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McClure-Stuart Family Papers

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Summary information

Repository: Lake Forest College Archives and Special Collections

Title: McClure-Stuart Family Papers

ID: SC/050

Date: Predominantly 1910s to 1940s (1793-1969) (date of creation)

Physical description: 20 Letter Size Boxes
1 Oversized Box

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Third Children of James G.K. McClure and Phebe Ann McClure (Dixon)

Wife of R. Douglas Stuart

Mother of Robert D. Stuart Jr. (Bob), Anne Stuart (Batchelder), Margaret Stuart (Hart), Harriet Stuart (Spencer)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

First Child of James G.K. and Phebe Ann (Dixon) McClure

Married to Rev. Dumont Clarke

Mother of 4 Children: Dumont Jr. (Montie) Clarke, Phebe Ann Clarke (later Mrs. Bardette Gibson Lewis Jr.), James "Jamie" McClure Clarke, and Cornelia Clarke

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Daughter of R. Douglas and Harriet (McClure) Stuart

Wife of Edson White Spencer

Mother of 4 Children

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Daughter of R. Douglas and Harriet (McClure) Stuart
Wife of Augustin S. Hart Jr.
Mother of 3 Children Kitty (Margaret), Chip, and Heather

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Son of R. Douglas and Harriet (McClure) Stuart
Husband of Barbara McMath Edwards (d. 1993) and later Lillian Lovenskiold
Father of 5 Children
Chief/Chairman of Quaker Oats and US Ambassador to Norway 1984

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Fifth Child of James G.K. McClure and Phebe Ann McClure (Dixon)
Married Louise Sheldon Olcott in 1918
Father of 4 Children Nathan, Barbara, Douglas, and Anne
Lieutenant in the US Marines

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Fourth Child of James G.K. McClure and Phebe Ann McClure (Dixon)
Married Hazel Hotstettler
Father of 2 Children Archibald Jr. (m. Salli Van Norden) and Betty
Presbyterian Reverend/Pastor in Ohio and Indiana

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Son of Robert and Margaret Jane (Sharrar) Stuart
Brother of John Stuart and Margaret (Stuart) McDonald
Husband of Harriet (McClure) Stuart
Father of Robert D. Jr. or "Bob," Anne, Margaret, and Harriet Stuart
Served as a Major with the American Red Cross during World War I
Chairman of Quaker Oats and US Ambassador to Canada 1953

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Second Child of James G. K. McClure and Phebe Ann McClure (Dixon)
Known as Jim and was a Presbyterian Minister
Married Elizabeth Skinner Cramer in 1916
Two Children James G.K. McClure III and Elizabeth (Elspeth) McClure (later Mrs. James "Jaime" Clarke)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Daughter of Nathan Fellows Dixon II and Harriet Palmer Dixon (Swan)
Wife of James G.K. McClure (Married on Nov. 19, 1879)
Mother of Annie, James G.K. Jr. or "Jim," Harriet, Archibald, and Nathan Fellows Jr. McClure

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Daughter of Rev. Roswell Randall Swan and Harriet Palmer
Married Nathan Fellows Dixon on June 28, 1843
Mother of 6 Children: Nathan Fellows Dixon (died), Nathan Fellows, Edward Hazard. Phebe Ann, Walter Palmer, and Harriet Swan Dixon

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Son of Nathan Fellows and Elizabeth (Palmer) Dixon
Married Harriet Palmer Swan on June 28, 1843
Father of 6 Children: Nathan Fellows Dixon (born June 10, 1845 and died in infancy), Nathan Fellows Dixon III (b. Aug. 28, 1847; m. Grace McClure), Edward Hazard (b. Oct 4, 1849; m. Antonia Draper), Phebe Ann (b.Feb. 18, 1852; m. James Gore King McClure), Walter Palmer (b. Dec. 8, 1855; m. Frances Lee), and Harriet Swan (b. Feb. 24, 1859).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Son of Archibald Sr., and Susan Tracy (Rice) McClure
Born in Albany, New York and Married to Phebe Ann Dixon on Nov. 19, 1879
Father of Annie, James G.K. Jr. or "Jim," Harriet, Archibald, and Nathan Fellows (Jr.) McClure
Reverend at First Presbyterian Church and President of McCormick Theological Seminary

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Son of William Dixon (1748-1809)
Married to Elizabeth (Palmer) Dixon
Father to Nathan Fellows Dixon (II) and Courtlandt Palmer Dixon

Scope and content

This collection consists extensively of the written correspondence and personal papers of the three generations of the McClure-Stuart family. Namely, the letters convey the conversations between groups like parent to child, sibling to sibling, and friend to friend showing one family tree, as it covers a date range spanning as early as the 1790s and ending in the late 1960s. It contains a variety of letter types including greeting/holiday cards, postcards, business cards (ex. Quaker Oats Co. letterhead), social call cards, telegrams, wedding invites, geographical maps, posts from the war front, US Diplomatic event cards, photographs, newspaper clippings, party lists and recipes, notes of sympathy, and special keepsakes such as drawings, a pressed flower, and even clothing swatches displaying the history of the well-respected Lake Forest McClure-Stuart family.

Overall, the 2,260~ letter collection is split into three parts: 1) Boxes #1-4 Letters of Nathan Fellows Dixon (I and II), Harriet Dixon, and James G.K. & Phebe Ann (Annie) McClure, 2) Boxes #5-9 Letters of the McClure Children, Stuart Grandchildren, and Items of McClure-Stuart Memorabilia, and 3) Boxes #10-13 Letters from Assorted Friends to the McClure-Stuart Family.

An easy to read copy of the family tree appears at the beginning of this collection as JPEG image.

For more information, contact the Lake Forest College Archivist and consult the biographical sketches of the creators/main family members.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquisition Note: Donated to Lake Forest by Margaret Stuart Hart with the Letters collected by her mother Harriet McClure Stuart.

Arrangement

The system of arrangement for this collection is predominantly by date (MM/DD/YY) and by the writer of the letter over the three generations of the McClure-Stuart family tree.

If there is no date, the letter was placed with other no date letters, but other markers such as handwriting or personalized stationery could aid in later research pursuits. Also the individual creator summaries of the different family writers provided should be used by the researcher to avoid confusion and provide clarity overall.

The section of the collection labeled "Friends" covers the letters sent to various member of the immediate McClure-Stuart family, but Harriet Stuart (the original collector) is the overall recipient of the letters.

Related material

SlideShow of the McClure-Stuart Family by the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society: <http://www.lflbhistory.org/gallery-mcclure-stuart-family>

E-Book Link to a Detailed Description of Family Tree: <https://books.google.com/books?id=5WE2AAAAMAAJ&pg=PA340&dq=Nathan+Fellows+Dixon+II+family+tree&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwib8NXLmbbTAhVO9GMKHfNWBzcQ6AEIJDAA#v=onepage&q=Nathan%20Fellows%20Dixon%20II%20family%20tree&f=false>

Nathan Fellows Dixon Family Papers 1721-1938 Finding Aid at Brown University: <http://library.brown.edu/riamco/xml2pdf/files/US-RPB-ms2006.04.pdf>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Series SC/050-1: Correspondence, Dixon and McClure Families

Scope and content:

Series One features Letters of Nathan Fellows Dixon (I and II), Harriet Dixon, and James G.K. & Phebe Ann (Annie) McClure

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
SC/050-1-B01/F01	Otherlevel - Early Legal Dixon Papers and Letters of Nathan Fellows Dixon I and Nathan Fellows Dixon II	1763-1870		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Harriet Palmer (Swan) Dixon			Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of James G.K. McClure Sr. 1879-1906	1879 - 1906		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of James G.K. McClure Sr. Inauguration at McCormick Theological Seminary, 1906	1906		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of James G.K. McClure Sr. 1907-1915	1907 - 1915		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of James G.K. McClure Sr. 1916-1922	1916-1922		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F07	Otherlevel - Letters of James G.K. McClure Sr. 1923-1926	1923-1926		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B01/F08	Otherlevel - Letters of James G.K. McClure Sr. 1927-1930	1927-1930		Box 1/ McClure
SC/050-1-B02/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1900-1917	1900-1917		Box 2/ McClure
SC/050-1-B02/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1918-1919	1918 - 1919		Box 2/ McClure
SC/050-1-B02/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1920-1921	1920-1921		Box 2/ McClure
SC/050-1-B02/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1922-1923	1922-1923		Box 2/ McClure
SC/050-1-B02/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1924-1925	1924-1925		Box 2/ McClure
SC/050-1-B02/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1926-1928	1926-1928		Box 2/ McClure
SC/050-1-B03/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1929	1929		Box 3/ McClure
SC/050-1-B03/F02	File - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon 1930-1932	1930-1932		Box 3/ McClure

SC/050-1-B03/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1933	Box 3/ McClure
SC/050-1-B03/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1934	Box 3/ McClure
SC/050-1-B03/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1935	Box 3/ McClure
SC/050-1-B04/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1936	Box 4/ McClure
SC/050-1-B04/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1937	Box 4/ McClure
SC/050-1-B04/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1938	Box 4/ McClure
SC/050-1-B04/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	1939-1941	Box 4/ McClure
SC/050-1-B04/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Phebe Ann Dixon	Date Not Unknown Date	Box 4/ McClure

Series SC/050-2: Correspondence and Memorabilia of McClure and Stuart Families

Scope and content:

Series Two features Letters of the McClure Children, Stuart Grandchildren, and Items of McClure-Stuart Memorabilia

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
SC/050-2-B05/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Annie (McClure) Clarke 1895-1919	1895-1919		Box 5/ McClure
SC/050-2-B05/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Annie (McClure) Clarke 1920-1929	1920-1929		Box 5/ McClure
SC/050-2-B05/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Annie (McClure) Clarke 1934-1939	1934-1939		Box 5/ McClure
SC/050-2-B05/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Annie (McClure) Clarke 1940-1941	1940-1941		Box 5/ McClure
SC/050-2-B05/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of "Jim" James G.K. McClure Jr. 1907-1909	Mainly 1909- Dates are Estimated		Box 5/ McClure
SC/050-2-B05/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of "Jim" James G.K. McClure Jr. 1913-1945	1913-1945		Box 5/ McClure
SC/050-2-B06/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Harriet McClure 1897-1907	1897-1907		Box 6/ McClure
SC/050-2-B06/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Harriet McClure 1907-1911	1907-1911		Box 6/ McClure
SC/050-2-B06/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Harriet McClure 1913 and Series of Unknown Dates	1913~		Box 6/ McClure
SC/050-2-B06/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Archibald McClure 1899-1909	1899-1909		Box 6/ McClure

SC/050-2-B06/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Archibald McClure 1910-1912	1910-1912	Box 6/ McClure
SC/050-2-B06/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of Archibald McClure 1915-1917	1915-1917	Box 6/ McClure
SC/050-2-B06/F07	Otherlevel - Letters of Archibald McClure 1918-1931	1918-1931	Box 6/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Nathan F. McClure Jr. Hotchkiss School Writings	1911-1914	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Nathan F. McClure Jr. Yale Writings	1915-1917	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Nathan F. McClure Jr. US Marines Writings (1 of 3)	1917	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Nathan F. McClure Jr. US Marines Writings (2 of 3)	1917-1918	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Nathan F. McClure Jr. US Marines Writings (3 of 3)	1918	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of Grace McClure (Aunt, Wife of Nathan F. Dixon III) 1916-1920	1916-1920	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F07	Otherlevel - Letters of Grace McClure (Aunt) 1920-1928	1920-1928	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B07/F08	Otherlevel - Letters of Additional McClure Aunts and Cousins 1899-1939	1899-1939	Box 7/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Robert Stuart (R. Douglas Stuart's Father) 1916-1923	1916-1923	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Margaret Jane Stuart (R. Douglas Stuart's Mother) 1917-1929	1917-1929	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Margaret Jane Stuart (R. Douglas Stuart's Mother) 1918 War Letters	1918	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Margaret Jane Stuart (R. Douglas Stuart's Mother) 1930-1946	1930-1946	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F05	Otherlevel - Letters by John Stuart (Brother of R. Douglas Stuart)	1913-1922	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of Margaret (Stuart) Hart	1926-1956	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F07	Otherlevel - Letters of Harriet (Stuart) Spencer	1946-1948	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B08/F08	Otherlevel - Letters of Kitty Hart (Daughter of Margaret Hart)	1969-1970	Box 8/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F01	Otherlevel - Sympathy Notes for the Death of James G.K. McClure Sr. (1 of 3)	1932	Box 9/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F02	Otherlevel - Sympathy Notes for the Death of James G.K. McClure Sr. (2 of 3)	1932	Box 9/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F03	Otherlevel - Sympathy Notes/Social Cards for the Death of James G.K. McClure Sr. (3 of 3)	1932	Box 9/ McClure

SC/050-2-B09/F04	Otherlevel - Sympathy Notes for the Death of Annie (McClure) Clarke (1 of 2)	1946	Box 9/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F05	Otherlevel - Sympathy Notes for the Death of Annie (McClure) Clarke (2 of 2)	Jan. 1947	Box 9/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F06	Otherlevel - Assorted Items of the McClure Family (Drawings, Ribbons, Lists, etc.)	Various	Box 9/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F07	Otherlevel - Topographical Maps of Canada	1953-1956 (Stuart Term as Ambassador to Canada)	Box 9/ McClure
SC/050-2-B09/F08	Otherlevel - Congratulation Notes on the Birth of Nathan F. McClure Jr. 1897	Aug. 1897	Box 9/ McClure

Series SC/050-3: Friends of McClure-Stuart Family

Scope and content:

Series Three features Letters from Assorted Friends to the McClure-Stuart Family. Note these friends are both local and international (one such is a French pen pal, etc.) acquaintances and many letters are from Lake Forest families like Durand, Hamill, Donnelley, and various other community members.

Publication status:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
SC/050-3-B14/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1887-1911	1887-1911		Box 14/ McClure
SC/050-3-B14/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1912-1916	1912-1916		Box 14/ McClure
SC/050-3-B14/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1917-1918	1917-1918		Box 14/ McClure
SC/050-3-B14/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1919 (1 of 2)	1919		Box 14/ McClure
SC/050-3-B14/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1919 (2 of 2)	1919		Box 14/ McClure
SC/050-3-B15/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1920 (1 of 2)	1920		Box 15/ McClure
SC/050-3-B15/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1920 (2 of 2)	1920		Box 15/ McClure
SC/050-3-B15/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1921-1922	1921-1922		Box 15/ McClure
SC/050-3-B15/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1923	1923		Box 15/ McClure
SC/050-3-B15/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1924	1924		Box 15/ McClure
SC/050-3-B15/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1925	1925		Box 15/ McClure

SC/050-3-B16/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1926-1929	1926-1929	Box 16/ McClure
SC/050-3-B16/F02	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1930	1930	Box 16/ McClure
SC/050-3-B16/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1931-1932	1931-1932	Box 16/ McClure
SC/050-3-B16/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1933-1939	1933-1939	Box 16/ McClure
SC/050-3-B16/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1940-1949	1940-1949	Box 16/ McClure
SC/050-3-B17/F01	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends 1950-1969	1950-1969	Box 17/ McClure
SC/050-3-B17/F02	Otherlevel - Postcards from Family and Friends	1907-1927	Box 17/ McClure
SC/050-3-B17/F03	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends Unknown Dates	Most Likely 1920s-1930s	Box 17/ McClure
SC/050-3-B17/F04	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends Unknown Dates	Most Likely 1920s-1930s	Box 17/ McClure
SC/050-3-B17/F05	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends Unknown Dates	Most Likely 1920s-1930s	Box 17/ McClure
SC/050-3-B17/F06	Otherlevel - Letters of Family Friends Unknown Dates	Most Likely 1920s-1930s	Box 17/ McClure