McKnight, Frances Elizabeth, 1927-1993 (MSS 671)

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid
Part of the United States History Commons
MANUSCRIPTS & FOLK LIFE ARCHIVES
DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
BOWLING GREEN, KY 42101-1092

Descriptive Inventory

MSS 671  McKNIGHT, Frances Elizabeth, 1927-1993


SC2019.73.1

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of genealogical material, chiefly correspondence, of Frances Elizabeth McKnight. Miss McKnight was the daughter and only child of Alby “Abb” McKnight (1903-1970) and Zadie Lee (Burkholder) McKnight (1905-1975). A native of Crofton, Kentucky, Miss McKnight helped her family run the McKnight Pharmacy at 105 East Main Street in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Miss McKnight researched several families, but the chief surnames are: Cranor, Hamby and McKnight. As the correspondence grew with certain individuals, the genealogists share more about their personal lives. Very little can be gained about McKnight’s personal life by reading her few query letters included in the collection. The nineteenth century items are photocopies (Folder 2) or holographic copies of original letters in Folder 3. The letters in Folder 3 contain the correspondence of Dr. James M. Trotter and relate to the Trotter Estate, a nebulous European estate that the doctor tried to claim for himself and his kin. The letters hint of a land speculation scam. Folder 3 also includes one letter from Frances McKnight to her parents in which she talks about taking organ lessons in Louisville as well as flooding in 1945. The majority of the genealogical correspondence dates from 1967-1974. Only correspondents with at least four letters are included in the Subject Analytics section below. The collection contains many other correspondents. Of particular interest is a female correspondent, simply known as Sara, who writes from Cuba explaining the hardships she and her family have endured and requesting a donation to defray the costs of immigrating to the United States through a third party in New York City. It is possible that this was a scam, but only Miss McKnight would know for certain. A follow-up letter is found in Folder 6 in which Sara again pleads for a donation. Frances and her parents are buried in Hopkinsville’s Riverside Cemetery.

Box 2 contains genealogical information related to the Trotter family that was removed from a notebook. Folder 1 includes correspondence with family members and others interested in the Trotter family. Folder 2 houses family group sheets related to various Trotter family members. Folders 3 and 4 include holographic copies or photocopies of documentary material related to the Trotter family. There are no originals in the Folders 3 and 4.
**SHELF LIST**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BOX 1</th>
<th>McKnight Correspondence</th>
<th>1818-1980</th>
<th>291 items</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Folder 1</td>
<td>Inventory</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 item</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 2</td>
<td>Genealogy – Various families, chiefly related To the Cranors and Hambys</td>
<td>1818-1960s</td>
<td>12 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 3</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>1874-1945</td>
<td>9 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 4</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>Jan.-June 1967</td>
<td>62 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 5</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>July-Dec. 1967</td>
<td>57 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 6</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>Jan.-June 1968</td>
<td>51 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 7</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>July-Dec. 1968</td>
<td>67 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 8</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>1971-1980</td>
<td>26 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 9</td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>6 items</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BOX 2</th>
<th>Trotter Family Notebook</th>
<th>1635-1991</th>
<th>173 items</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Folder 1</td>
<td>Trotter family genealogy – Correspondence</td>
<td>1904-1991</td>
<td>46 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 2</td>
<td>Trotter family genealogy – Family group sheets</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>66 item</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 3</td>
<td>Trotter family genealogy – Supporting documents</td>
<td>1653-1769</td>
<td>31 items</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder 4</td>
<td>Trotter family genealogy – Supporting documents</td>
<td>1635-1964</td>
<td>30 items</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS  McKNIGHT, Frances E., 1635-1991  
671      1927-1993

Genealogical correspondence of Frances E. McKnight of Campbellsville, Kentucky. She worked chiefly on the surnames: Cranor, McKnight, Trotter and Hamby.

2 boxes. 13 folders. 464 items. Originals and photocopies.

SC2019.73.1

**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Bishop, Jean       B2,F1
Brown, Mayme       B1,F4-5,7-8
Burkholder family  B1,F4
Coan, Jeanne       B2,F1
Cox, Elizabeth     B1,F6-8
Cranor family      B1,F2
Cranor, Ruby A., 1917-2005   B1,F5-7; B2,F1
Cuba – Comments about, 1968   B1,F5-6
Darrah, Helen E., d. 1992     B1,F4-5,7
Davis, Nell        B1,F6
Edgeworth, Michael  B1,F7-8
Fugate, Marie      B1,F6
Hamby family       B1,F2,4
Hammers, Marian    B1,F4-6
Hellner, Ruth (Trotter)  B2,F1
Howard family      B1,F2-3
McBride, Joan      B1,F4,6-7
McKnight family    B1,F2,4-8
McKnight, Frances E., 1927-1993 – Correspondence  B1,F3-8
McKnight, Zadie Lee (Burkholder), 1905-1975 – Letters to   B1,F4
Mason, Margaret Jane (Prowse), 1928-1998  B1,F4-9
Minson, Dixie Lee (Trotter)  B2,F1
Peak, Texarado McKnight, 1895-1990   B1,F7
Scroggins, Bill     B2,F1
Stallins, Naomi (McKnight)  B1,F4-6,9
Trotter family     B2,F1-4
Trotter, James M., 1824?-1885   B1,F3
Trotter, Mary T. “Mollie” (Hurst)  B1,3
True, William – Correspondence  B2,F1
Wood, Evelyn R.     B1,F4-5,7-8

Jeffrey  07/08/2019