Principia, and through Illinois State Normal University. The bulk of this collection is divided into the years 1935 through 1943. Some notes/letters were undated but filed in specific years. They are recorded at the end of that year. Many of the letters were from friends telling personal news and gossip. He was obviously well liked and a valued friend.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Undated Correspondence

- 1.1 Letter from Joe to Betty Collins of Evanston, Illinois regarding her visit to see him at Principia with envelope, not mailed.
- 1.2 To Joe from Don Hall on The Burpee Can Sealer Company letterhead.
- 1.3 To Joe from J S N NY, thank you note for a "hanky."
- 1.4 To Joe from June T. Whitworth – general gossip.
- 1.5 To Joe from Howland – five letters regarding items being sent, visits.
- 1.6 To Joe from Lucille Perrill, welcoming to Principia.
- 1.7 To Joe from Art, personal news.
- 1.8 To Joe from Ken Larsen, personal news.
- 1.9 To Mrs. Paddock and Joe from Dorothy, personal news.
- 1.10 To Joe, from (unreadable), mutual friend's wedding and getting together.

Folder 2: Letters - 1935

- 2.1 To Joe from John Kiplinger. April 5, 1935, thank you for \$1.00 and personal news.
- 2.2 To Joe from John Kiplinger, postcard postmarked July 12, 1935.
- 2.3 To Joe from Johnny, August 30, 1935, personal news.
- 2.4 To Joe from Johnny K., New Year's card.
- 2.5 To Joe from John K., one letter, one note, personal news.
- 2.6 To Joe from Johnny, two letters, personal news.
- 2.7 To Joe from John Kiplinger, personal news.
- 2.8 To Joe, note from J. Heckler, will write.
- 2.9 To Joe from Joe Sanford Wolff, disappointed not returning to school.

Folder 3: Letters - 1937

- 3.1 To Joe from Chuck, January 8, 1937, personal news.
- 3.2 To Joe from Jinny, three letters, personal news.
- 3.3 To Joe from University Club of Evanston stationary, April 11, 1927, no signature.
- 3.4 To Joe from Anthony J. Todd, Northwestern University College of Liberal Arts, July 23, 1937.
- 3.5 To Joe from Johnny, August 25, 1937, personal news.
- 3.6 To Joe from Harold Molter, Christian Science letterhead, two letters, employment and general information.
- 3.7 To Joe from Fred, December 16, 1937, Rio De Janeiro, personal news.
- 3.8 To Joe from Juanita Williams, personal news.
- 3.9 To Joe from Jinny, four notes, personal news and two thank you for gifts.
- 3.10 To Joe from June, personal news.
- 3.11 No salutation, University Club of Evanston letterhead regarding new unit at Northwestern in fall, from James D. Kirkpatrick.
- 3.12 To Joe from Fred, December 18 no year, Rio, comments on Hitler.

Folder 4: Letters – 1938

- 4.1 To Joe from Rich, January 14, 1938, theater news.
- 4.2 To Joseph from Editors, July 12, 1938, with envelope, Saturday Evening Post, rejection of poem.
- 4.3 To Joe from (unreadable), July 14, 1938, postcard.
- 4.4 To Joe from Harold Long, July 22, 1938, personal news.
- 4.5 To Joe from Jinny, August 23, 1938, with envelope, personal news.
- 4.6 To Joe from Florenceann (?), August 14, 1938, personal news.
- 4.7 To Joe from Mary Lou, dated August 17, 1938, personal news.
- 4.8 To Joe from Gordon, August 24, 1938, personal news.
- 4.9 To Joseph, envelope, September 7, 1938, from The Principia, contains 5 letters sent throughout summer regarding tuition, dorm furnishings, football camp, and parental permission football.
- 4.10 To Joe from Jinny, September 12, 1938, personal note.
- 4.11 To Joe from Merle, September 11, 1938, death of George Parmelee and personal news.
- 4.12 To Joe from Mary Lou, September 20, 1938, with envelope, personal news.
- 4.13 To Joe from Marguerite, September 25, 1938, with envelope, personal news.
- 4.14 To Joe from Merle, September 27, 1938, personal news.
- 4.15 To Joe from Beatrice Alberg, September 28, 1938, with envelope, personal news.
- 4.16 To Joe from Marguerite, September 30, 1938, with envelope, personal news.
- 4.17 To Joe from Jean, October 9, 1938, with Christmas card, and personal news.
- 4.18 To Joe from Marguerite, October 10, 1938, personal news.
- 4.19 To Joe from Dad, October 18, 1938, Jos. W. Paddock letterhead, personal news.
- 4.20 To Joe from A. J. Todd, Northwestern University letterhead, October 19, 1938, well wishes and personal news.
- 4.21 To Joe from Marguerite, October 22, 1938, personal news.
- 4.22 To Joe from Arthur Keare (?), November 6, 1938, comments on hotel industry.

- 4.23 To Joe from Polly and Lloyd, November 7, 1938, with envelope, thank you note.
- 4.24 To Joe from Jinny, November 9, 1938, with envelope, thank you note.
- 4.25 To Joe from Marguerite, November 10, 1938, personal news.
- 4.26 To Joe from Don, November 24, 1938, personal news.
- 4.27 To Joe from Marguerite, December 4, 1938, personal news.
- 4.28 Envelope addressed to Mrs. Joseph W. Paddock, December 14, 1938, no contents.
- 4.29 To Joe from Arthur Keare (?), December 18, 1938, personal news.
- 4.30 To Joe from Mary Lou White, December 19, 1938, Christmas card.
- 4.31 Envelope to Joseph, December 22, 1938, no contents.
- 4.32 To Joe from McDonalds, December 23, 1938, with envelope, Christmas card.
- 4.33 To Joe from Gordon, December 27, 1938, with envelope, personal news.
- 4.34 To Joe from Marguerite, undated, personal news.
- 4.35 To Joe from no signature, July, 27, 1938, personal news.
- 4.36 To Mama Paddock, undated, note with several messages, signed Jinny, and Virginia.
- 4.37 To Joe, undated, 2 letters from Betty.
- 4.38 To Joe from Howland, undated, 3 letters, Tilden Hall letterhead.

Folder 5: Letters - 1939

- 5.1 To J. W. Paddock, February 2, 1939, Wisconsin State Planning Board letterhead, reply to request.
- 5.2 To J. W. Paddock, February 3, 1939, State of Wisconsin Conservation Department letterhead, reply to request.
- 5.3 To Joe from Jinny, February 3, 1939, with envelope, personal news.
- 5.4 To Joe from Marguerite, February 26, 1939, personal news.
- 5.5 To Joe from unreadable, May 1, 1939, picture postcard.
- 5.6 To Joe from Florenceann, July 16, 1939, with envelope, personal news.
- 5.7 To Joe from Betty, August 22, 1939, with envelope, personal news.
- 5.8 To Joe from Ken, August 28, 1939, personal news, (item torn).
- 5.9 To Joseph from Arthur, September 6, 1939, personal news.
- 5.10 To Joe from Johnny Kiplinger, September 6, 1939, with envelope, personal news.
- 5.11 To Joe from Adele (?), picture post card Lake Geneva, WI. 1939.
- 5.12 Christmas card from Edgar Van Allsburg, with note, undated.
- 5.13 Christmas card from Donald Ewahl.

Folder 6: Letters - 1940

- 6.1 To Joseph from Aunt Lara, February 21, 1940, personal news.
- 6.2 To Joe from Mary W. Jackson, March 1, 1940, personal news, also partial note attached.
- 6.3 To Joe from Faculty Principia, May 28, 1940, high academic standard.
- 6.4 To Joe from Mary Lou, August 21, personal news.
- 6.5 To Joe from Marian V. Kearny (?), November 24, 1940, personal news, and criticism of Roosevelt spending.
- 6.6 To Joe from Marguerite, December 15, 1940, personal news.
- 6.7 To Dr. Leonard, draft of reply to Principia faculty for their kind letter.

Folder 7: Letters – 1941

- 7.1 To Principian from Garner E. Hubbell, with envelope, January 3, 1941, alumni fundraiser.
- 7.2 No salutation from Jinny, envelope postmarked January 14, 1941, letter with personal news.
- 7.3 To Joe from Pieria Lippman, Jones of Paris letterhead, February 28, 1941, with envelope, unable to attend meeting.
- 7.4 To Joe from Johnny, March 13, 1941, with envelope and photo (all in plastic sleeve), personal news.
- 7.5 To Joseph from Johnny, one envelope, March 20, 1941, 3 letters dated November 11, 1935, November 6, 1940, January 29, 1941, personal news.
- 7.6 To Joe from Marguerite, March 20, 1941, with envelope, personal news.
- 7.6 To Joe from Bill, August 4, 1941, picture postcard, personal news.
- 7.7 To Joe from Melville, September 25, 1941, with envelope, personal advice.
- 7.8 To Joe from Flo, October 2, 1941, with envelope, personal news.
- 7.9 To Joe from Art, October 12, 1941, with envelope, personal news.
- 7.10 To Joe from Virginia, October? 1941, with envelope, personal news.
- 7.11 To Joe from Marguerite, November 30, 1941, with envelope, personal news.
- 7.12 Christmas card from Violet, December 22, 1941, with envelope, personal note.

Folder 8: Letters – 1942

- 8.1 To Joe from Flo, November 4, 1942, envelope, personal news.
- 8.2 To Joe from Virginia, December 10, 1942, with envelope, personal news.
- 8.3 To Joe from Jinny, December? 1942, with envelope, personal note.
- 8.4 To Joe from Virginia, no date, with envelope, Benwood Hotel, Effingham, Illinois letterhead, personal news.
- 8.5 Envelope (empty) to Joe from Mrs. H. E. unreadable, date unreadable.

Folder 9: Letters - 1943

- 9.1 To J. W. Paddock, unsigned valentine, February 11, 1943.
- 9.2 To Joe from Dorothy, September 21, personal news.
- 9.3 To Joe from Beverly Gaw, May 29, thank you note for campus visit.
- 9.4 No salutation from Art, no date The Principia College letterhead, college news.
- 9.5 To Joseph from Frances, no date, personal news.

Folder 10: Christmas Cards

- 10.1 "Holiday Greetings" from John E. Coonley.
- 10.2 "Merry Christmas" from Couvados (?)
- 10.3 "Noel" from Betty Crosby.
- 10.4 "A Merry Christmas" from A Charter Member of the L.E.C.
- 10.5 "Greetings" from Shirley, Belle Minkus.
- 10.6 "Season's Greetings" from Lowell Goodhue.
- 10.7 "All Good Thoughts at Christmas" with personal note from Arthur L. Mann.
- 10.8 "Merry Christmas" from Mrs. Townsend.
- 10.9 "Merry Christmas" with personal note from Art.
- 10.10 "A Book of Christmas Carols," 4 pages.

Folder 11: Northwestern University

- 11.1 To Mr. Joseph Paddock from Addison Hibbard, Dean, Northwestern University, College of Liberal Arts, June 27, 1936, notification of \$100.00 scholarship.
- 11.2 To Mr. Joseph Paddock from Addison Hibbard, Dean, Northwestern University, College of Liberal Arts, March 23, 1937, congratulations on record.
- 11.3 Christian Science Organization at Northwestern University, 2 flyers.
- 11.4 To Mr. Joseph Paddock from Addison Hibbard, Dean, Northwestern University, College of Liberal Arts, June 25, 1937, notification of \$100.00 scholarship.
- 11.5 "Northwestern University Information," volume VII, number six, October 20, 1938, 24 pages.
- 11.6 Christian Science Organization at Northwestern University Application for membership.
- 11.7 To Mr. Joseph Paddock from Addison Hibbard, Dean, Northwestern University, College of Liberal Arts, June 17, 1937, candidacy for Honors Degree in English approved.
- 11.8 From Northwestern University Alumni Association, November 30, 1942, donation request.
- 11.9 Summaries of courses and grades from Principia College and Northwestern University, six pages.
- 11.10 Northwestern University Alumni Association pledge flyer for 1942-43.
- 11.11 Blank, empty envelope with Joseph William Paddock, Jr., 909 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Illinois on flap.

Folder 12: Principia College

- 12.1 "The Principia College, Elsah, Illinois" Freshman Advisors, 1938-39, sixteen names.
- 12.2 "The Principia College, Elsah, Illinois, 1938-39, schedule of Fall, Winter, Spring classes offered – 2 copies.
- 12.3 To Joseph from Carey Browne, The Principia, Saint Louis, Missouri letterhead, College of Liberal Arts, August 22, 1938, thank you for inquiry.
- 12.4 To Joseph from Carey Browne, The Principia, Saint Louis, Missouri letterhead, College of Liberal Arts, August 26, 1938, regarding application.
- 12.5 To Joseph from Carey Browne, The Principia, Saint Louis, Missouri letterhead, College of Liberal Arts, August 30, 1938, need snapshot to complete application,
- 12.6 To Joseph from Carey Browne, The Principia, Saint Louis, Missouri letterhead, College of Liberal Arts, September 3, 1938, need letter from Mr. Wooster of Evanston for Committee on Admission.
- 12.7 To New College Students, from (signature torn off), The Principia, Saint Louis, Missouri, letterhead, College of Liberal Arts, procedures.
- 12.8 To Mr. Paddock, from Muriel R. Ford, Assistant Manager, College Book Store, The Principia, College of Liberal Arts letterhead, September 19, 1938, Student Allowance Bank rules.
- 12.9 To Joe, from Carey Browne, The Principia, Saint Louis, Missouri, letterhead, College of Liberal Arts, September 22, 1938.all seems to be in order and look forward to meeting at Elsah next Monday.
- 12.10 "The Principia College, Elsah, Illinois," Classroom Schedule – Fall Quarter 1938-39, 2 pages.

- 12.11 "The Principia College Program Card," classes enrolled in for 9-27-38 and 12-8-38, 3 cards.
- 12.12 "Principia Alumni Purpose," Volume XXII, Number 1, January, 1939, 20 pages.
- 12.13 "Public Affairs Conference, The Principia College of Liberal Arts," May 12 and 13, 1939, 4 pages, with separate reading list.
- 12.14 "The Principia College Commencement, June 9, 1939, program.
- 12.15 "The Principia Concert and Lecture Course for 1939-40," season schedule.
- 12.16 "The Elsay Bluff," December 14, 1940, Men's and Women's Addresses.
- 12.17 "The Principia College of Liberal Arts," Elsay, Illinois, Calendar – 1940.
- 12.18 To Alumni from the Sheaf Board, January, 1941, request subscription.
- 12.19 "The Purpose of the Men's Organization," one page typed.
- 12.20 "Pending field of specialization requirements," handwritten list of courses and back of Program Card.
- 12.21 Fourth Annual, "Principia Alumni Week-End," August 31, September 1, 2 (no year).
- 12.22 Romeo & Juliet notes handwritten, on back of "Calendar of Events," one page typed, no date.
- 12.23 "The Principia College of Liberal Arts," 1938-39, 134 pages.
- 12.24 Empty envelope to Mr. Joseph Paddock from The Principia College Campus, Elsay, Illinois, postmarked September 18, 1938.

Folder 13: Illinois State Normal University

- 13.1 To Joseph from First Church of Christ Scientist, October 14, 1942, note acknowledging receipt of church registration card from I.S.N.U.
- 13.2 "Significance of the War Manpower Commission to Students of American Colleges and Universities ...," flyer explanation with envelope from Illinois State Normal University, December 29, 1942.
- 13.3 To Mr. Joseph William Paddock from R. W. Fairchild, President, Illinois State Normal University, December 29, 1942, looking forward to returning to campus.
- 13.4 Flyer enclosed with application for admission to Illinois State Normal University.
- 13.5 Illinois State Normal University application for admission – 6 pages
- 13.6 "The Recognition and Accrediting of Illinois Secondary Schools," requirement for teaching in various fields, 10 pages.
- 13.7 Empty envelope addressed to Mr. Joseph Paddock from First Church of Christ Scientist, postmarked October 16, 1942.
- 13.8 Empty envelope addressed to Miss Elsie Brenneman, Registrar.

Folder 14: School Notes and Autobiography

- 14.1 "Sabine Lumber Company, Jos. W. Paddock," heading on scratchpad with notes on classes, 1939-40.
- 14.2 4 items paper clipped: small envelope w/note, "money from Mrs. Arrowsmith for school ...," list of school expenses on back, check stub for Preparatory w/bk, stamped Oct. 21, 1941, "Sabine Lumber Company, Jos. W. Paddock," heading on scratchpad, reverse side has random notes and figures.
- 14.3 7 items "Sabine Lumber Company, Jos. W. Paddock," heading on scratchpad, reverse side has random notes on assignments and classes dated 1938-39 and 1939-40.
- 14.4 4 pages autobiography on both sides of paper plus cardboard section.

- 14.5 Note to write to Bob Geake.
- 14.6 "University Composition Book," notes on Shakespeare's works.
- 14.7 4 sheets used as scratch paper, Principia College grades, Northwestern grades, to figure classes, money, writing.
- 14.8 2 notebook sheets, notes about classes, several unintelligible lines about Valentine (?)
- 14.9 To Joe from Dan personal news with 9 P.S.

Folder 15: Miscellaneous

- 15.1 To Joseph W. Paddock, 2 Post Cards: Unemployment Compensation, Illinois State Employment Service, and Social Security Board, United States Employment Service.
- 15.2 "The Modern Library," 2 brochures, Spring and Fall, 1940
- 15.3 To Joseph W. Paddock, from The City National Bank, Colorado City, Texas, envelope postmarked December 8, 1941, \$70.00 bank deposit receipt.
- 15.4 To Joseph W. Paddock, from The City National Bank, Colorado City, Texas, envelope postmarked December 18, 1941, checking account regulations.
- 15.5 Two year paid subscription to Atlantic Monthly for Joseph William Paddock, Jr. 4/23/no year.
- 15.6 Three checks drawn on The National Bank of Colorado City, Texas, \$12.00 - November 29, 1941, \$0.47 - Dec. 8, 1941, \$118.00 - no date.
- 15.7 The City National Bank, Colorado City, Texas, .00 balance Dec. 10. 1941, statement for Joseph William Paddock, Jr.
- 15.8 The City National Bank, Colorado City, Texas empty envelope
- 15.9 Cancelled Vouchers returned by The Peoples Bank, Bloomington, Ill. empty envelope.
- 15.10 "The Reader's Digest," 4 page advertising promotion.
- 15.11 "Why is the news colored," subscription brochure for U.S. Week.
- 15.12 Newspaper clipping of bride picture, separate wedding notice with penciled notations on both, no date.
- 15.13 "Pastimer," article in *American* magazine with picture Arthur J. Todd of Northwestern University, penciled note.
- 15.14 "Notice of Change of Address," card.
- 15.15 "Wilcox & Follett Co." 5 items for student text book orders, 3 order forms, 1 rush return, 1 advertising flyer.
- 15.16 Note from donor Doug Taylor regarding accompanying photographs, undated.