James and Thomas Marcuccilli established this collection in honor of their parents. Their father, Thomas, was a flight instructor in the Army Air Corps in World War II and was the officer, director, and founding partner of Marion Trucking Company. He was also an officer, director, and shareholder in several banks that are now combined under the name of STAR Financial Bank. Together, he and Mary had seven children.

Jim (’73) is president and chief executive officer of STAR Financial Bank. He and his wife, Patrice, have three children: Morgan (’03), Kristin (’05), and Thomas. Tom is president of STAR Financial Group, Inc. He and his wife, Joan, have five children, including Meagan (’99) and Kathryn (’07).

The Marcuccilli Collection allows the Hesburgh Libraries to maintain a history of individual military units, both Union and Confederate, and to acquire first-person accounts of military life by individual soldiers, usually through correspondence with loved ones at home. It also allows for the acquisition of a broader range of materials dealing with the social and economic impact of the war on individual regions or towns, particularly in the South. It defrays the cost of expensive Web indexes in American history, including the libraries’ subscription to JSTOR, with its many history components, and allows the University to acquire various important electronic text projects dealing with the Civil War period.