WILLIAM F. GULDE
MATERIALS, 1901–1940S

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

**Wendell Lewis Willkie** was born on 18 February 1892 in Elwood, Indiana to Herman and Henrietta Willkie, both of whom were German immigrants and lawyers. He attended Indiana University and earned his law degree in 1916. After serving in the Army during World War I, he moved to Akron, Ohio to practice law. In 1933, he became president of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, a large utilities company. He became a critic of some aspects of the New Deal and became the surprise winner of the Republican nomination for president in 1940, even though he had previously been a Democrat. Willkie suffered a drastic loss to Roosevelt, only receiving 82 electoral votes to Roosevelt’s 449. He went on to play an important role during World War II as a goodwill ambassador to many of the war-torn countries of the world. His actions after his defeat, such as softening his stance on some New Deal topics and admitting some of his claims about Roosevelt were “campaign oratory,” distanced him from many supporters in the Republican Party. However, other people applauded his bipartisan support of the president during the war. His bid for the nomination as the Republican presidential candidate in 1944 failed and he was laying the groundwork to form a third national party when he died on 8 October 1944 of heart failure.


**Richard V. Snyder** served as a lieutenant (junior grade) on the U.S.S. Shangri-La as a member of the original crew commissioned on 15 September 1944.

Sources:
Collection materials.
Web: Marion County, Indiana, Marriage Index, 1925-2012, via Ancestry.com.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to Wendell Willkie, Beulah Shortridge, and Richard Snyder. This includes twelve photographs of Wendell Willkie at or near his Harrison Street home in Rushville and at an unidentified airport. Also in the collection are seven report cards from 1901 to 1908 for Beulah Shortridge and a plank owner certificate for the U.S.S. Shangri-La for Richard V. Snyder.
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Shortridge and Snyder materials, 1901–08; n.d.

Wendell Willkie photos, ca. 1940s

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