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Collection Summary:

Title: McClelland Family

Span Dates: 1865-1950

Creator: McClelland Family

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1975/10.0111

Date Completed: June, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

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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Container

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Box 1

Series I: Correspondence and Personal Papers

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Folder 9	Telegram and letter re: treatment of remains
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Folder 12	Boy Scouts of America materials
Folder 13	Postcards from Betty and William

Folder 14	Holiday cards from multiple senders
Folder 15	Ephemeral papers, including a heart with Betty's name by William
Folder 16	The INCO Echo, [International Nickel Company] 1944
Folder 17	Newspaper clippings about William McClelland and Betty Humphries
Folder 18	Bible study and religious study materials by Arthur McClelland
Folder 19	Second Presbyterian Church Programs
Folder 20	Christmas Card List

Series II: Artifacts

Folder 21	World's Softball Championships 1941 hat, Detroit, Michigan
Folder 22	Patches and metal military decoration
Folder 23	AAF Cloth Map of the Philippines
Folder 24	Manton L. Comstock funeral guest book

Series III: Published Materials

Folder 25	Presbyterian women's teaching publications, including the Guidebook for Presbyterian Women, 1949-1950s
Folder 26	Presbyterian women's publications, including the Presbyterian Women's Workbook, 1950s

Series IV: Photographs

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Folder 30	Mixed photos, 19 th and early 20 th century

Box 2

1870s-1880s Photo Album