

Collection #  
SC 3063

**LECCLIER AND COHEE FAMILIES COLLECTION  
CA. 1869–1960**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript folder, 4 photograph folders, 1 color photograph folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** CA. 1869–1960

**PROVENANCE:** Mary Alice Cates LecClier Estate, New York, 2014

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 2014.0174

**NOTES:** Color photograph folder kept in cold storage, must be requested in advance

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Etta Cohee was born to Vincent and Marilla (Slusser) Cohee in Cass County, Indiana, in 1882. She also had a sister, Grace, who was a year older and a brother Jason, who was a year younger.

Joseph R. Cates, born 1873, married Etta Cohee on 10 September 1903, in Cass County, Indiana. The 1920 U. S. Census shows their residence as Wayne County, Indiana. The census also shows the couple having three children, Howard C. (11 years), Jack D. (6 years), and Mary A. (3 years).

Jason Cohee served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War I and he married Theresa Hawley in 1909. They lived in Kansas where he was stationed in the 1920's. They had two daughters, Florence and Jane. Jane married John Edwin Barr in Texas in 1932.

Etta (Cohee) Cates youngest, Mary Alice (4 February 1916 – 5 July 2014) was married twice. Her first marriage was to Pete Bryant and the second was to Charles LecClier, Jr. Both husbands preceded her in death. Charles LecClier served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was apparently an avid photographer and sales manager at Hoosier Photo Supplies, Inc. in Indianapolis, Ind. Mary Alice was a nurse at the VA Hospital for about 40 years. She was a graduate of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

Mary Alice apparently did not have any children with either husband. This collection was donated by Merrill Cates, Mary Alice's second cousin.

Sources:

[ancestry library.com](http://ancestry.library.com)

[legacy.com](http://legacy.com)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The LecClier and Cohee families collection consists of mainly photographs from the Cohee, Cates, and LecClier families dating mostly from the early and mid twentieth century. These three families were related by marriage. The manuscript folder contains some World War II era soldier letters. The time span of this collection is 1869 to 1960.

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Rewards of Merit (Slusser and Cohee), decoration panels (Cohee), article of affection for Joseph or Carl Cates, wedding announcement Cohee-Barr, computer generated photo Army chaplains ca. 1918. (Jason Cohee), Christmas notes from Jason Cohee to Etta's children, 2 letters from Jason Cohee to Etta Cates (13 Feb 1939, 27 Aug 1940), Hoosier Photo Supplies, Inc. label, and letter to Pvt. Carl W. Caster from Pvt. John W. Childs

Formal military portrait and two additional photos of Charles LecClier, n.d.

Four photos of "TingLing" (Siamese cat), one photo of "Tippy" (dog), three photos of unidentified dog, one photo of Aunt Etta's cow "Cherry," two horse photos, one penguin photo, one toad photo, and one photo of geese, n.d.

Thirteen WWI-era snapshots (unidentified subjects), one photo of Charles LecClier's home photo studio, two photos of unidentified subjects ca. 1940's

1916 photo of Etta's children Howard, Jack, and Mary Alice Cates (ages 8, 3, and 8 mo.); photo Jason's girls Jane and Florence Cohee, n.d. (taken by Nicholson's Sons of Crawfordsville); two photos of Jane Cohee, n.d. (taken by Mitchell-Embleton Studios, Leavenworth & Atchison, Kansas); two photos of Jason Cohee in military, n.d.; Jason Cohee at Etta's home in Knightstown, Indiana, 1957; unidentified couple, n.d.

Photos of Jason Cohee; Theresa Cohee (Jason's wife); and Etta (left and Jason's sister), Theresa (back left), unknown woman, and Jason (right), 1960

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 3063).
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