

Nellie Navarre Letters, 1917-1919 Scope and Contents Notes

The collection of letters and postcards from Edson W. Navarre to Nellie Navarre was donated to the Local History & Genealogy Department by the Monroe County Historical Commission Archives in Monroe, Michigan in December 2007.

Edson W. Navarre was born in Monroe County, Michigan on December 27, 1890 to Moses J. and Celestine Navarre. According to the 1900 Federal Decennial Census for Monroe, Michigan, Edson was 9 years old with a sister, Anna, age 23 and a brother, Harry, age 21. Edson served in France with the American Expeditionary Forces. He wrote the letters to his cousin, Nellie Navarre while in the Army during World War I. With the exception of the first postcard, all were written while in France. He died October 9, 1947 in Detroit Michigan. It appears that his father, Moses, was a brother to Joseph J. Navarre.

Nellie Navarre was born May 30, 1876 in Monroe, Michigan to Joseph J. and Ellen Navarre. She had one brother, William. Her mother died and Joseph remarried ca. 1888 to Amelia. Joseph died March 15, 1919; Amelia died in Toledo at Nellie's home on May 10, 1934. Nellie moved to Toledo ca. 1897 when she showed up in the city directory boarding at 700 Frederick. When Nellie died on September 9, 1951, she was still living at 700 Frederick Street.

Nellie Navarre Letters, 1917-1919 Inventory

- Folder 1 Postcard, October 13, 1917
- Folder 2 Letter, January 20, 1918
- Folder 3 Letter, February 8, 1918
- Folder 4 Letter, February 16, 1918
- Folder 5 Letter, March 20, 1918
- Folder 6 Letter, April 14, 1918
- Folder 7 Letter, June 12, 1918
- Folder 8 Letter, October 26, 1918
- Folder 9 Letter, December 3, 1918
- Folder 10 Postcards, 1919, n.d.
 - 1. February 20, 1919
 - 2. April 4, 1919
 - 3. April 4, 1919
 - 4. 2 cards, n.d.
- Folder 11 Transcripts of letters
- Folder 12 Biographical materials re Nellie Navarre, Edson Navarre and families