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**WARD E. SKINNER  
LETTERS, 1945–1946**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ward Ellis Skinner (1897–1950) was born in Lauramie Township in Tippecanoe County, Indiana to John William Skinner and Martha K. Ellis. His family moved to Stockwell, where Skinner attended high school. Later, the family moved to Lafayette, where Skinner would reside the remainder of his life. Skinner attended business college and in 1914 was employed by the Farmers and Traders Bank in Lafayette. Following the bank's closure, Skinner worked for Lafayette Savings Bank and served as its president until his death. The Lafayette Savings Bank was established in 1869 and was acquired by Old National Bank in 2014.

Skinner and Rachel Cohee Ryan married on August 1, 1933. They are both buried at Concord cemetery in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

Sources:

Ancestry.com. *Web: Indiana, Find A Grave Index, 1800-2012* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012

Tippecanoe County Indiana; *Index to Marriage Record 1921-1941 Jan. 1, 1921 to, W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerk's O; Book: M-47; Page: 5*

Materials in the collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains four letters to Ward E. Skinner. A letter from D.A. Jeffers dated January 8, 1945 discusses Jeffers' deployment overseas during WWII and his desire to return home to Lafayette. The remaining three letters are replies to an inquiry from Skinner regarding information on the Schoen Brothers company of Indianapolis. One letter, dated February 1, 1946, is from William C. Grauel, vice president of the Merchants National Bank. Two letters are from Harry R. Fuller, vice president of the Indiana National Bank, dated February 2 and 4, 1946.

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