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This collection consists chiefly of letters from Maria Jozefina “Mia” Kleijnen and her family in the Netherlands to members of the Grise family of Bowling Green, Kentucky. During his service in World War II, George C. Grise befriended the Kleijnens, and the friendship expanded to include George’s sisters Dorothy (Grise) Dodson and Mary Ruth (Grise) Sylvester, and George’s parents Finley C. Grise and Mary E. Grise. The collection includes Mia’s correspondence beginning in 1945, continues through Mia’s marriage to Frits Kraat in 1950, and concludes in 1969. The collection also includes some miscellaneous letters to members of the Grise family from other European correspondents.

Mia’s letters discuss conditions in the Netherlands following World War II and her family’s attempts to readjust. She includes messages from her siblings and writes of her personal interests and of aspects of Dutch life unfamiliar to Americans, such as Christmas traditions and school systems. She refers to exchanges of gifts with the Grises and sends them family news, greeting cards, and an invitation to her wedding. Following George Grise’s death in 1961, she also returns two of his letters to his family.

Folders 1-4 contain the Kleijnen and Grise correspondence, Folder 5 contains Dutch Christmas cards sent by the Kleijnens, and Folder 6 contains some French currency of the 1940s. Also in Folder 6 is a newspaper clipping about correspondence between another Dutch family and the widow of Charles L. Taylor, Jr., an airman from Bowling Green.
Folder 4  Letters to Grise family  1949-1969, n.d.  15 items
Folder 5  Holiday postcards to Grise family  1945-1949; n.d.  24 items
Folder 6  Miscellaneous clippings & French currency  1944; 1948; 1967; n.d.  8 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence of Maria Jozefina “Mia” Kleijnen and her family in the Netherlands with the Grise family of Bowling Green, Kentucky. She writes of family matters, conditions in the Netherlands following World War II, and of Dutch life and customs. Also included are letters to the Grises from other European correspondents.
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