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**Collection Title:** McComb Family Letters & Photographs

**Manuscript Series Number:** MS050-2018

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**Date Listed:** July 25, 2018; revised October 23, 2018

**Date Span:** 1950s-1970s

**Size of Collection:** 4.5 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 4 letter size document cases; 1 letter half size document case; 2 photo album cases and 2 8x6x5 inch card box.

**Type of Material:** Correspondence, journals, postcards, photographs, negatives and phonographic disc.

**Condition of Material:** Fair with some fading and foxing of paper and photographs due to improper storage and climate control.

**Arrangement:** Organized by type of material; Chronological arrangement.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** The McCombs family resided in Haddonfield, New Jersey and Erie, Pennsylvania from the turn of the twentieth century to the early 1960s. Lieutenant Commander Millington Barnett McComb, a naval academy graduate of 1910, served aboard the USS Drayton and USS Craven in the years prior to First World War. After the war, Barnett served as a commander of the naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where he served until his accidental death in 1927. Hugo Muller and his wife Laura Barnett McComb, Presbyterian missionaries, resided and taught in Persia (Iran) during the 1920s. Elizabeth McComb, wife of Robert M. Rennick, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1928 and resided in Prestonsburg, Kentucky until her death in 2017.

**Scope and Content:** Collection consists of letters, journals and photographs spanning over a century, from the beginning of the middle nineteenth century to the 1970s. The collection contains the letters of M. B. McComb of his service in the United State Navy from the 1910 until the late 1920s. The letters describe his service on the USS Craven and the USS Drayton before and after the First World War. He later wrote correspondence while he served as commanding

officer of a Naval Air Station in Pearl Harbor in the mid-1920s. The collection covers the Presbyterian missions of Hugo Miller to Persia (Iran) in the aftermath of the First World War. The collection of letters end in the 1950s with correspondence to and from Elizabeth McComb while she attended college. The journals in the collection consist of diaries and composition books of Mary Easton Barnett of Dayton, Ohio from 1875 to 1879 and transcripts of a 1915 diary belonging to Hugo Muller. Included in the collection are three letters from the McComb family sent in the latter half of the nineteenth century and a phonographic record of Elizabeth McComb reading a paper on race relations in 1946. The photograph collection consists of photo albums, prints, postcards, negatives and daguerreotypes dating from the 1850s to the 1970s. The bulk of the images are of McComb, Muller and Carmany family members. Photocopies of the journal of Stanford E. Moses were found to be misfiled and located in November of 2021. The journal describes Captain Moses' flight with Commander McComb from Seattle to San Francisco in September on 1924 and his assignment as an observer on the dirigible USS Shenandoah in October of 1924.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Barnett, Mary Easton, 1860-1937.  
McComb, Millington Barnett, 1886-1927.  
Muller, Hugo Arthur, 1884-1983.  
Muller, Laura Barnett, McComb, 1882-1968.  
Rennick, Elizabeth McComb, 1928-2017.  
Moses, Stanford Elwood, 1872-1950.  
USS Craven.  
USS Drayton.  
USS Shenandoah.  
Pearl Harbor (Hawaii)  
McComb family.  
Carmany family.  
Muller family.  
Dayton (Ohio)  
Haddonfield (N.J.)  
Tabriz (Iran).

**Notes:** Collection was originally part of the Robert M. Rennick Papers but separated due to content in July of 2018. Photographs and journals were later added to collection in October of 2018. The Stanford E. Moses journal was found with another collection and returned to the McComb Collection in November of 2021.