

Malone Family Collection

Collection # 5.006

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection Number: 5.006

Collection Title: Malone Family Collection

Dates: c. 1900-1950

Size: 2 boxes (1 linear ft)

Creator/Collector: Ruth (Malone) Moore, Minnie (Malone) Reynolds, Marvin Randall

Acquisition Information: Gift of Rosemary (Randall) Malone, 2019 and 2021

Accruals: No accruals are expected

Custodial History: Material was acquired from collector

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: Local History Room, Archives and Special Collections Department, Decatur Public Library, Decatur, Illinois.

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Conservation Notes: Family album was taken apart, scanned, and the pages and loose photos were placed in individual sleeves.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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Related Collections

None

Separated Material

Maroa Community High School "Maronois" yearbook (1930) cataloged and put on the shelf with other Maroa yearbooks.

Published Descriptions

Not applicable

Location of Originals

Not applicable

Location of Copies

Photos scanned and will be added to Omeka.

Publication Note

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Malone Family, Reynolds Family, Randall Family, Maroa IL, Forsyth IL

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The Malone family had lived in the Maroa/Forsyth area for many years. Anderson S. Malone was born in Tennessee in 1831, and moved to Perry County, IL at 3 months old with his parents. He married Elizabeth Gregory, and spent most of his life farming there, but in 1921, he moved to Decatur to live with his daughter, Mrs. F.C. Kennedy and her family. He died in 1922 at the age of 90.

Isaac N. Malone was born near Pinkneyville, IL on January 28, 1863 to Anderson S. Malone and Elizabeth Gregory Malone. He married Lucinda Jane Haggard in Duquoin, IL on April 30, 1889, and together they had 2 children. Isaac moved to the Forsyth community around 1897, and was a farmer until 1920. He died in 1947.

Wendell W. Malone was born around 1896 to Isaac and Jennie Malone in Pinkneyville, IL. He was married twice, first to Marie Reynolds in 1918 (who died 6 months later), and Florence B. Evey in 1920. They had 2 children. Wendell was a member of the Macon County Farm Bureau, a farmer, and a World War I veteran. He died in 1976.

William H. Malone was born in Pinkneyville, IL on April 28, 1861. He lived most of his life near Maroa and worked as a farmer. He was married twice, first to Mary Welch (d. 1934), and second to Agnes Bedford (m. 12/24/1936). With Mary, he had 3 daughters. William died in 1941.

Ruth (Malone) Moore was born to William H. Malone and Mary Welch Malone on March 28, 1896 in Decatur. She married Fred R. Moore on May 24, 1916, and together they had one son. Ruth spent most of her life in Maroa, but moved back to Decatur in 1939. She worked as a saleslady for Burton Realty Co. She died on March 30, 1960.

Marvin Randall was born on March 2, 1896 near Blue Mound, IL to Isaac and Helena Winters Randall. He married Verna Hazel Estell on February 15, 1919, and together they had 3 children. He retired in 1965 as the postmaster for Forsyth, IL, and was the treasurer for the Forsyth Methodist Church. He was also the past chairman of the sanctuary building program at the same church in 1956-1957, and the co-chairman of the 1966 building committee. Marvin was the past master of Kedron Lodge 340, AF&AM in Mount Auburn, and was a member of the Zobak Grotto and Sword of Bunker Hill. He was the past commander of the Gray-Randall American Legion Post 293 in Blue Mound, which was named for his son Lynn who was killed in the

Philippines during World War II. Marvin was also a member of the 40 & 8, the Veterans of World War I, Macon Barracks 341, the National Association for Retired Civil Employees, the National Association of Postmasters, and the Macon County Farm Bureau. He died on December 12, 1966.

Minnie G. (Malone) Reynolds was born on October 17, 1890 to William H. and Mary Welch Malone in Maroa, IL. She married George Ralph Reynolds on December 25, 1912. Together they had one son. She was a member of the Maroa Chapter of the Order of the Easter Star. Minnie died at 101 years old on April 8, 1992.

William George Reynolds was born in Emery on November 19, 1913 to George Ralph and Minnie Malone Reynolds. He served in the Navy during World War II, was a retired professional engineer, and graduated from the University of Illinois. William was also a member of the Maroa Masonic Lodge 454, the Springfield Consistory, and Macon County Farm Bureau. He died on February 22, 1991.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains documents and photographs donated by Rosemary (Randall) Malone. The collection is 1 linear foot, and covers the Malone, Reynolds, and Marvin families.

Most of the collection had no distinct order. The photo album was scanned and taken apart. Each page was placed in a separate polypropylene sleeve, while the loose photos were marked with the album's name and placed in sleeves as well. The rest of the collection was organized with the researcher in mind.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

I. Biography, c. 1900-1950

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Anderson S. Malone	Box 1	FF 1
Isaac N. Malone		FF 2
Robert & Rosemary Malone		FF 3
Wendell W. Malone		FF 4
William H. Malone		FF 5
Ruth (Malone) Moore		FF 6
William Nice		FF 7
Marvin Randall		FF 8
Minnie (Malone) Reynolds		FF 9
William George Reynolds		FF 10

II. Family Documents, c. 1925-1965

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Florence Malone – Funeral Documents		FF 11
Isaac Malone – Funeral Documents		FF 12

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Lucinda J. Malone – Funeral Documents		FF 13
Rosemary Malone – Macon County Association for Home & Community Education		FF 14
Wendell Malone – Funeral Documents		FF 15
Marvin Randall – Forsyth Postmaster		FF 16
Marvin Randall – Forsyth Postmaster – Correspondence		FF 17
Marvin Randall – Tax Documents		FF 18
W. George Reynolds – School Documents		FF 19

III. Finances, 1947-1948

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Victory System Ledgers	Box 2	FF 1

IV. Education, 1930

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Maroa Community High School		FF 2

V. Publications

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Pressed Glass Patterns Identification		FF 3
“Voices of American Homemakers”		FF 4

VI. Notes

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Notes		FF 5

VII. Photographs, c. 1900-1950

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Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Photographs #1		FF 6
Photographs #2		FF 7
Lt. W. George Reynolds WWII Photographs		FF 8
Ruth Malone Family Album		FF 9