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Guide to MS-032:

Letters of the Toomey Family during World War I



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Size

1 box, 0.27 cubic feet

Dates

Inclusive: 1876-1927

Bulk: 1916-1918

Provenance

Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum

Biographical Note

The Humphrey Toomey family was a Catholic family residing in Sullivan County, New York, during World War I. This collection includes letters from Leo Toomey, Joe Toomey, and Mary Ellen Toomey to their mother, Mrs. Humphrey Toomey.

Leo Toomey, a member of the Quarter Master Corps, served as a clerk during World War I. He was stationed in Fort Slocum, New York; Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida; and Newport News, Virginia. Toomey was a member of the 35th Rec. Company, Clerical Company Number 4, Clerical Company Number 3, and Supply Company Number 312. Leo Toomey was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In April 1927, he married a woman named Nellie.

Joe Toomey was a private in the 306th Infantry Company A, stationed at Camp Upton on Long Island, New York during World War I. As a civilian, he was a police officer. He was later moved to the Guard and Fire Company, stationed in Hoboken, New Jersey in October 1917.

Mary Ellen Toomey was a nurse stationed in Hoboken, New Jersey, during World War I.

Scope and Content Note

Series I is composed of letters written by Leo Toomey to his mother and letters written to Toomey from family, friends, and various sources.

Series II is composed of letters written by Joe Toomey to his mother.

Series III is composed of letters written to Mary Ellen Toomey from her brother, Leo and letters written by Mary Ellen Toomey to her mother.

Series IV is composed of miscellaneous photographs, correspondence, and unknown family papers. This series includes a Certificate of Naturalization for Godlib Feitz and a blank World War I Questionnaire to be used for perpetuating history.

Series Description

This collection is divided into four series. **Series I:** Leo Toomey Letters, **Series II:** Joe Toomey Letters, **Series III:** Mary Ellen Toomey Letters, **Series IV:** Miscellaneous.

Box List

Box 1

Series 1: Leo Toomey Correspondence

1-1 Leo Correspondence – Letters to Toomey from family and friends:

- From George B. Ford, Not Dated
- From Elizabeth, March 2, 1916
- From George H. Bell, July 31, 1916
- From Mrs. Humphrey Toomey, January 15, 1917
- Birthday Card from Luke, June 17, 1917
- From Private Edgar W. Hulse, October 31, 1917
- From Mother Polycarpa, February 23, 1918
- From Mother Polycarpa, March 16, 1918
- From Vincent Arcere, March 10, 1918
- From Henry T. Steinharm, March 25, 1918
- From Private Edgar W. Hulse, March 3, 1918
- From George B. Ford, April 3, 1918
- From Private Joseph Toomey, May 9, 1918
- From John L., April 6, 1927
- From Joe and Mary, April 10, 1927
- From Elmer (cousin), April. 15, 1927
- “Congratulations on your Wedding” card From Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Meisurukle, April 26, 1927
- 4 envelopes addressed to Leo Toomey

1-2 Leo Correspondence – Letters to Leo Toomey from various sources:

- Membership application to the Monticello Guards, January 18, 1916
- Payment Receipt from Dr. Russell W. Allan, July 24, 1916
- Invitation to Knights of Columbus Dance November 29, 1916
- Notice of Membership in Knights of Columbus February 5, 1917
- From John Foote, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, May 7, 1917
- From Leon Brooks, June 6, 1917
- From Leon Brooks, June 18, 1917
- Graduation Announcement from E. Harold Woods, June 21, 1918

- John E. Watson, December 9, 1916
- Copy of form letter from John J. Pershing, February 28, 1919
- Receipt for Diamond Ring from Philip Krukin, August 10, 1926

1-3 Leo Correspondence – Letters from Leo Toomey to his mother, Dated:

- December 12, 1917
- December 13, 1917
- December 20, 1917
- December 27, 1917
- January 9, 1918
- January 13, 1918
- January 27, 1918

1-4 Leo Correspondence – Letters from Leo Toomey to his mother, Dated:

- Blank stationary and addressed envelope
- March 4, 1918
- March 14, 1918
- April 1, 1918
- April 12, 1918
- April 24, 1918
- May 15, 1918
- May 28, 1918
- 7 envelopes addressed to Mrs. H. Toomey

[Series 2: Joe Toomey Correspondence](#)

1-5 Joe Correspondence – Letters from Joe Toomey to his mother, Dated:

- September 20, 1917
- October 8, 1917
- December 24, 1917
- January 17, 1918
- February 5, 1918
- February 13, 1918
- February 21, 1918
- February 22, 1918
- April 10, 1918
- April 22, 1918
- May 23, 1918

[Series 3: Mary Ellen Toomey Correspondence](#)

1-6 Mary Ellen Correspondence – Letters from Leo Toomey, Dated:

- February 15, 1918
- April 3, 1918 (includes Farm Service Weekly Report Card)

- April 12, 1918
- April 14, 1918
- May 5, 1918

1-7 Mary Ellen Correspondence – Letters to her mother, Dated:

- February 27, 1918
- May 30, 1918
- May 31, 1918

Series 4: Miscellaneous

1-8 Miscellaneous – Photographs: 9 Photos, mostly unidentified

1-9 Miscellaneous – Ticket to Farewell Banquet December 6, 1917; Postcard book of scenes from Florida; Business Card for J. Chester Sneath; Envelope Addressed to U.S. Dept. of Interior; Letter to Sister Martha September 17, 1876; Letter from Walter Smithing December 2, 1882; Program from Class Night Monticello High School June 26, 1916; The Battle of Gievres; Certificate of Naturalization for Godlib Feitz; Blank Personal War Sketch of Comrade World War Questionnaire for History; Letter from Scranton Stockdale to his sister May 17, 1927

1-10 Miscellaneous – Army Pouch

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