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LINDY FAMILY PAPERS, 1937–1961

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	3 manuscript boxes, 1 half-size box of photographs, 1 OM folder, 1 slide bin
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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright Lindy had three sons who served in the United State military during and just after World War II. William Wright Lindy, who appears to have gone by Wright or W. Wright, was born around 1890. Dora E. (Hays) Lindy was born about 1898. They were married in Gibson County, Indiana on 26 August 1915. Their oldest child, Irma Mae was born about 1919, and still living at home during the time her brothers were in the military.

Their first son, Ivle K. Lindy was born on 24 April 1922. He was in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He started writing them during his training in 1942. Ivle died on 27 April 1998 in Fairborn, Green County, Ohio.

Calvin A. Lindy, their second son was born on 5 December 1924. He was in the Navy during World War II. He began writing to his family in 1944. He died in Princeton, Indiana on 1 September 2001.

The third son, Adrian "Buzz" Lindy was born about 1927 or 1928. He was also in the Navy. He did not serve much during the war but appears to have gone through basic training in mid-1945. His wife, Lorene, was born in 1929 and passed away on 5 December 1994 in Vincennes, Indiana. Adrian is most likely still living in Indiana at this time, September 2005.

Mary L. Reinhart, who had a connection to the Lindy family through W. Wright Lindy, was notified of the Will of Edith D. Venn in 1960. At the time, Mrs. Reinhart was living in Princeton, Indiana.

Robert E. Stults was in the Navy. He was in a Naval Hospital at the time the letters in the collection were written. He was married to Maxine and had a daughter Karel, at the time.

The Knapp family received letters from Syl G. Gries who served in World War II. After In later years, Doris Jean Knapp worked overseas through the Indiana State Teachers College and the USO Shows Overseas Unit GA-40. The Knapp family lived in Evansville, Indiana.

Francis E. Germann was from Illinois. He was a staff sergeant in the 314th Infantry 79th Division. On December 1, 1944 he died and was buried in Epinal, France. He received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for his military service. Mrs. Ella Germann was living in Mt. Carmel, Illinois at the time that she received the slides of Francis Germann's resting place.

Sources:

Information was gathered from the collection.

Ancestry: Library Edition was also used to gain Census, War records, and Social Security Death Index information.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Lindy Family Papers are composed mostly of letters written during and in the years following World War II. Many of the letters were written by the sons of William Wright and Dora Lindy; Ivle K., Calvin A., and Adrian “Buzz.” Besides letters written by the boys to their parents, there are a select few to their sister Irma Mae. Also included in the collection are other letters and greeting cards that Dora Lindy gathered between the late 30s and the 60s.

Another large portion of the collection is made up of the letters to Bob Stults from his wife, Maxine, and daughter Karel, as well as a couple from friends. These letters were written to Bob while he was at a Naval Hospital in California in mid-1945.

The letters that finish out the collection are those written to the Knapp Family and Mary L. Reinhart. Reinhart appears to have been a relative to the Lindy family, as the documents are related to a will for a relation to William Wright Lindy. A certificate of honor for a deceased soldier, 2nd Lieutenant John P. Lynch, is in the collection as well. Also included in the collection is a strip of military entertainments tickets that were used by soldiers.

The final portion of the collection is visual. There is one box of photographs that includes some pictures of members of the Lindy family and other identified individuals. There are several unidentified photographs as well. Two photograph folders and the slides are those that belonged to the Germann family. These photographs include pictures taken in Europe and while visiting the Epinal American Military Cemetery with images of Francis E. Germann’s grave marker.

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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.