

(1815-1892), the second-oldest of the McAllister children, writing from her home in Pittsburgh. The small group of letters to Wardale McAllister all concern legal issues.

The material in the second section, McAllister and Brother, does not represent the only McAllister firm-related correspondence in the collection, as letters sent directly to John A. McAllister are filed in Series I.

The first folder holds an agreement signed by shopkeepers on the 600-800 blocks of Chestnut Street, stating that they will close at 4:00 pm in order to have the owners and employees attend military exercises. The document was signed by twenty-four firms including J.E. Caldwell & Co., and the publishers Lee & Walker, William & Alfred Martien, and George W. Childs.

The letters in Series III were addressed to the firm and carry no indication if John A. McAllister was involved in the business transacted. The earliest letter is from Robert Allen (1778-1844), a congressman from Tennessee, who wrote about a financial issue, as did Leslie Combs in Lexington, KY. The remainder of the letters concern optical orders, with the bulk coming in during the Civil War from soldiers. There is also a printed appeal from the Special Committee of Druggists, for the Iowa Central Sanitary Fair in Muscatine, Iowa, asking for donations from the firm. Evidence of John A. McAllister's handling some of these items can be seen on the Allen letter (his signature, franking on the envelope portion, has been clipped off) and he inscribed on the verso of an order for glasses from R.T. Conrad: "Autograph/Judge Conrad."