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DR. JOHN T. AND EVA MCFARLIN COLLECTION, CA. 1873-1977

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Manuscript Materials: 2 manuscript boxes
Visual Materials: 1 half-size photograph box, 1 OVB folder
Artifacts: 2 baby bonnets

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1873-1977

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. John Thomas McFarlin (b. 1867, d. 1944) lived with his wife, Eva Florence (Mavity) McFarlin (b. 1871, d. 1950), and six children in Williams, IN.

John and Eva exchanged many letters while he was away at medical school in Louisville, KY. The pair married after John's graduation, and by 1985, he began practicing medicine out of their home. During this time, the McFarlins had their first three children: Lena M. (McClung) McFarlin (b. 1896, d. 1978), Anna Louise (Hammond) McFarlin (b. 1898, d. 1984), and Dorothy Edith (Kennedy) McFarlin (b. 1900, d. 2002). Shortly after Dorothy's birth, McFarlin had a new house and office built on Kern St. It was at this house that the McFarlins had their last three children: George Harold McFarlin (b. 1904, d. 1990), John Leslie McFarlin (b. 1909, d. 1998), and Robert Doak McFarlin (b. 1916).

Dr. McFarlin enlisted in the army shortly after the United States entered WWI. By 1918, McFarlin was stationed at Camp Grant in Illinois with the rank of Captain.

Lena M. (McFarlin) McClung was married to Wendell Vincent McClung (b. 1896, d. 1978) and had three children: Guy, Mary, and Carol. Their son, Guy A. McClung (b. 1924, d. 1944), served with a rank of Corporal in the Army in WWII. In April 1944, Guy shipped out to Africa and from there went to Italy. He was killed in action on December 2, 1944 while in Italy.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes materials from Dr. John T. McFarlin, Eva F. (Mavity) McFarlin, and their family. There are a number of letters written back and forth between John McFarlin and Eva Mavity from 1890-1894 during the time that John was away in Louisville, KY for medical school. Other correspondence is from John to his family while he was serving in the military and stationed in Illinois in 1918. There are several letters of condolence, news clippings, and misc. papers related to the death of Guy McClung, who was killed in action in Italy during WWII.

Valentine's Day greeting cards are numerous in this collection, most of which are made out to Louise McFarlin. The collection includes over 50 photographs dating between 1880 and 1970. The photographs are of the McFarlin and McClung families as well as several photos of buildings and landscapes in Indiana. In addition to the photographs, there is one scrapbook with no date which is filled with unidentified people that may possibly be from the McClung family.

There are two books, *Good Morals and Gentle Manners for Schools and Families*, by Alex M. Gow and *The Annunciation of the Eden Age*, by S.O. McClung-Wendell McClung's Uncle. There are also two autograph books. One is filled with messages to John T. McClung, and the entries date from 1890-1893. The other is filled with messages written between 1883-1888 to a Mary, but there is no last name to identify to which family Mary belongs.

Also in the collection are 2 baby caps. Both caps are made of white lace and have light blue ribbon around the edges. One cap is smaller and seemingly for an infant, and the other is a larger toddler sized cap.

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2 white lace baby bonnets with light blue ribbon

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