Guide to the Pearl McMurry Letters
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation note

Pearl McMurry Letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Pearl McMurry was born on April 29, 1906, in Promise City, Iowa. He earned a B. A. and J. D. from the University of Iowa and practiced law before serving in the Army during World War II, attaining the rank of colonel. He later served in the Iowa legislature as the senator from the 4th district from 1949-1951. He married Jamie Luttrell in 1944; they had one daughter, Martha.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains three letters sent to Pearl McMurry of Corydon, Iowa, by various old friends and acquaintances. The first letter was from Mr. and Mrs. John A. Peterson of North Dakota, who were visiting other friends in Iowa City and requested to see him and meet his wife. The second letter was from attorney John N. Calhoun of Burlington, Iowa, a former Army buddy, in reply to a card sent by McMurry. Calhoun gave some details about life since his discharge. The third letter was from a fellow colonel in Hallettsville, Texas, giving news of his mother's death and lamenting that he and McMurry had fallen out of touch.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

none

Provenance

Gift of Wade Hall, 2006

Processing Information note
# Collection Inventory

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