

McLean County Museum of History

Charles J. Zobrist Collection

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VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1888-1949
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives

Historical Sketch

This collection contains material relating to the life and career of World War I veteran Charles J. Zobrist. Born February 16, 1895, in Bond County, Illinois, by the 1940s, Zobrist had married Ethel Brown and was residing in Lawndale Township, McLean County.

Scope and Content

This collection includes promotion certificates, a WW I map, and postcards from French sites and cities.

A portion of the collection also contain information on WW I veteran Folkert "Dutch" Vissering, who died at the age of 38 in 1926 in Bloomington. Included are records of death and newspaper obituaries.

The loose items are varied, some owned by Zobrist during wartime such as a pocket New Testament and soldier song book, both with handwritten information about Zobrist. The other two booklets are a Sunday School Lesson Handbook from 1916 and a map regarding lands for sale.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Charles J. Zobrist

- 1.1 "Subject Nationalities of the German Alliance," map of WWI war front December 19, 1916.
- 1.2 Certificate of promotion to Corporal of the Army Service Corps of the United States, July 7, 1919.
- 1.3 Certificate of promotion to Sergeant of the Army Service Corps of the United States, July 19, 1919.
- 1.4 Certificate recognizing service in the Armed Forces signed by President Richard Nixon.

Folder 2: Folkert J. Vissering

- 2.1 Wilbert Burial Vault guarantee and certificate of indemnity for Folkert J. Vissering, July 2, 1953.
- 2.2 Office of County Court, Bloomington, certificate of death of Folkert Vissering of Minonk, Ill., at the age of 38 on March 18, 1926, at Brokaw Hospital.
- 2.3 Funeral card for Folkert Vissering.
- 2.4 Memorial Record for Folkert Vissering.
- 2.5 Two obituaries for Folkert Vissering.
- 2.6 Blueprint, building plan for F. J. Vissering.

Folder 3: Pictures

- 3.1 Collection of French postcards including sites in La Suze; Paris; Saint-Servan; Aigne; Fercé ; Dinard; Dinan; and Côte d'Émeraude.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous

- 4.1 Picture of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem.
- 4.2 Hand-drawn map of Hamburg, Pennsylvania, 1848.
- 4.3 Christmas Greeting card from St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Minonk, Illinois. 1949 calendar included.
- 4.4 Minonk High School Commencement, June 2, 1911.
- 4.5 Single personal page of Psalms, ripped out and intended to be carried in jacket.
- 4.6 Picture of "G.S. Church."

Loose Items:

Booklet: Map of Lands of the Kankakee Valley of Indiana

Map of the Kankakee Valley of Indiana containing lands marked in red for sale by the Straus Brothers Company.

Booklet: The Lesson Handbook 1916

Contains prayers and Bible passages with explanations. "A concise commentary on the international uniform Sunday School lessons for the entire year based on the text of the American standard Bible."

Book: **The New Testament, "WAR No. 1"**
Charles J. Zobrist's pocket Bible containing birth and marriage locations and dates. Also includes dates of services and titles earned.

Booklet: **Songs of the Soldiers and Sailors U.S.**
Contains army songs along with birth information and list of names and addresses located in final pages.