

ALBA M. FAIRBANKS COLLECTION
Finding Aid

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SUMMARY

Size	2 folders
Geographic Locations	Edinburg, Texas
Inclusive Dates	1921-1930
Languages	English
Summary	The collection consists of a menu from the Edinburg Café, which was operated in Edinburg, Texas by Alba M. Fairbanks from 1921-1930.
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Related Collections	
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Stack Location(s)	SMC 12, RGDOC 1, B:1; OSDOC 5, L:24

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Alba M. Fairbanks operated the Edinburg Café in Edinburg, Texas from 1921-1930. The Café stood on 12th Avenue facing the courthouse square near the intersection with Harriman Street (Texas State Highway 107). Fairbanks' daughters, the donors of the menu, were Lillie Fairbanks Judy and Helen Fairbanks Fridell. They owned the millinery shop advertised on the front cover of the menu.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a menu from the Edinburg Café, which was operated in Edinburg, Texas by Alba M. Fairbanks from 1921-1930. The menu cover appears to be enclosed in celluloid and trimmed with nickel-plated brass. The following businesses are advertised on the cover: (front outside) Edinburg State Bank and Trust Company, Valley Abstract Co., and Millinery; (front inside) Edinburg Feed and Seed Co., Texaco Gasoline, and "Golden Rule Store" operated by Flanagan, Mylner, and Singleton; (back inside) Taylor Lumber Company and Builders' Hardware, Eisenhower Garage, and Edinburg American Bakery; (back outside) Dyer Tire Shop, Edinburg Drug Company, J.W. Wells Agency, and Jenner's Chocolates. A statement at the top of the front cover says, "CAUTION – Please don't rest lighted cigar or cigarette on this menu cover – IT MIGHT BURN."

A paper insert contains the Café's menu selections. The food offerings are divided into the following sections: Fruits and Cereals; Eggs and Omelettes [sic]; Oysters; Salads; Cakes, etc.; Steaks and Chops; Roasts; Sandwiches; Vegetables; and Drinks.