

McLean County Museum of History

Ringo Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1923-1973; mostly 1941-1963.
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LOCATION:	Archives
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Brief History

Claude Ringo (1911-2005) was born in Saybrook, IL, to Atlee and Belva Pearle Swaim Ringo. In 1933, he married Marjorie I. Ringo (1911-2004), who was born in Normal, IL, to Elmer and Jessie Fremont Iles Rehker Kelley. Claude and Marjorie had three children: Jean Biller (193_-2017), Rex Ringo, and Jane Maupin. Robert Rehker (1920-2003), Marjorie's brother, served in the military from 1939-1952, and John Rust (1925-2012) was a close family friend who also served in the military from 1949-1985.

Scope

The collection includes correspondents between the Ringo family and friends, as well as other miscellaneous items relating to the Ringos. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondents between the Ringos and Robert Rehker, John Rust, and Jane Ringo.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: History

- 1.1 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 18 November 2003 (Added by staff in 2019)
- 1.2 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 22 May 2004 (Added by staff in 2019)
- 1.3 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 15 December 2005 (Added by staff in 2019)
- 1.4 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 8 July 2012 (Added by staff in 2019)
- 1.5 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 10 May 2017 (Added by staff in 2019)

Folder 2: Correspondence 1936-1942

- 2.1 Robert Rehker in Aledo, IL, to Marjorie Ringo telling her that he will write soon, 16 Oct 1936
- 2.2 John Rust in Grand Rapids, MI, to Claude Ringo concerning being in the military, 15 Jan 1941
- 2.3 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning Claude and Marjorie's grocery business, being away from home, and being moved from Grand Rapids to Port Townsend, 17 Mar 1941
- 2.4 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo addressing the package they sent to him and detailing how he received it, 7 Apr 1941
- 2.5 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo thanking them for the package he received from them, 12 May 1941
- 2.6 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo asking about how things are going in Bloomington, 10 June 1941
- 2.7 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning the package he received from them, the happenings in Bloomington, and how things are going in the army, 29 July 1941

- 2.8 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning his distaste for being in the military, 4 Sep 1941
- 2.9 Robert Rehker in Saint Louis, MO, to Marjorie Ringo concerning living in Saint Louis, 29 Oct 1941
- 2.10 John Rust in South Bend, IN, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning his furlough and finding work in South Bend, 4 Nov 1941
- 2.11 John Rust in Port Townsend WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning the end of his furlough, 21 Feb 1942
- 2.12 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo addressing being back at Port Townsend, 11 Mar 1942
- 2.13 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning the package he received from them and being in the military, 30 Mar 1942
- 2.14 Robert Rehker in Rantoul, IL, to Marjorie Ringo concerning how much he is getting paid, 8 Apr 1942
- 2.15 Robert Rehker in Harlingen, TX, to Marjorie Ringo asking about how things are going in Bloomington, 26 Apr 1942
- 2.16 Robert Rehker in Harlingen, TX, to Marjorie Ringo expressing his anger at Marjorie, 28 Apr 1942
- 2.17 Robert Rehker in Harlingen, TX, to Marjorie Ringo concerning his role in the military and what it is like to live in Texas, 31 Aug 1942
- 2.18 Robert Rehker in Harlingen, TX, to Marjorie Ringo following up on being in Texas, 1 May 1942
- 2.19 Robert Rehker in Harlingen, TX, to Marjorie Ringo concerning family disputes and how he is contempt with being in the military, 7 May 1942
- 2.20 Robert Rehker in Harlingen, TX, to Marjorie Ringo concerning the package he received from her, 15 May 1942
- 2.21 Robert Rehker in Hondo, TX, to Marjorie Ringo concerning her new child and being in Hondo, 31 Jul 1942
- 2.22 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo wishing the Ringo family a merry Christmas, 21 Dec 1942
- 2.23 Vermon Swaim in Little Creek, VA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning his time in Bloomington for Christmas and the package he received from them, 29 Dec 1942

Folder 3: Correspondence 1943-1955

- 3.1 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning the happenings at Fort Rehker and Port Townsend, 2 Jan 1943
- 3.2 John Rust in Marrowstone Island, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning his move to Fort Flagler, 1 Mar 1943
- 3.3 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo addressing the letter he had received from them and where he would be by the time they received his letter, 11 Mar 1943
- 3.4 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, concerning his relationship with Betty and coming back to Bloomington, 12 Apr 1943
- 3.5 John Rust in Port Townsend, WA, concerning his relationship with Betty and being in the military, 10 May 1943

- 3.6 Robert Rehker in San Marcos, TX, to Marjorie Ringo concerning what Marjorie and Hellen might have planned, 23 May 1943
- 3.7 John Rust in Riverside, CA to Claude and Marjorie Ringo addressing his move from Port Townsend to Camp Haan, 26 Jul 1943
- 3.8 John Rust in Riverside, CA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo asking about Bloomington, 25 Aug 1943
- 3.9 John Rust in Riverside, CA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning their lives in Bloomington, 16 Sep 1943
- 3.10 Vermon Swaim in New York City, NY, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo addressing the Christmas presents he received, their work, and how life in New York City is going, 18 Feb 1944
- 3.11 Robert Rehker in New York City, NY, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning the Bloomington Chapter of the Red Cross and life in Bloomington, 22 May 1950
- 3.12 Edward Witsell in Washington, DC, regarding the return of Robert Rehker to the United States for reassignment, 13 June 1950
- 3.13 Marjorie Ringo in Bloomington, IL, to Robert Rehker addressing her frustrations towards him, 20 June 1950
- 3.14 Robert Rehker in New York, NY, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning returning to the military, 30 Jun 1950
- 3.15 Robert Rehker in New York, NY, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo, concerning life in New York, 27 Oct 1950
- 3.16 Ada Niches in Shreve, OH, to the Ringo family, asking about life in Bloomington, 17 Jan 1955
- 3.17 Daisy Booss in Cedar Springs, MI, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning her neighbors, 7 Feb 1955

Folder 4: Correspondence 1960-1963

- 4.1 Jane Ringo in Oakland, CA, to Claude Ringo wishing him a happy Father's Day, 16 Jun 1960
- 4.2 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning moving into Northern Illinois University and adjusting to college life, 11 Sep 1962
- 4.3 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning receiving her parent's money and her room mates, 13 Sep 1962
- 4.4 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo providing information to her parent's as well as providing an update on her room mates, 14 Sep 1962
- 4.5 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning how she's getting on in college, 15 Sep 1962
- 4.6 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo providing an update on how things are going in college, 18 Sep 1962
- 4.7 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning her life in Northern Illinois University, 20 Sep 1962
- 4.8 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning a date she is having, 23 Sep 1962
- 4.9 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo addressing her relationships in DeKalb, 27 Sep 1962

- 4.10 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning being in college, 2 Oct 1962
- 4.11 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo providing an update on her social life, 3 Jan 1963
- 4.12 Jean and Joe Biller in Berkley, CA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning coming back to Bloomington for Christmas, 8 Jan 1963
- 4.13 Mac and Harold in Denver, OH, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo inquiring about life in Bloomington, 9 Jan 1963
- 4.14 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning being in college, 15 Jan 1963
- 4.15 Van Weigelas in Grand Rapids, MI, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo inquiring about how things are going in the Ringo household, 25 Jan 1963
- 4.16 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning college, 7 Feb 1963
- 4.17 C.E. Neaman in Cedar Springs, MI, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning life in Michigan, 14 Mar 1963

Folder 5: Correspondence 1963-1973

- 5.1 Jane Ringo in Dekalb, IL to Claude and Marjorie Ringo providing an update on her life, 23 Apr 1963
- 5.2 Jane Ringo in Dekalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning her life in DeKalb, 25 Apr 1963
- 5.3 Donna Jean in Bloomington, IL, to Marjorie Ringo thanking her for the gifts she gave to her, 25 Apr 1963
- 5.4 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning an event she should attend, 30 Apr 1963
- 5.5 Arthur Robeck in Marinette, WI, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning being in Bloomington, 7 May 1963
- 5.6 Mabel Sanderson in Marinette, WI, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo thanking the Ringo's for the account of the passing away of their friend, 7 May 1963
- 5.7 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo wishing her parents a nice time at an event they are attending, 9 May 1963
- 5.8 Jean Ringo in Oakland, CA, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning her move to California, 15 May 1963
- 5.9 Jane Ringo in DeKalb, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning life in college, 21 May 1963
- 5.10 Uncle Vermon and Aunt Amanda in Rantoul, IL, to Claude Ringo wishing him a happy birthday, 1 Aug 1963
- 5.11 L.L. Mightell in Cedar bluff, MS, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo wishing Claude a happy birthday, 5 Aug 1963
- 5.12 Mrs. T.G. Spooner in Benton Harbor, MI, to Marjorie Ringo asking her for a product, 5 Aug 1963
- 5.13 John in Benton, IL, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo thanking them, 9 Aug 1963
- 5.14 John and Kay in Denver, CO, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning their trip to Virginia, 10 Aug 1963
- 5.15 Beed and Jack in Minocqua, WI, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning their travels to Minocqua, 2 Jul 1973

- 5.16 Joe Billet in Northrop, CO, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning his travels to Virginia City, NV, 18 Jul 1973
- 5.17 The Billet Family in Northrop, CO, to Claude and Marjorie Ringo concerning their travels to Virginia City, NV, 18 Jul 1973

Folder 6: Miscellaneous

- 6.1 Empty envelop to Marjorie Ringo, 23 Dec 1923
- 6.2 Photocopy of a chauffeur license given to Claude Ringo, 21 Jun 1939
- 6.3 Bank note for one hundred eighty dollars to Claude Ringo, Marjorie Ringo, and Robert Rehker, 12 Aug 1939
- 6.4 Receipt from Leman Dairy milk company, 6 Nov 1939
- 6.5 Empty envelop from Robert Rehker to Marjorie Ringo from Harlingen, TX, 20 Jun 1942
- 6.6 List of receipt numbers with names, 11 June 1945
- 6.7 Report card for Jean Ringo from the Bloomington Elementary Schools, 1946-1947
- 6.8 Report card for Jean Ringo from the Bloomington Elementary Schools, 1947-1948
- 6.9 Report card for Jean Ringo from the Bloomington Elementary Schools, 1948-1949
- 6.10 Return receipt for Robert Rehker, 23 Jun 1950
- 6.11 Christmas card from Nancy and Betsy, Dec 1960
- 6.12 Christmas card from Harriot and Nan wish the Ringo' a Merry Christmas
- 6.13 Christmas card from Donny and Gary wishing the Ringo's a Merry Christmas
- 6.14 Christmas card from the D.C. McPherson Jr. Family wishing the Ringo's a Merry Christmas
- 6.15 Christmas card from Betty Milliaman wishing the Ringo's a Merry Christmas
- 6.16 Christmas card from the Clotts family wishing the Ringo's a Merry Christmas
- 6.17 Anniversary card from Albert Niepagen wishing Claude and Marjorie Ringo a happy anniversary
- 6.18 Photograph of the Mackinac Bridge
- 6.19 Wedding invite from Maxine and Harold Steinkraus to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Rehker
- 6.20 Photograph of Palmer Road
- 6.21 Christmas card to the Ringo's wishing them a Merry Christmas
- 6.22 Paper Christmas tree made Jane Ringo for her parents
- 6.23 Photograph of a group of students
- 6.24 McLean County Historical Society Gift Agreement concerning the collection, 26 June 2019

Loose Items: Bank Record books from the People's Bank of Bloomington, IL., detailing any time the Ringo's deposited or withdrew money from the bank

Loose Item: Calendar belonging to Marjorie Ringo, detailing the Ringo family schedule, 1928