

**EARL E. HANCOCK MANUSCRIPTS**  
Finding Aid

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## SUMMARY

<b>Size</b>	2 folders
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	undated
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Photocopies of two handwritten manuscripts by Earl E. Hancock recollecting the early 1900s in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas are included in this collection.
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<b>Related Collections</b>	
<b>Citation</b>	Earl E. Hancock manuscripts. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
<b>Stack Location(s)</b>	SMC 66, RGDOC 2, B:1

### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

In 1917 Earl E. Hancock, his sister Maybel, and her future husband Floyd Hetrick were members of the first graduating class from San Juan High School in San Juan, Texas. At a later date, Hancock wrote his memories of the international events that took place while he was a teenager living in the region. He also wrote about an experience he had when the young people of his church took a trip to the Boca Chica Beach near Brownsville, Texas in 1917. The Museum received the manuscripts from a member of the Hetrick family who received them from Hancock's daughter Anita Weaver.

Hancock was born about 1898 in Nebraska to Samuel and Bertie Ewing Hancock. He died in 1989 in Aurora, Adams County, Colorado.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Photocopies of two handwritten manuscripts by Earl E. Hancock recollecting the early 1900s in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas are included in this collection. The first manuscript relates his memories of the move his family made from Nebraska to the San Juan in 1916 when he was seventeen. While most of the family traveled by train, Earl, two of his sisters, and their Uncle Ed traveled by car. Most of the narrative tells about the car trip, which included spending Christmas with a company of National Guard soldiers near Zapata.

In the second manuscript, Hancock wrote about an experience he had when the young people of his church took a trip to the Boca Chica Beach near Brownsville, Texas in 1917.