Jay and Carrie Kleinhenn papers

3.75 linear feet;
2 manuscript boxes, 1 half-manuscript box, 1 photograph negative box,
12 oversize photographs
1896-1976, bulk 1915-1949

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**Biographical History:** Jay Melvin Kleinhenn (1906-1973) was born in Hart, Michigan and eventually made his way to Bridgeville, Sussex County, Delaware, where he married Carrie Elizabeth LeCates (1908-1995) on December 24, 1932. Mr. Kleinhenn was employed by Bell Telephone Company and Mrs. Kleinhenn was a teacher for Bridgeville Schools.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Jay & Carrie Kleinhenn papers document their family life in Bridgeville, Delaware, 1896-1976; the bulk of the material dates from 1915-1949. Their lives apart and together are documented through extensive photographic prints and negatives and include photographs of Carrie’s youth, growing up on the family farm on Pepperbox Road, as well as her tenure as a teacher at Bridgeville High School. The photographs also document their home in Bridgeville, family vacations, Jay’s professional position at Bell Telephone Company and descendants of the LeCates, Kleinhenn and Hearne families.

**Arrangement Statement:** The Jay & Carrie Kleinhenn papers have been arranged into two series, PERSONAL PAPERS and VISUAL MATERIALS. Personal papers document the LeCates and Kleinhenn family history and include scrapbooks created by Carrie LeCates Kleinhenn, as well as ephemera from Bridgeville High School. Visual Materials document the LeCates, Kleinhenn, and Hearne families through a series of photographs taken by either professional studios or Jay or Carrie Kleinhenn. This series has been further subdivided by photographic prints and negatives. The negatives were housed in envelopes and data regarding the negatives was written on the envelopes by Carrie Kleinhenn. The data was transcribed on to the new housing material.

Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms

Bridgeville, Del.
Family History
Hearne Family
Messick Family
Pepperbox Road
Road Construction
Truitt Street
Walnut Street
Workman Family

Corporate Names

Bell Telephone Company
Bridgeville High School
Citadel
Del-Mar-Va Bible Institute
Delmar High School
Delmar Service Station
Howe School
Trussum Pond & Mill

Personal Names

Ashton, Don
Browns, Valmer L.
Kleinhenn, Arthur
Kleinhenn, Carrie LeCates
Kleinhenn, Jay
LeCates, Senara
LeCates, Joseph
LeCates, Willie Anna
Maddox, Verda LeCates
Myers, Richard
Oliphant, Martha E.
Oliphant, Thomas W.
Ziegler, David
Series I: Personal Papers

Box 1
1. Family History, LeCates, Kleinhenn & Hearne Families, undated
2. Funeral Information, Joseph H. LeCates, 1959
3. Funeral Information, Jay M. Kleinhenn, 1973
4. Funeral Information, Verda Maddox, 1976
5. Correspondence, To Jay & Carrie Kleinhenn, 1930s-1950s
6. Certificates & Licenses, 1943-1973
7. Scrapbook, 1945-1946
8. Scrapbook, 1947-1948
10. Newspaper Clippings, 1940s-1960s
11. Newspaper Clippings, 1940s-1960s
13. Roster, Bridgeville High School Alumni Association, 1966

Series II: Visual Materials
14. Photographs, Bridgeville Schools, 1896-1906
15. Photographs, Bridgeville School, School Children, 1930s-1950s
17. Photographs, Bridgeville High School, 1954-1957
18. Photographs, Bridgeville High School, Prom, 1963-1964
19. Photographs, Del-Mar-Va Bible Institute, Graduation, 1969-1971
20. Photographs, University of Delaware, 1949
22. Photographs, Kleinhenn Family Home, 1950s-1960s
23. Photographs, Kleinhenn Family Members, 1900s-1950s
24. Photographic Slides, Kleinhenn Family, 1941-1955

Box 2
2. Photographs, LeCates Family, 1880s-1940s
3. Photographs, LeCates Family, 1890s-1960s
4. Photographs, LeCates Family, 1890s-1960s
5. Photographs, LeCates Family, 1900s-1950s
6. Photographs, LeCates Family, 1900s-1950s
7. Photographic Post Cards, LeCates Family, 1910s
9. Photographs, Hearne Family, 1920s-1940s
10. Photographs, Hearne Farm, Massillon, Ohio, 1940
11. Photographs, Hearne & LeCates Families, 1910s-1960s
13. Photograph, Don Ashton, 1938
14. Photograph, Valmer L. Browns, 1942
15. Photograph, Richard Myers, 1920s
16. Photograph, David Ziegler, 1940s
17. Photographs, Messick Family, 1920s-1940s
18. Photographs, Workman Family, 1920s
19. Photographs, Unidentified Portraits, Delaware, 1890s-1930s
20. Photographs, Unidentified Portraits, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, 1910s-1930s

Box 3
1. Photographs, Unidentified Portraits, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, 1910s-1930s
2. Photographs, Unidentified Groups, Defiance, Ohio, 1910s
3. Photographs, Landscapes & Streetscapes, 1940s
4. Photographs, Landscapes & Streetscapes, 1940s
5. Post cards, Hillsdale & Hart, Michigan; Elkton, Maryland, 1920s-1940s

Box 4
Series III: Film Negatives
Subseries A: LeCates and Kleinhenn Families
1. Doll and Jon Pile of Lumber, circa 1915
2. Carrie LeCates, 1928
3. Delmar Schoolhouse, 1928
4. Women’s College, Ehlers Lecture, Anatomy Class, 1929
5. Elizabeth Carnow and Cousins, Maryland, 1929
6. Washington, D.C., 1920s
7. Papa, Mama & I with Wheat Binder, circa 1920-1929
8. LeCates Family Home, circa 1920-1929
10. On My Birthday, Me Holding Nig by the pear trees, 1930
11. Pictures Taken at Cornelia's, 1930
12. X-Mas Trees & gifts at home, 1930
13. Senara when she visited Philadelphia, 1931 June
14. Flowers in Lawn at House, 1931 October
15. Mabel, Josh & Mary Ann, their house, 1932
16. Trussum Pond & Mill; Cousin Effie, Auto-Giro Airplane, 1932
17. Senara’s Negatives, 1933
18. Several of Nig, 1933 June
19. Senara R.N. at Sloane’s, 1937
20. Ohio House & Landscape, 1938
21. 303 Walnut Street, Bridgeville, 1939
22. Scenes near Wards Cross-roads, 1939
23. New York World’s Fair, 1939
24. Carrie LeCates, Pictures of My Long Hair, circa 1930-1939
25. Jack & Jean on their Wedding Day, Valley Forge, PA, circa 1930-1939
26. Landscape, Mt. Vernon, Va., Automobiles, Orangery, circa 1930-1939
27. LeCates Family Farm & Family, circa 1930-1939
28. LeCates Family Farm & Family, circa 1930-1939
29. Mama in Her New Dress, My Easter Frock, Papa & His Apple Tree, circa 1930-1939
30. View North of House; Horse Cart; Packing Cantaloupes; Nig by Mailbox, circa 1930-1939
31. Building Road Passing Our House; Pop Walking to Mailbox & Plowing, 1940
32. Old Home, Nig, Jeff & Jay; Pop on Plow, 1940
33. Billy at Citadel, in Uniform, 1940-1941
34. At the Citadel, 1942
35. The Citadel, Family Reunion, 1942
37. Mom Convalescing, Billy & Dorothy Brown, 1947 June
38. Pop & Mom in Backyard, Bridgeville, 1947-1948
39. Bobby when he was a Puppy, 1948
40. “Brownie” my Dog, 1949
41. Dorothy Brown & Bobby & Kittens, 1949
42. Papa, Seven Views in Front of Bridgeville Home, 1949
43. Bridgeville, Del., circa 1940-1949
44. Bridgeville, Del., Road Construction, circa 1940-1949
45. Jay’s Vacation, Unknown Landscape, circa 1940-1949
46. Last Family Reunion, circa 1940-1949
47. Jay Inspecting Poles, 1950 June 18
48. Pictures Taken on “Calhoun Farm” & at Woods, 1950 March
49. Dorothy, Bobby & Kitten, 1950
50. Mattie Culvers Home, Capeville, Va., Mom in Yard There, 1950
51. Pop in Garden in Front of School, ‘The Last Crop,’1950
52. Pop & Mom Going to Car, 106 Walnut Street, Bridgeville, Del., 1950
53. Vacation, Carrie & Jay, 1950
54. Eckhardt House, 1951 May 15
55. Mrs. Murphy & Mom, 1955 August
56. 303 Walnut Street, 1955
57. Mabel’s Home, 127 S. Truitt Street, Salisbury, Md., 1955
58. Senara’s Home & Views There, 1955
59. Kleinhenn Family Home, Bridgeville, Del., circa 1950-1959
60. New Bedford, Massachusetts, circa 1950-1959
61. Aunt Laura, Typical Pose, Mom [3 poses], undated
62. Billy’s Air Force Activities, Waterville, Maine
63. Carrie & Billy at Charcoal Pile, undated
64. Carrie in Old Ford with Cucumbers at Mailbox, undated
65. Chico & Small Cat in chair, undated
66. Excellent Picture of Our Old Home, undated
67. Jay Cutting Down our Cherry Tree at 303 Walnut Street, undated
68. Jay Kleihenn, undated
69. Jay’s Service Station [Delmar Service Station], undated
70. Junior Choir at Longwood, undated
71. Kleinhenn Monument at Parson’s Cemetery, undated
72. Mary Lambert & Carrie Kleinhenn, undated
73. Mama & Chicks, undated
74. Mama with Watermelon, undated
75. Mr. & Mrs. Day, undated
76. Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Stream in Back of Pasture, undated
77. Our Parlor at Christmas Time; Papa on load of Tomatoes, undated
78. Pop & the Push Cart, undated
79. Pop on Farm, Old House, undated
80. R.H. Pusch, Assist. General; North River, New York; Nobska Lighthouse & Beach, undated
81. Reunion at Roland’s, undated
82. Unknown Landscape, undated
83. View of Bridgeville Firehouse & Post Office, From Owen’s House, undated

**Subseries B: Bridgeville Schools**

84. Broadcreek Church; Interior of 7A Schoolroom, 1931 June
85. 7th Grade, 1930-1931
86. 8th Grade, 1930-1931
87. 8th Grade, 1930-1931
88. Bridgeville High School, 1936
89. Going Over to our New School, 1941
90. 7th Grade Class, Bridgeville, 1944
91. Carrie L. Kleinhenn at B.H.S., 1947
92. May Betts at School Door, 1948
93. Assembly Program; My Room at Christmas; Christmas Tree in School Lobby, 1948-1949
94. 7th Grade, 1949
95. Conservation Workshop, Univ. of Del., Field Trip, 1949
96. School Children, 1949
97. School Groups, circa 1940-1949
98. School Children, 1950
99. School Children, 1950
100. School Children, 1950
101. School Children, 1950
102. School Children, Washington Trip, 1950
103. School Exhibit, 1951 May
104. School Children, 1952
105. School Children, 1952-1953
106. 7th Grade, 1953-1954
107. 7th Girls; 7th Boys; 8th Girls; 8th Boys, 1956 May
108. School Children, 1956 May
109. School Children, 1956 May
110. School Children, 1957 May
111. School Pictures, 1958
112. Bridgeville High School, 1964 June
113. Back and Front of Bridgeville School; undated
114. Christmas Plays, undated
115. Morris’ School House, undated
116. School Groups at Mount Vernon, Va., undated

Oversize Photographs
1. Thomas W. & Martha E. Oliphant, circa 1880
2. Carrie LeCates, Phi Kappa Phi Group, 1930 June
3. Group at Banquet, 1940s
4. Jones Reunion, Bowes Cross Roads, 1940s
7. Willie Anna LeCates, 1959 March 12
8. Franklin, Calvin and Paul Hearne, undated
9. Delmar High School Senior Class, 1940
10. Delmar High School Graduation, 1940
11. Bridgeville High School Graduation, 1942
12. Bridgeville High School Graduation, 1944
Library Material
1. Descendants of Jacob S. and Mary Jones of Lower Sussex County, Delaware, ca. 1750-1978, by Pauline Jones Mills and Walter H. Jones