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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 761 MINTON Family Papers

½ box. 6 folders. 32 items. 1931-1955. Originals, photographs.

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Related Collection: [MSS 660](#)

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains primarily World War II-era personal correspondence of John Dean Minton, a Trigg County, Kentucky native, teacher and administrator who served as president of Western Kentucky University in 1979; his father, John Ernest Minton; and his brother Layton Wilson Minton, a civil engineer.

Folder 2 includes get-well wishes to John Ernest Minton in 1931, during what appears to be his final illness.

Folder 3 contains letters to Layton W. Minton, written mostly during his World War II Navy service. An uncle and aunt, John and Lucille Wilson, write with family news and of Wilson's work in a Bardstown distillery, their involvement with the Masons, and their concern over Layton's brother John (regularly called "John Dean") and his proximity to the war in the Pacific.

Folder 4 contains letters to "John Dean," written while he was a student at the University of Kentucky and as he trains for Navy service. During his student years, letters from brother Layton include instructions for completing an application to the National Youth Administration (NYA), and descriptions of his work; other letters are from a former classmate at Trigg County High School, and from his cousin's husband, Paul Perdue, describing his work at the school. (Note that during his Navy service, John Dean wrote many letters to his brother Layton, which can be found in [MSS 660](#).)

Folder 5 contains John Dean Minton's classmate card album from Trigg County High School, with a note from the principal, Roy McDonald.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Minton Family Papers	1931-1955	32 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item

Folder 2	John Ernest Minton – Get well cards and papers	1931, n.d.	7 items
Folder 3	Layton W. Minton – Letters to	1937-1944	5 items
Folder 4	John Dean Minton – Letters to, photograph, miscellaneous credentials	1940-1955	16 items
Folder 5	John Dean Minton – Classmate card album, Trigg County High School	1939	1 item
Folder 6	Miscellaneous	n.d.	2 items

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