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Collection Summary:

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Search Terms:

World War II  
Correspondence  
Photo albums  
Arthur W. McClelland  
William F. McClelland

Biographical Notes:

The McClelland family lived in Huntington, West Virginia. Arthur William McClelland was the father of the family and his son William F. McClelland was an active boy scout. The entire family was active in the Second Presbyterian Church of Huntington, West Virginia. William served in World War II in the air force from 1942 until he was declared missing in action on November 16, 1944. William married Betty May Humphries on June 14, 1944. William’s mother was Myrtle C. McClelland, and her father was Marton L. Comstock.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists primarily of correspondence sent from William McClelland while he was in the air force describing his experiences while training and during World War II in the Pacific Theatre, specifically the Philippines. Letters to William from his family include those sent while he was missing in action and are emotionally fraught. Papers by Arthur and Myrtle include information on religious topics, such as pamphlets, notes, and more related to their participation in the Second Presbyterian Church of Huntington. Letters sent to and by the family after William’s declaration as missing in action and presumed death include information about William’s conduct, stories, and requests for information from the family about his possible survival. Also present is a telegram regarding the remains of he and his flight crew. Christmas cards sent by and to the family are also present in the collection, as well as family photographs from the 1860s through the 1940s. Notable is an album from circa 1870. Also present are miscellaneous papers and artifacts from William’s primary school years, such as report cards, certificates, and Boy Scouts of America materials, and items such as a map of the Philippines and patches and military decorations.
**Processing Notes:**

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**Series II: Artifacts**

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**Box 2**

1870s-1880s Photo Album