

WILLIAM B. McSHANE COLLECTION
Finding Aid

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SUMMARY

Size	0.75 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Rio Grande Valley, Texas
Inclusive Dates	1908-1930
Bulk Dates	1929-1930
Languages	English
Summary	The collection contains over 150 photographs, single issues of two Texas newspapers, one letter, and several pieces of ephemera.
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Related Collections	
Citation	William B. McShane collection. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
Stack Location(s)	SMC 7, RGDOC 1, B:1; RGPHO 2 and RGPHO 2B; General LRGV Newspapers Box 2 and Box 3a

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

William B. McShane was born on August 8, 1874 in Wisconsin. His parents were Patrick McShane (born in Ireland) and Katherine McShane (born in Wisconsin). He died on November 15, 1968 in Mission, Texas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains over 150 photographs, single issues of two Texas newspapers, one letter, and several pieces of ephemera. Most of the photographs were taken by S.L. Edrington who owned a studio in Weslaco during the 1930s. The Edrington photographs were in a prospectus titled "A.J. McColl Land Co., Kansas City, MO and McAllen." Most of these photographs show agricultural and commercial scenes of the Rio Grande Valley during the 1920s. The photographs were removed from the book to be housed in proper storage. The other photographs are family photographs.

Other items in the collection include the November 19, 1928 issue of the *Houston Chronicle* (which contains a section about the Rio Grande Valley), a 1911 issue of the *Monte Christo Hustler*, a 1908 letter about deeds, and three pieces of missing ephemera.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

I. Photographs

A. Family photographs

B. Family photographs and A.J. McColl Land Co. prospectus

II. Newspapers

III. Correspondence

IV. Ephemera (missing)