

The Thomas Edward Lamar Mickle Collection

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Introduction

The Thomas Edward Lamar Mickle Collection was donated in June of 2017 by Rod Hites Jr., a close friend of Mr. Mickle. It contains largely biographical and genealogical information about Mr. Mickle, including photographs, documents from his service in the Marine Corps, and genealogies.

The collection dates from the late 19th century to 2008. It consists of one Hollinger box. Also included is an American flag, small leather change purse, and a small silver frame, located in the 2nd floor collections. The rest of the collection is arranged into three series as follows:

Series

- 1: Genealogy Series
- 2: Personal Papers Series
- 3: Photographs

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Biographical Note

Thomas Edward Lamar Mickle, "Pops", was born in Springfield, Ohio on May 22, 1926. Born into a farming family, he continued the tradition until late in life. His parents, Edward H. Mickle and Olive Grove Mickle, each had children from other marriages. The family was large and complicated, including step-siblings and half-siblings. He joined the Marine Corps in the early 1950s and was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station in El Toro, California. Mr. Mickle lived most of his life in the Springfield area and died there on March 11, 2015.

Information in this note was found in the collection and in Mr. Mickle's obituary.

Scope and Content

This collection dates from the late 19th century to 2008 and provides insight into the life of a resident of Springfield, Ohio. The detailed genealogical information, photographs, and Mr. Mickle's personal recollections found in his manuscript are also useful in depicting the Springfield area during the early 20th century.

Series 1, Genealogy, consists of two folders and is primarily about the Mickles, but also includes some information about the Groves and Harrisons, distant relations of Mr. Mickle. Through his genealogical research Mr. Mickle connected with a distant cousin, John Mickle. They corresponded frequently both about personal matters and genealogy. Also included are newspaper clippings about various deaths and marriages in the Mickle family. This series is grouped by format and files are organized alphabetically.

Series 2, Personal Papers, consists of thirteen folders and primarily contains documents from Mr. Mickle's school years and time in the military. Included are grade reports, spelling tests, writing assignments, military orders, and Naval Air course information. Also included is information about Mr. Mickle's brother, Stanley Peck, who was estranged from the family. Of particular interest are the papers from Mr. Mickle's father, Edward Mickle, dating from 1910-1924. The papers in this series are grouped by subject and files are organized alphabetically.

Series 3, Photographs, consists of three folders. The photographs document portions of Mr. Mickle's life, primarily his time in the Marine Corps, but also including some family photographs. Also included is a scrapbook of Mr. Mickle's time in California in the 1950s. Mr. Mickle also gathered photographs of his ancestors, primarily from the late 19th century. The photographs are grouped by time period and files are organized chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Series 1, Genealogy

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| Box 1 File | 1 | Mickle Genealogy |
| | 2 | Newspaper Clippings- Genealogy |

Series 2, Personal Papers

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| | 1 | Advertisements, Programs, and Bulletins |
| | 2 | Correspondence |
| | 3 | Edward Mickle |
| | 4 | Legal, Financial, and Real Estate Records |
| | 5 | Marine Corps Recruit Depot Yearbook |
| | 6 | Military Records |
| | 7 | Naval Air Technical Training Courses |
| | 8 | Newspaper Clippings and Articles |
| | 9 | "Ode to My Little Pup" |
| | 10 | Recipes |
| | 11 | School |
| | 12 | Stanley L. Peck |
| | 13 | Thomas La Mar Mickle Manuscript |

Series 3, Photographs

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| | 1 | Photographs Late 19 th Century- Early 20 th Century |
| | 2 | Photographs 1930-1970 |
| | 3 | Photographs 1970-2008 |
| | 4 | Platoon Graduation, 1954 |
| | 5 | Picture Scrapbook |