

McAnany Family Papers (2012.35)
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The McAnany Family Papers is a collection of the correspondence of a Johnson County family and documents related to the genealogy of the family from 1888-1935.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

- 1838 Patrick McAnany was born in Inniskeen Parish, County Monaghan, Ireland to Philip McAnany and Mary Ann Jennings McAnany (February 15)¹
- 1843 Philip McAnany died and Ann remarried to John Murphy²
- 1849 McAnany/Murphy family immigrated to the United States from Ireland³ (April 15)
- 1850 Helen Winifred Mansfield born in Elburn, Illinois (December 22)⁴
- 1850 McAnany/Murphy family bought a farm and settled in Amboy, Illinois⁵
- 1854 Patrick McAnany traveled to Kansas and began working for a Shawnee Indian family named Daugherty⁶
- 1857 Patrick McAnany settled in (Gum Springs) Shawnee, Kansas, and worked at Wilkerson & Knapp General Store⁷
- 1861 Patrick enlisted in the First Regiment, Company F, First Kansas Infantry (May 25)⁸
- 1861 Patrick was wounded in the Battle of Wilson's Creek and captured by Confederate Army (August 10)⁹
- 1865-1866 Patrick moved back to his mother's home in Amboy, Illinois¹⁰

¹ McAnany, Edwin J., *Patrick McAnany; American Pioneer and His Family*. (Baker Printing Company, Kansas City, 1980), 15.

² McAnany, Patrick D., "Patrick McAnany 1838-1920." July 9, 2007.
http://home.comcast.net/~pmcanany/PM_Memoir.htm

³ McAnany, Edwin J., 11.

⁴ Ancestry.com, <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2367750&id=I511746017>

⁵ McAnany, Patrick D.

⁶ McAnany, Patrick D.

⁷ McAnany, Patrick D.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ McAnany, Edwin J., 12.

¹⁰ McAnany, Patrick D.

- 1867-1869 Patrick McAnany moved to Kansas City, MO. and served as foreman during the construction of the first Hannibal Bridge across the Missouri River¹¹
- 1869 Patrick married Helen Mansfield at Annunciation Church in Kansas City (October 18)¹²
- 1871 Edwin S. McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (February 17)¹³
- 1872 Philip F. McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (November 18)¹⁴
- 1873-1876 Patrick McAnany served on the Kansas City, MO City Council¹⁵
- 1875 James Paul McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (March 12)¹⁶
- 1877 Patrick McAnany and James Fincane bought home in Shawnee and 137 acres from Frederick Chouteau (June 14)¹⁷
- 1877 Mary Louise McAnany born to Patrick and Helen (October 18)¹⁸
- 1879 Patrick McAnany bought out the Fincanes' share of land¹⁹
- 1880 Mary Louise McAnany died²⁰
- 1880 May McAnany was born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (October 18)²¹
- 1881 Rose McAnany was born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (November 17)²²
- 1882 Patrick McAnany moved with his family to Shawnee into the Bluejacket-Choteau House and named it "The Groves."²³
- 1882 Richard Sarsfield McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (June 21)²⁴
- 1883 Carl Dehoney born in Raytown, MO. (August 8)
- 1884 Patrick Damien McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (January 12)²⁵
- 1886 Helen Gertrude McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (June 7)²⁶
- 1888 George Sheridan McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (October 17)²⁷
- 1890 Julia Rose Guignon born in St. Louis, MO. (January 2)
- 1890 Edwin S. McAnany worked for the office of Scroggs & Gibson in Kansas City, Kansas²⁸
- 1892 Edwin S. McAnany was admitted to the bar²⁹

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² McAnany, Patrick D.

¹³ McAnany, Edwin J., 26.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid, 13.

¹⁶ Ibid, 26.

¹⁷ Ibid, 13.

¹⁸ Ibid, 26.

¹⁹ McAnany, Patrick

²⁰ Ibid, 26.

²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid.

²³ McAnany, Patrick

²⁴ McAnany, Edwin J., 26.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ McAnany, Patrick

²⁹ McAnany, Edwin J., 27

- 1894 Robert Adrian McAnany born to Patrick and Helen McAnany (August 31)³⁰
- 1898 James Paul McAnany found employment on railroads in Canada³¹
- 1901 Edwin S. McAnany formed a law firm with Maurice L. Alden
- 1901 Richard Sarsfield McAnany died (May 20)³²
- 1903 James Paul McAnany married M. Maud Davis (October 7)³³ and moved to Regina, Canada
- 1904 M. Maud (Davis) McAnany died (January 31)³⁴
- 1906 Patrick McAnany had farm sale (October 25)³⁵
- 1905 Philip McAnany married Catherine Cutler (January 22)³⁶
- 1907 Edwin S. McAnany married Mary Louise Jameson (October 19)³⁷
- 1910 May McAnany married Carl Dehoney (November 19)³⁸
- 1910 Patrick Damien McAnany was hired to manage the Union Mortgage and Investment Company³⁹
- 1911 Richard Dehoney born to May McAnany and Carl Dehoney (September 28)⁴⁰
- 1911 Edwin Jameson born to Edwin S. McAnany and Marie Louise Jameson (January 23)
- 1912 Helen Gertrude McAnany married William Wood Marshall (September 14)⁴¹
- 1913 Sara Allice Dehoney born to May McAnany and Carl Dehoney (July 19)⁴²
- 1915 Rose Ann Dehoney born to May McAnany and Carl Dehoney
- 1918 Patrick D. and Robert McAnany serve in Co. F, Johnson County Kansas State Guards⁴³
- 1919 Patrick and Helen McAnany celebrated 50th wedding anniversary⁴⁴
- 1920 Bertha Jane Marshall born (December 5)⁴⁵
- 1920 Patrick McAnany died (January)⁴⁶
- 1921 Patrick Damien McAnany married Julia Rose Guignon (February 28)⁴⁷
- 1926 Robert Adrian McAnany began working for the Union Mortgage & Investment Company

³⁰ Ibid, 26.

³¹ Biographical sketch; *Locomotive Engineers Journal* April 1941

³² McAnany, Patrick

³³ Certificate of marriage from Saint Mary's Church, Independence, MO.

³⁴ Obituary for Mrs. Paul McAnany Regina *Leader* February 3, 1904

³⁵ Sale bill in *Olathe Mirror* October 18, 1906

³⁶ McAnany, Edwin J., 28

³⁷ Ibid, 27

³⁸ Ibid, 31

³⁹ Ibid, 32

⁴⁰ Ibid, 31

⁴¹ Ibid, 33

⁴² Ibid, 32

⁴³ Roster lists R. A. McAnany as private and P. D. McAnany as corporal [Johnson County Museum 1988.000.387]

⁴⁴ http://home.comcast.net/~pmcanany/McAnany_Clan_Hx.htm#Groves

⁴⁵ Ibid, 34

⁴⁶ McAnany, Edwin J., 26

⁴⁷ Ibid, 32.

- 1928 Edwin S. and Louise J. McAnany appear in ship passenger list, returning to New York from Naples, Italy aboard “President Monroe” (October 16)
- 1929 Lucie McAnany appears in ship passenger list, returning to New York from Le Havre, France aboard “De Grasse” (July 29)
- 1932 Family sold “The Groves” home--at what is today McAnany Drive in Shawnee⁴⁸
- 1937 Helen Mansfield McAnany died (March 27)⁴⁹
- 1940 Edwin J. McAnany married Helen Marie Blue at St. Peter’s Church in Kansas City, KS. (August 17)⁵⁰
- James Paul McAnany retired after working nearly fifty years in railroads⁵¹
- 1943 Patrick Damien McAnany died (May 26)⁵²
- 1947 James Paul McAnany died (March 23)⁵³
- 1948 Bertha Jane Marshall married Jerry Swanick (November 13)⁵⁴
- 1954 Edwin Sebastian McAnany died (March 28)⁵⁵
- 1958 May McAnany died (February 14)⁵⁶
- 1959 Philip F. McAnany died (February 6)⁵⁷
- 1964 George Sheridan McAnany died (April 4)⁵⁸
- 1965 Helen Gertrude McAnany died (April 4)⁵⁹
- 1969 Rose McAnany died (April 7)⁶⁰
- 1973 Robert Adrian McAnany died (August 30)⁶¹

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The McAnany Family Papers document this Johnson County family’s history and supplements a larger archival collection—2007.045. This collection primarily contains correspondence of James Paul McAnany (1875-1947). He married M. Maud Davis in 1903. She died in 1904 at the age of 25, shortly after the couple moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Paul worked for railroads for nearly 50 years, retiring in 1940.

⁴⁸ McAnany, Patrick D. Conflicting information: [photo caption] Although somewhat ravished by time, this former home of Frederic Choteau, member of the famous family of early day traders, still remains largely as it was in the days before the Civil War. . . The house now is owned by the McAnany estate. A stone addition, a portion of which may be seen above the roof of the original house, was added when it was the McAnany homestead. The huge fireplaces at either end of the building still remain as they were a century ago. “Century-Old Homes Still Serve” *Sunday Picture Journal* July 21, 1940

⁴⁹ Ibid, 26.

⁵⁰ McAnany, Edwin J., 36

⁵¹ Biographical sketch; *Locomotive Engineers Journal* April 1941

⁵² Ibid.

⁵³ Ibid.

⁵⁴ Ibid, 45

⁵⁵ Ibid.

⁵⁶ Ibid.

⁵⁷ Ibid.

⁵⁸ Ibid.

⁵⁹ Ibid.

⁶⁰ Ibid.

⁶¹ Ibid.

He held various positions, including locomotive engineer. By 1898 he was in Canada.⁶² Much of the correspondence was addressed to family members at their home in Shawnee, “The Groves.”⁶³ The McAnany Family papers include two series—Correspondence; and Research.

Series 1, Correspondence (1888-1935), contains personal correspondence between family members. The bulk of the correspondence is from 1897-1904 and the 1930s. 1885-1941. The series contains correspondence between siblings—James Paul and his sisters Helen and Rose. There are a number of postcards sent by family members while on vacation abroad. The folders are organized by author and then chronologically within. Envelopes are present for a majority of the letters.

Of note:

Correspondence between Rose, sister of James Paul McAnany, and his future wife, M. Maud Davis; 1897-1903.

Letter of condolence from Mrs. Elliot and daughter, Mable, to James Paul McAnany on the death of his wife, M. Maud Davis McAnany, February 6, 1904.

Invitation to Shawnee Improvement Club; April 25, 1900

Series 2, Research contains correspondence, copies of certificates, and city directories relating to James Paul and M. Maud Davis McAnany. The material dates from 1977. Some of the material is xeroxed.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1: FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE; 1888-1935

Correspondence between family members is organized alphabetically by author and then chronologically within.

SERIES 2: RESEARCH CORRESPONDENCE; 1977

Research accumulated about James Paul and M. Maud Davis McAnany.

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Series 1: Family Correspondence; 1888-1935

James Paul McAnany to E. S. McAnany; March 1888

James Paul McAnany to Rose McAnany

November 1897 through June 1904 (letters)

October 1905 through March 1915 (letters)

March 1904-May 1909 (postcards)

James Paul to Helen and Rose McAnany

⁶² Biographical sketch; *Locomotive Engineers Journal* April 1941

⁶³ McAnany, Patrick

February 1909; July 1933 through August 1935

Maude Davis to Rose McAnany:

August 1897 through February 1899

March 1899 through November 1903

Invitation to James Paul McAnany; April 1900

Mrs. Elliot to James Paul McAnany; February 1904

Series 2: Research Correspondence; 1977

Research: James Paul and Maude Davis McAnany; 1977

ITEM LEVEL INVENTORY

Series 1: Family Correspondence; 1888-1935

James Paul McAnany to E. S. McAnany; March 1888

Correspondence from James Paul McAnany to Rose McAnany

Nov. 11, 1897 through March 15, 1915

1/11/1897

4/11/1898

2/20/1899

3/17/1899

1/27/1900

1/15/1904

3/5/1904

6/?/1904

10/12/1905

1/31/1906

7/29/1908

12/4/1913

3/15/1915

Correspondence from Maude Davis to Rose McAnany:

August 18, 1897 through Nov. 18, 1903

8/18/1897

3/10/1897

4/15/1898

6/3/1898

1/10/1899
2/15/1899
3/8/1899
4/3/1899
5/4/1899
8/24/1899
7/9/1903
11/18/1903

Series 2: Research Correspondence; 1977

Research: James Paul and Maude Davis McAnany

Certificate of Marriage, dated June 25th, 1977 from Saint Mary's Church, Independence, MO for James Paul and Maude McAnany (married October 7th, 1903) and letter from Fr. Thomas Ward

Copy of Registration of death for Maude McAnany, death date Jan. 31, 1904, in Regina, Canada

Copy of Regina Leader, dated Feb. 2, 1904, with death announcement for Maude McAnany

Copy of 1908 city directory page for Moose Jaw; lists JP McAnany as engineer

Copy of 1913 city directory page for ? ; lists JP as dist master mach with CPR