Guide to the Raymond F. and Beatrice K. McLain greeting card and postcard collection
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## Summary Information

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Raymond F. and Beatrice K. McLain greeting card and postcard collection, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Raymond Francis McLain, son of Edward O. and Clyda Fisk McLain, was born on February 9, 1905, in Lancaster, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1945. He married Beatrice Kane sometime in 1926; the couple had two children: Raymond K. and Rosemary.

McLain served as the president of Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, from 1939-1951. In 1954, he became the president of American University in Cairo, Egypt, where he served until 1963. He came to the University of Alabama in 1967 as Vice President for Academic Affairs and was the dean for the International Programs.

Beatrice Kane McLain was born in Ohio, on August 15, 1905. She was Dean of Students at American University in Cairo during Raymond's tenure as president of the institution. At the University of Alabama she was the Director of the Center for Southern Regional Folklife Studies and was also the Foreign Student Advisor. She was known as an international folklorist, dance leader, and educator.

Raymond died in May 1981, and Beatrice died on April 3, 2004, both in Tuscaloosa.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains greeting cards and postcards to and from Raymond and Beatrice "Bicky" McLain during their time in Cairo, Egypt, when Raymond was the president of American University from 1954 to 1963. About one third of the postcards are from Beatrice to her mother and are postmarked from a variety of countries in Europe.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
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Conditions Governing Access note
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Provenance
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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note
The Raymond McLain Photographs, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

• American University in Cairo.

Genre(s)

• Picture postcards

Personal Name(s)

• McLain, Raymond F.

Subject(s)
• Greeting cards
• Travel
## Collection Inventory

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