

# **Milton McConnell Ronsheim Collection**

**AFC 2001/001/118984**

**Guides to the Collections in the Veterans History Project**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Milton McConnell Ronsheim collection, 1942-1947 : Veterans History Project (U.S.)

**Inclusive Dates:** 1942-1947

**Bulk Dates:** 1942-1946

**Call No.:** AFC 2001/001/118984

**Creator:** Ronsheim, Milton McConnell

**Extent (photographs):** 3 photographs.

**Extent (letters):** 261 letters.

**Extent (creative works):** 4 creative works.

**Extent (clippings):** 5 clippings.

**Extent (military papers):** 13 military papers.

**Language:** Collection material in English.

**Location:** Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/2021655424>

**Summary:** Milton Ronsheim served as an administrative clerk with the 5th Service Command during World War II. Collection includes correspondence, military papers, creative works, and photographs relating to his service.

## Acquisition

Accessioned, 2019.

## Related Material

Related collections in the Veterans History Project include the collection of Ronsheim's father, [Louis Milton Ronsheim \(AFC 2001/001/102296\)](#), and Ronsheim's brothers, [Robert Ronsheim \(AFC 2001/001/117870\)](#), [John Ronsheim \(AFC 2001/001/117875\)](#), and [Samuel Ronsheim \(AFC 2001/001/117883\)](#).

## Copyright Status

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## Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact>

## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Milton McConnell Ronsheim was born on July 20, 1921 in Cadiz, Ohio, to Louis Milton Ronsheim and Isabel McConnell Ronsheim. He was one of four children, and graduated from Cadiz High School in 1939. Ronsheim's three brothers, John, Robert, and Samuel, also served in the military during World War II. He enrolled in the College of Wooster in 1939, where he completed his bachelor's degree in 1947.

On July 31, 1941, Ronsheim enlisted in the United States Army. Due to physical limitations that included poor eyesight and asthma, he was classified as a Limited Service enlistee and trained as a duplicating machine operator and administrative

clerk processing payroll and personnel records. He served his entire career with the 5th Service Command, first at Fort Hayes, Ohio with the 1524th Service Unit, then at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, with the 1532nd Service Unit, and finally at Camp Atterbury, Indiana with the 3547th Service Unit. While at Camp Atterbury, he worked at Wakeman General Hospital, and was responsible for processing the administrative and payroll records for wounded service members returning from the European Theater of Operations. Ronsheim was honorably discharged on February 2, 1946.

Ronsheim married Nately Ramsay in October 1942, and they had two children, Pamela and Douglas. After completing his college education, he worked for the *Cadiz Republican* newspaper in Cadiz, Ohio. He was active in the Presbyterian Church, and also served as a board member for the Wheeling Symphony and for Belmont Technical College. Ronsheim died on August 15, 2009.

## Scope and Content

Collection includes correspondence, creative works, military papers, and photographs related to Milton McConnell Ronsheim's service in the United States Army during World War II. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Ronsheim and his parents, as well as other family members.

## Arrangement

Collection is arranged in two series: Manuscripts and Photographs. Manuscripts are arranged by type, with correspondence arranged chronologically.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Gibson, Pamela donor  
Ronsheim, Milton McConnell 1921-2009--Correspondence.  
Ronsheim, Milton McConnell 1921-2009--Photographs.  
Ronsheim, Milton McConnell, 1921-2009, creator.

### Organizations

American Folklife Center, sponsor  
United States. Army Service Command, 5th.  
United States. Army--Hospitals--Administration.  
United States. Army--Medical care.  
United States. Army--Medical personnel.  
United States. Army--Military hospitals--Indiana.  
United States. Army--Military training camps.  
United States. Army--Occupational training, Military.  
Veterans History Project (U.S.), collector.

### Subjects

Columbus (Ohio)--Military bases.  
Indiana--Military bases.  
Military service, Voluntary--United States  
Transport of sick and wounded.  
World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American.  
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--Ohio.

### Form/Genre

Clippings.

Correspondence  
Manuscripts.  
Photographs.

## Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: Manuscripts

Series II: Photographs

# Container List

| Container                     | Contents   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Series I: Manuscripts</b>  |  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1303/1</b>   | Military Papers, April 19, 1943<br>MS01: Copy of Army Instruction. TM 21-250.  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1303/2</b>   | Military Papers, January 1945<br>MS02: Copy of Pay and Allowances of Enlisted Personnel. TM 14-502.  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1303/3</b>   | Military Papers, 1943<br>MS03: Copy of Service Records and Allied Papers Guide.  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1303/4-5</b> | Correspondence, August 2, 1942-January 27, 1943<br><br>MS04: Correspondence between Ronsheim and his parents, Louis Milton Ronsheim and Isabel Ronsheim, who lived in Cadiz, Ohio. Includes birthday card addressed to Ronsheim's father, Louis Milton Ronsheim. Topics covered include: work at Fort Hayes, Ohio as an administrative clerk with the 1524th Service Unit; leisure time activities, including hunting, and attending plays, movies, and concerts; veteran's status as a Limited Service enlistee; teaching Sunday school, attending Presbyterian churches; rationing and automobile maintenance; football games; work at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana as an administrative clerk with the 1532nd Service Unit; advice for others on how to be disqualified by physical examinations; German prisoners of war at Fort Benjamin Harrison; work at Wakeman General Hospital in Camp Atterbury, Indiana as an administrative clerk with the 3547th Service Unit, 5th Service Command; plans of attending college after leaving the military; seeing seriously wounded service members returning from Europe; 1944 presidential election; his brother Samuel Ronsheim and his service in the Pacific Theater; supervising female civilian employees, referred to as girls; emotional reaction to leaving the military. |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1358/1-3</b> | Correspondence, February 4, 1943-January 26, 1944<br><br>MS04 continued  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1415/1-4</b> | Correspondence, February 7, 1944-September 28, 1945<br><br>MS04 continued  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1456/1-2</b> | Correspondence, October 10, 1945-January 28, 1946<br><br>MS04 continued  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1517/1</b>   | Correspondence, August 2, 1942-August 28, 1942<br>MS05: Correspondence between Ronsheim and his wife, Nately Ronsheim, of Cadiz, Ohio. Topics covered include: Planning for their wedding and future together; uncertainty about his future in the Army; typist training.  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER MSS1517/2-4</b> | Correspondence, September 24, 1942-October 29, 1945<br><br>MS06: Letters between Nately Ronsheim and Isabel Ronsheim of Cadiz, Ohio. Topics covered include: Nately and Milton's wedding plans; social life; teaching church school programs; Nately's jobs, including one at the hospital at Camp Atterbury; Milton's work; housework; cheering for the Chicago Cubs in the 1945 World Series.  |
| <b>BOX-FOLDER OVZ361/1</b>    | Correspondence, March 3, 1943-October 13, 1944<br>MS06 continued   |

## Series I: Manuscripts

| Container                 | Contents  |
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| BOX-FOLDER MSS1517/5      | Creative Works, 1947<br>MS07: Book report on the book <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i> from a college history class; course curricula from veteran's academic career.  |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS347/1       | Military Papers, 1944<br>MS08: discharge orders (1/23/1946); commissary card; promotion warrant (11/14/1942); references, training aids, copies of administrative records, and blank forms from duties as an administrative clerk (1942-1945); includes copy of company file from 1532d Service Unit, Basic Training Unit, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana (3/8/1944-7/6/1944). |
| BOX-FOLDER<br>MSS1129/1-2 | Military Papers, 1942-1946<br><br>MS08 continued  |

## Series II: Photographs

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| BOX-FOLDER MSS347/2 | Original photographic print<br>PH01: Official military portrait of Ronsheim in uniform. Writing on the back says Cpl M. M. Ronsheim.<br>PH02: Portrait of Ronsheim with wife Nately Ronsheim. Writing on the back says Milton & Nately Ronsheim. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS347/2 | Photocopy of photographic print<br>PH03: Portrait of Milton Ronsheim and Samuel Ronsheim.  |