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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Philip Jordan Noel, Sr., the son of Martin Jordan Noel and Mary Ann (McMinimy) Dennis, was born on 24 December 1874 near Harrodsburg in Mercer County, Kentucky. In May 1898 Noel, then a schoolteacher, entered service in the Spanish-American War with Company D of the Second Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. Discharged with the rank of corporal in October 1898, he then worked briefly for the Sun Life Insurance Company in Memphis, Tennessee, the United States Industrial Benefit Association, and the Southern Mutual Aid Association in Birmingham, Alabama. In October 1903 he was appointed manager for the Kentucky Central Life and Accident Insurance Company in Bowling Green, Kentucky. On 24 December 1912, Noel married Anna Blanche Shader (1878-1966) of Glasgow, Kentucky, the daughter of Adolphus Shader and Martha Frances Forbis; they honeymooned in New Orleans and South America. They were the parents of one child, Philip Jordan Noel, Jr.

The Noels lived at 1311 Park Street in Bowling Green, where Noel worked for Kentucky Central Life and Accident for the rest of his life. In 1919, he ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary for governor of Kentucky. In 1924, he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel. He was a member of several fraternal organizations and participated in several capacities in the United Spanish War Veterans, including as Senior Vice Commander, Department of Kentucky. He was a photographer, hunter and firearms collector as well as a poet and inventor; he designed a type of toothbrush, and his design for a pistol holster (a description of which appears on his personal letterhead in Box 2, Folders 11 and 14) was patented both in the U.S. and internationally. Noel died on 3 November 1950 in Bowling Green, and Blanche died on 3 December 1966 in Honolulu, Hawaii, where her son was then stationed. They are both interred at Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

Philip Jordan Noel, Jr. was born on 3 March 1914 at the Norton Infirmary in Louisville, Kentucky. At the time of his birth, he had already been given the nickname "Tumps," which he carried into adulthood. A 1933 graduate of Bowling Green High School, he joined the ROTC, attended the University of Kentucky, and graduated in 1937 from Western Kentucky State Teachers College (now WKU). While at WKU, he joined the Barons, an unofficial campus fraternity. Noel received his medical degree in 1941 from the University of Louisville School of Medicine and interned at Louisville City Hospital and Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served overseas as a physician and surgeon until 1946.

His postwar work included service at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and military installations in Korea, Germany and Vietnam as well as Texas, Colorado, New Jersey and Hawaii, an appointment to the faculty of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, surgical training at the University of Pennsylvania, and residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He retired from the Army in 1972. On 16 May 1942 in Washington, D.C., Noel married his longtime girlfriend Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Sledge (1917-2012) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, the daughter of Garland David Sledge and Mamie Lou Hall. They were the parents of three children, Linda Ann (Noel) Naftalin, Philip J. Noel III and David Noel. Philip J. Noel, Jr. died on 10 February 1993 and Mary Katherine Noel on 19 January 2012. They are both interred at Bowling Green’s Fairview Cemetery.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence and papers of Philip Jordan Noel, Sr., of Bowling Green, Kentucky; his wife Anna Blanche (Shader) Noel; their son Philip Jordan Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”); and his wife Mary Katherine (Sledge) Noel (“Kiddo”). The material dates up to 1950, and accordingly does not cover the later lives of Philip J. Noel, Jr. or his family. A small amount of material on related families is also included. An inventory and genealogical notes are in Box 1, Folder 1. The genealogical notes are intended to show relationships among the individuals featured most prominently in the collection and should not be construed as comprehensive.

Box 1 contains letters of Philip Jordan Noel, Sr. to his wife Blanche (Folders 2-7) and son Philip Jordan Noel, Jr. “Tumps” (Folders 8-9), as well as correspondence with and regarding his brother Jesse Campbell Noel (Folders 10-11). A few of his letters to Blanche (who he sometimes nicknames “Liza Jane” or “L.J.”) are written before their marriage and feature his interest in the interpretation of dreams. After their marriage and the birth of their son, he writes while he travels on business and during his hydrotherapy treatments at Dawson Springs, Kentucky; Graham Springs in Harrodsburg, Kentucky; Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee; and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Of interest are his July 1918 letters written while establishing an insurance agency at Versailles, Kentucky (Folder 3), where he describes the mayhem that ensued during celebrations over the news (soon proven false) that the German Crown Prince and his large army had been captured. He also describes his hydrotherapy treatment and routine in some detail, particularly during his sojourns in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1922 and 1938 (Folders 3, 4). He describes two hospital stays: one in 1916 at Louisville’s Norton Infirmary (Folder 2), where he receives treatment for “paratyphoid,” and another in 1950 at a veteran’s hospital in Louisville (Folder 6). Also of interest (Folder 2) is his reflective letter written after a visit to his family homestead in Harrodsburg in 1917, and his encounters with “high officials” in Washington in 1915 (Folder 2) and with Senator Alben Barkley in November 1938 (Folder 4). He refers with pride to a July 1920 article in the *Louisville Post* (not included in the collection) describing a reunion with his brothers and touting his name as a candidate for governor (Folder 3). Philip Jordan Noel, Sr.’s affectionate letters to his son Philip Jordan Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) begin when he

is a small child and progress through his education and military service. In 1923, he sends the boy a shotgun for Christmas with strict instructions on how to keep and use it. In 1933, he refers to his receipt of an English patent for his Army holster. A year later, he writes from hospital in Nashville about the ordeal of undergoing surgery for piles. In fall 1941, Blanche suffers a stroke en route to visit Tumps in Washington, D.C. and is hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital, where he is an intern. After she returns to Bowling Green, Noel reports anxiously on her convalescence. During World War II, Noel writes about family and local news, mourns the likely duration and difficulty of the conflict, and asks Tumps to procure some German pistols to add to his firearms collection. Also of interest is his April 1942 letter and accompanying photographs of an exhibition baseball game played in Bowling Green between the Boston Red Sox and Cincinnati Reds. Letters from Jesse Campbell Noel of Louisville, Kentucky (Folder 10) reveal the struggles of this elder brother, evidently the “black sheep” of the family, with poverty, illness and alcohol. “J. C.” constantly asks Noel to send him his cast-off clothes and to maintain contact, but is resentful of his more successful brother, and his demands for charity range from humble to abusive. He is furious with Noel for not informing him in a timely manner of the death of their sister Susie in 1936, and lashes out at other family members for various slights. In 1938, he relays scurrilous information about Susie’s husband, Andrew Devine. Included is one letter from his wife Willie with a plea for money, and a 1947 letter from a church friend informing Noel of Willie’s departure to a daughter’s home in Washington, D.C. and J.C.’s admission to a Louisville nursing home. Noel’s correspondence after J. C.’s death in 1948 (Folder 11) relates to the reinterment of his remains in Louisville’s Cave Hill Cemetery, and to the confirmation of J. C.’s year of birth.

Box 2 contains correspondence of Philip J. Noel, Sr. relating mostly to his insurance business, personal interests and investments. Folders 1-3 relate to his work as a field superintendent for the Kentucky Central Life and Accident Insurance Company, and include letters from colleagues and communications about medical claims and management of agents. Of interest is a 1912 complaint from a woman in Bowling Green about the company’s failure to use salutations like “Mr.” and “Mrs.” in its contacts with African-American clients. In 1916, the pursuit of business from African Americans is alluded to during a dispute over the performance of Noel’s Versailles agent, when a company officer refers to competing “colored companies” opening in his territory (Folder 2). Some correspondence (Folder 3) makes reference to Noel’s personal interests such as poetry writing, hunting, and the patenting of a toothbrush design. Other personal interests are highlighted in correspondence relating to Noel’s acquisition and training of hunting dogs (Folder 4); his purchases from a jeweler in Memphis, Tennessee (Folder 5); and his service in the Bowling Green Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans and as the organization’s Senior Vice Commander, Department of Kentucky (Folder 6). Folders 7 and 8 contain correspondence relating to less savory aspects of Noel’s personal life. Folder 7 contains letters from a girlfriend and from a Louisville private investigator who conducted surveillance on her and seems to have used his knowledge of the affair to pressure Noel for loans and help in finding work. Folder 8 contains letters relating to another girlfriend from Franklin, Kentucky who “two-timed” him with other men. After she contracted a severe case of gonorrhea from what she claimed was a sexual assault, Noel paid for her treatment at Hot Springs, Arkansas. As his profane and accusatory letter of 31 May 1933 charges, he was also manipulated by the woman and her father into paying other forms of support. Folders 9-12 contain material relating to Noel’s purchases of stock in mining and oil companies. Included are responses to Noel’s efforts at due diligence, correspondence with brokers and principals, and

company reports and solicitations. Folder 13 contains correspondence regarding Noel's possible collaboration with a manufacturer of train signals and controls. These materials provide an interesting picture of the risks of investment in the decades prior to enactment of federal securities regulation laws. Folder 14 contains correspondence regarding the Mammoth Cave Educational Motion Picture Corporation of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The principal of the company, created to film a movie titled "Echoes of Mammoth Cave," was Chief Robert Redwing, supposedly the country's only Native American director. Noel acted as treasurer for the company and collected its mail, but the materials relate mainly to his attempts to locate the elusive Redwing, who had borrowed money from Noel and others. Letters to Noel from Redwing's associate, "Princess Neiyoma" Whitecloud, a singer and musician who was to star in the film, indicate that she flattered him into rendering similar assistance. Folder 15 contains material relating to Noel's acquisition of two lots from a land developer in Suffolk County, New York; the lots, which had little value, appeared to be part of a scheme to induce the purchase of a set of books.

Box 3 contains additional material relating to Philip J. Noel, Sr.'s business interests and investments, but mostly consists of his general correspondence. Folder 1 contains correspondence regarding investments in various oil and mining companies; Noel also seeks out manufacturers for his toothbrush invention, leases property to a miniature golf course, and publishes poetic tributes to Lost River Cave, Red Boiling Springs, and a memorable local baseball game (Folders 2, 3). Noel's general correspondence (Folders 4-13) is mostly with friends (including current and former girlfriends and acquaintances made during his trips to mineral springs), family, a few fellow Spanish-American War veterans, and colleagues in the insurance business. Some correspondents ask Noel for donations or loans, which he usually grants; entreaties come from his sister Maggie Bradshaw, who struggles with her family in Danville (Folder 8). The birth of Noel's son "Tumps" occasions his cheerful correspondence with the family, including his wife Blanche's sisters, who also monitor Blanche's health problems prior to delivery (Folder 5). Blanche's sister Ella writes in anguish (Folder 6) when ten-year-old Tumps contracts diphtheria. Other family correspondents include the "California Noels," who write from San Francisco and Alameda (Folders 5, 9, 10); a letter of 10 May 1916 (Folder 5) sketches their genealogy. Also of interest are letters and clippings relating to Kent K. Faith, a former insurance agent of Noel's in Versailles, who died at Camp Taylor in Louisville during World War I (Folder 6); Noel's letters to Cave City, Kentucky officials proposing a monument to Floyd Collins, questioning the methods used in the unsuccessful attempt to rescue the trapped caver, and promoting the "rescue troop," who told the Collins story to large audiences (Folder 7); and sentimental letters after a 1935 visit to Noel's childhood home in Harrodsburg, which include some genealogical information about his mother's family (Folder 8).

Box 4 contains letters of Blanche Noel to her husband Philip J. Noel, Sr. and her son Philip J. Noel, Jr. ("Tumps"). Blanche's letters to her husband begin during their courtship (Folders 1-3) when she writes to him, usually from Glasgow, Kentucky, and laments their separation as he travels in the course of his work. After their marriage, when Noel continues to travel for work and for hydrotherapy, their young son is the principal topic of Blanche's letters, along with local news from Glasgow and Bowling Green; she also provides details of her household management, which includes raising rabbits, dogs and chickens. Blanche's letters to son Tumps (Folders 11-17) include numerous letters from 1933-1934, in which she is highly solicitous of his welfare while he studies at the University of Kentucky, and continues to write newsy letters after he completes medical school and interns at Walter Reed Hospital in

Washington, D.C. During his World War II service, she reports to him on his wife, young daughter, and friends in the military.

Box 5 contains Blanche Noel's general correspondence and papers. Much of her correspondence (Folders 1-9) concerns family matters. She receives frequent letters from her older sisters, especially Ella (Shader) Clayton in Glasgow, Kentucky and Ida (Shader) Greathouse in Scottsville and later Louisville, Kentucky. Both childless, they dote on "Tumps," especially Ella, who worries obsessively about his health and welfare. Blanche writes to her father on her honeymoon, receives advice from her doctor on the care of her infant son (Folder 1), hears family news from various nieces, and receives updates from a Bowling Green neighbor while the Noels travel in Florida. She also receives letters from Tumps's fraternity, the Barons, reporting on recent pledges and on improvements to their "camp" (Folders 5, 6). Her correspondence gives little evidence that Blanche was aware of her husband's breaches of marital fidelity, with two possible exceptions: a 1917 letter from sister Ella (Folder 2) warning her that she would "come to the greatest grief" if she decided to "run your dear good husband and Tumps father off"; and a 1929 letter from a disgruntled business associate (Folder 3), who had penned a love song about which Noel became oddly fascinated. He "told me enough about his inner life," reported the correspondent, "to make a god fearing person shudder." Blanche Noel's other papers consist of material relating to her involvement in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans (Folder 10), including correspondence with other branches, members and prospective members, communications on organizational and meeting matters, and Blanche's 1930 report in her capacity as President, Department of Kentucky; medical records of her 1941 hospitalization at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D.C. (Folder 11); and miscellaneous writings (Folder 12), including her adoring 1915 poem about "my baby boy," and what appear to be notes of a fortune-telling.

Box 6 contains mostly correspondence of Philip J. Noel, Jr. ("Tumps") but also includes some correspondence and papers of the Noel and related families. Tumps's letters to his parents written while a student at the University of Kentucky (Folder 1) refer to his activities with the school band, the ROTC, the Kappa Alpha fraternity, and a travel-study tour in summer 1935; he also acknowledges his parents' support and generosity. His letters from medical school at the University of Louisville (Folder 2) describe his demanding studies and practical training at Louisville General Hospital and Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. His affection for his doting parents is tested on two occasions: when his efforts to downplay a burglary of their house while they are in Florida are upset by Blanche's sisters and nephew; and when his father sends a letter of thanks (Box 1, Folder 9) and his "baseball poem" to Walter Reed Hospital after Blanche's release, a communication that Tumps finds embarrassing for its poor composition and self promotion. (A gracious reply from the hospital, nevertheless, is forthcoming.) After he and Mary Katherine Sledge ("Kiddo") marry and he enters the Army, his letters (Folder 3) describe their life in Carlisle, Pennsylvania as he trains for service in a medical battalion, and the birth of their first child. After his wife and daughter return to Bowling Green for the duration of the war, his letters (Folders 4, 5) detail his service in Camp Bowie, Texas, on maneuvers in Louisiana, overseas in England, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, and after the war at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. While in Germany, he sends his parents a mimeographed copy of General George S. Patton's speech to the U.S. Third Army prior to the invasion of Normandy (Folder 5). Philip J. Noel, Jr.'s general correspondence (Folders 7-12) begins with a 1914 letter written on the newborn's behalf to his grandfather, in which he names the family and friends he is anxious to meet. While at the University of Kentucky, he receives letters from high school friends and

his doting aunts (Folders 7, 8). Other letters (Folders 9, 10) are from ROTC, fraternity and medical school classmates as they train and plan for military service; relatives and caregivers also report on his mother's recovery from her stroke. Of interest in his correspondence during and immediately after World War II (Folder 11) is a letter from the Pennsylvania Federation for Planned Parenthood with a brochure, "Planned Parenthood and the War," letters from two friends in England in the aftermath of the war, and a doctor's report on his father's health. Undated correspondence (Folder 12) is mainly from his aunts and from high school and medical school friends, including two high school friends of Mary Katherine Sledge ("Kiddo") who make clear her fondness for him. The remainder of Box 6 (Folders 13-20) contains a small amount of correspondence and papers of the Noel family and related families. Bradshaw family correspondence (Folder 15) relates mostly to Buford Bradshaw, a nephew of Philip J. Noel, Sr., who was jailed in Kansas City, Missouri on an unspecified charge. Although the genealogical connection is unclear, John Noel of San Diego writes with some information about his Iowa-based family (Folder 17).

Box 7 contains letters of Mary Katherine (Sledge) Noel ("Kiddo"), the wife of Philip J. Noel, Jr. ("Tumps"). Almost all are to Tumps and begin in 1933, as he enters the University of Kentucky. Still in high school in Bowling Green, she writes to her sweetheart about her activities, studies and friends (Folders 1-4). Her letters resume as he completes medical school, interns in Washington, D.C., and contemplates military service. In spring 1942, she expresses concern about their families as they plan their wartime wedding (Folder 4). After their marriage, her letters begin again in 1944 during his Army service (Folders 5, 6), when she relays news of his friends, parents and young daughter in Bowling Green. Letters to her parents (Folder 9) date from her youth. Letters to her Noel in-laws (Folder 10) describe her and Tumps' wedding ceremony in Washington, D.C. and their life in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and report the birth of son Philip J. Noel III in 1950.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Philip Jordan, Noel, Sr.	1905-1950	245 items
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Folder 2	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to Blanche Noel	1905-1917	32 items
Folder 3	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to Blanche Noel	1918-1923	12 items
Folder 4	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to Blanche Noel	1926-1938	25 items
Folder 5	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to Blanche Noel	1940-1942	8 items
Folder 6	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to Blanche Noel	1947-1950	19 items
Folder 7	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to Blanche Noel	n.d.	3 items
Folder 8	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. ("Tumps")	1914-1939	30 items

Folder 9	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	1940-1946	31 items
Folder 10	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters from Jesse Campbell Noel and Willie Noel	1910-1948	67 items
Folder 11	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence regarding interment of Jesse Campbell Noel	1948	14 items
BOX 2	Philip Jordan Noel, Sr.	1908-1950	360 items
Folder 1	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – Insurance business	1908-1915	36 items
Folder 2	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – Insurance business	1916-1922	23 items
Folder 3	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – Insurance business	1926-1946	31 items
Folder 4	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – Dogs	1917-1929	27 items
Folder 5	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – Jewelry purchases	1928-1931	20 items
Folder 6	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – United Spanish War Veterans	1934-1950, n.d.	23 items
Folder 7	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Letters from Martin Broderick and Gladys Floore	1931-1934	15 items
Folder 8	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Correspondence – Margaret Davidson	1932-1934	24 items
Folder 9	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Indiana Mining Company	1908-1910	26 items
Folder 10	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Lost Basin Mining Company	1911-1912	5 items
Folder 11	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Purple Sage Oil Corporation	1927-1930	31 items
Folder 12	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Vitek Oil Company	1927-1930	24 items
Folder 13	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Union Simplex Train Control Company	1933	43 items

Folder 14	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Mammoth Cave Educational Motion Picture Corporation	1936-1937	26 items
Folder 15	P. J. Noel, Sr. – New York Seaside Land Company	1909-1915	6 items
BOX 3	Philip Jordan Noel, Sr.	1904-1950	337 items
Folder 1	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Miscellaneous investments and business ventures	1910-1938,	18 items
Folder 2	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Musical score for “The Witchcraft Ball”	1938	1 item
Folder 3	P. J. Noel, Sr. – Poetry	1938-1940	6 items
Folder 4	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1904-1913	41 items
Folder 5	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1914-1916	33 items
Folder 6	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1917-1924	19 items
Folder 7	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1925-1933	31 items
Folder 8	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1934-1936	39 items
Folder 9	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1937-1940	32 items
Folder 10	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1941-1947	39 items
Folder 11	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1948-1949	26 items
Folder 12	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	1950	46 items
Folder 13	P. J. Noel, Sr. – General correspondence	n.d.	6 items
BOX 4	Anna Blanche (Shader) Noel	1904-1950	281 items
Folder 1	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1904-1910	14 items
Folder 2	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1911	16 items
Folder 3	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1912	30 items
Folder 4	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1913-1914	16 items

Folder 5	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1915-1918	10 items
Folder 6	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1920-1928	18 items
Folder 7	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1932-1936	10 items
Folder 8	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1938	15 items
Folder 9	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	1950	7 items
Folder 10	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr.	n.d.	9 items
Folder 11	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	1925-1932	6 items
Folder 12	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	Aug.-Sept. 1933	18 items
Folder 13	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	Oct.-Nov. 1933	26 items
Folder 14	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	Dec. 1933- Mar. 1934	29 items
Folder 15	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	Apr. 1934- July 1938	29 items
Folder 16	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	1940-1944	26 items
Folder 17	Blanche Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	n.d.	2 items
BOX 5	Anna Blanche (Shader) Noel	1908-1950	294 items
Folder 1	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1908-1916	27 items
Folder 2	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1917-1919	20 items
Folder 3	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1920-1929	26 items
Folder 4	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1930-1939	31 items
Folder 5	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1940-Apr. 1941	32 items

Folder 6	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	May 1941-1942	28 items
Folder 7	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1943-1947	25 items
Folder 8	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	1948-1950	47 items
Folder 9	Blanche Noel – General correspondence	n.d.	25 items
Folder 10	Blanche Noel – Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans	1925-1947, n.d.	29 items
Folder 11	Blanche Noel – Hospitalization record	1941	1 item
Folder 12	Blanche Noel – Miscellaneous papers	1915, n.d.	3 items
BOX 6	Philip J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”); Miscellaneous Family Correspondence	1888-1950	393 items
Folder 1	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – Letters to parents	1918-1936	42 items
Folder 2	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – Letters to parents	1937-Apr. 1942	45 items
Folder 3	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – Letters to parents	May 1942-June 1943	25 items
Folder 4	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – Letters to parents	July 1943-June 1944	43 items
Folder 5	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – Letters to parents	July 1944-July 1947	18 items
Folder 6	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – Letters to parents	n.d.	2 items
Folder 7	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – General correspondence	1914-1933	41 items
Folder 8	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – General correspondence	1934-1936	34 items
Folder 9	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – General correspondence	1937-1941	29 items
Folder 10	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – General correspondence	1942	26 items
Folder 11	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – General correspondence	1943-1950	19 items

Folder 12	P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”) – General correspondence	n.d.	22 items
Folder 13	Clayton family – Correspondence	1913-1944	10 items
Folder 14	Ella (Shader) Clayton – Estate	1937-1950	6 items
Folder 15	Bradshaw family – Correspondence	1915-1936	4 items
Folder 16	Greathouse family – Correspondence	1910-1925	2 items
Folder 17	Noel family – Correspondence	1904-1936	5 items
Folder 18	Genealogy – “The Name and Family of Noel”	1939	1 item
Folder 19	Shader family – Correspondence	1888-1928	17 items
Folder 20	Unidentified papers	1928-1932	2 items
Box 7	Mary Katherine (Sledge) Noel (“Kiddo”)	1926-1950	261 items
Folder 1	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	June-Sept. 1933	22 items
Folder 2	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	Oct.-Dec. 1933	32 items
Folder 3	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	Jan.-May 1934	37 items
Folder 4	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	June 1934-Apr. 1942	41 items
Folder 5	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	May 1942-Oct. 1945	34 items
Folder 6	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	1946-1949	13 items
Folder 7	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	n.d.	31 items
Folder 8	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Jr. (“Tumps”)	n.d.	25 items
Folder 9	Mary Katherine “Kiddo” Noel – Letters to parents	1926-1933	15 items

Folder 10 Mary Katherine "Kiddo" Noel – Letters to P. J. Noel, Sr. and Blanche Noel 1942-1950 11 items

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