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**ALICE BELL MCCOY  
COLLECTION, CA. 1895–1992**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 2 manuscript folders, 1 bound volume, 2 photograph folders, 1 box OVA photographs, 5 artifacts

**COLLECTION DATES:** ca. 1895–1992

**PROVENANCE:** Indianapolis Senior Center, Indianapolis, IN

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alice Bell McCoy (22 November 1907–31 December 1999) was born to James Melvin Bell and Amanda Arnett Bell in Urbana, Illinois. The family of three moved to Indianapolis sometime between 1910 and 1920. They lived in the Arsenal Heights neighborhood at 29 S. Summit St., and James worked as a motorman for the street car company.

Alice attended William McKinley School 39 and Arsenal Technical High School. She married Robert Dale McCoy (1912–1973), a Navy veteran and Bronze Star recipient, who owned and operated McCoy Advertising Company in Indianapolis. Alice was a veteran, serving in World War II as part of the Women's Army Corps. After the war, she worked as a retail floral designer and was an active member of the American Legion.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

*Arsenal Cannon*, 1923 via [www.digitalindy.org](http://www.digitalindy.org)

Materials in the collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains photographs, a scrapbook, coupon books, and some artifacts that belonged to Alice Bell McCoy and her husband Robert. One of the photographs shows a young Alice Bell McCoy with her class at William McKinley School 39 in Indianapolis. The other three photographs are of an unidentified Elks Lodge Memorial Service, an unidentified group photograph that could be a sort of class photo, and a piece of unidentified machinery. The scrapbook is something that Alice kept when she was in high school and is full of clippings about the music scene in Indianapolis; reviews, concert news, and musicians she must have admired are included in the clippings. Artifacts in the collection include Alice Bell McCoy's American Legion caps, which are full of different pins, as well as her dog tags and Women's Army Corps insignia. Robert McCoy's amateur bicycling medals are included as well.

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Photo of an unidentified piece of machinery, stamped  
“Wal. S. Wolever. North-West Corner Public Square,  
LaFayette, Ind.” n.d.

[Elks Lodge Annual Memorial Service], ca. 1890s

[Elks Lodge Annual Memorial Service], ca. 1890s

Unidentified Group Photograph [Class Photo?], 1895

Alice Bell McCoy 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Photo, William  
McKinley School 39, ca. 1910s

Alice Bell McCoy Music Scrapbook, 1922

Amateur Bicycle League Championship, Ohio  
District, 1928

Amateur Bicycle League Championship, Ohio State  
Championship, 1928

Alice Bell McCoy Dog tags, ca. 1944

Alice Bell McCoy Women’s Army Corps Insignia, ca.  
1944

Robert D. McCoy War Ration Book, 1943

Stamp Saver Books, ca. 1960s

Two American Legion Garrison Caps, ca. 1980s–  
1990s

### CONTAINER

OVA Photographs,  
Box 2, Folder 2

Photographs,  
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