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## A Guide to the John McConihe Papers, 1857-1870

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### Summary Information

**Repository**

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**Creator**

John McConihe

**Title**

John McConihe Papers, 1857-1870

**Identifier**

AY 225

**Date**

1857-1870

**Physical Description**

2 boxes

**Physical Location**

The materials are located onsite in the Museum.

**Language of the Material**

English

**Abstract**

John McConihe (1834-1864) was born in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York. After graduating from Union College in 1853, he went on to study law at the University of Albany, earning his law degree in 1855. He began a successful law practice in Troy the same year. In 1857, he moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he continued practicing law. When the Civil War broke out, he helped raise the 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Regiment and would be involved in several battles. He was killed in action during the battle of Cold Harbor in 1864, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy.

This collection includes correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memoirs. Although the collection ranges from 1857-1870, the majority of materials date from the early 1860s, when McConihe served during the War.

### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Processing Information**

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## **Biographical/Historical**

John McConihe was born on September 4, 1834 in Troy, New York, one of three sons born to Isaac and Sarah Strong McConihe. McConihe attended Union College and graduated in 1853. Following his father into law, he went on to attend the law school at the University of Albany and graduated in 1855. He quickly established a successful law practice in Troy, but soon moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1857.

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When the Civil War began, McConihe helped form the 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Regiment and was elected Captain. He saw several battles, and was wounded during the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. Although he survived that wound, he was killed at Cold Harbor on June 1, 1864. His body was returned to Troy, and he was buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memoirs. The bulk of the collection is from the early 1860s.

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## Contents List

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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