



MS008 -- Mary McCarthy Papers

Donors/Creators: McCarthy, Mary, 1920-2012

Inclusive Dates: 1920-1970

Bulk Dates: 1942-1968

Extent: .917 LF (2 Manuscript Boxes)

Biographical History:

Mary McCarthy was born on October 7, 1920. She grew up with her parents, Charles and Edith McCarthy; a sister (Hazel); and brother (William) who would go on to serve in the U.S. Army. McCarthy worked as an auditor at the Idaho State House and married John Peter Wilch, who also served in the U.S. Army. Wilch passed away in 1983. McCarthy lived another 29 years until her death on June 6, 2012. Both McCarthy and Wilch are buried in Dry Creek Cemetery.

Scope/Content Description:

The collection contains correspondence, cards, photos, negatives, advertisements, bills, and various items that belonged to Mary McCarthy, her husband, John P. Wilch, and her mother Edith McCarthy. The bulk of the collection is comprised of correspondence and cards addressed to Mary from the timeframe 1942-1968. A significant portion of the correspondence is from 1956, when Mary's mother Edith and sister Hazel traveled to Chicago. Correspondents include Edith McCarthy, Hazel McCarthy, William McCarthy, Mrs. Kenneth Lingley, Blanch McCarthy, and Frank "Tex" Branning.

Conditions Governing Access: Collection is open for research.

Languages: Materials are in English.

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Processing Information: Stephanie Milne-Lane processed this collection in winter 2019.

Custodial History: Boise City Archives acquired the collection from Carrie Semmelrote, a neighbor of Mary McCarthy, in 2014.

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Box List/Inventory:

Box 1

Folder 1: Mary McCarthy Identification Paperwork and Conditional Sales Contracts, 1920-1955
Folder 2: Mary McCarthy Correspondence, 1942-1954
Folder 3: Mary McCarthy Correspondence, 1956
Folder 4: Mary McCarthy Correspondence, 1957-1960
Folder 5: Mary McCarthy Correspondence, 1961-1968
Folder 6: Mary McCarthy Correspondence, Undated
Folder 7: John P. Wilch Correspondence, Images, and Ephemera
Folder 8: John P. Wilch Negatives
Folder 9: John P. Wilch Negatives

Box 2

Folder 10: Edith McCarthy Ephemera
Folder 11: Miscellaneous Photographs and Negatives
Folder 12: Bible Cake Recipe
Folder 13: National Social Hygiene League Publication, 1942

Associated Materials: This collection also contains associated materials, specifically three artifacts.

2014.03.0001: Prayer Cross

2014.03.0002: Service Ribbon - Army Good Conduct Medal

2014.03.0003: Service Ribbon - American Defense Service Medal

