

ALMA WHATLEY COLLECTION
Finding Aid

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SUMMARY

Size	0.38 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Mercedes, Texas
Languages	English
Summary	Holiday greeting post cards make up the bulk of this collection of memorabilia. Most of the post cards were mailed to members of the Whatley family in the first half of the twentieth century.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Holiday greeting post cards make up the bulk of this collection of memorabilia. Most of the post cards were mailed to members of the Whatley family in the first half of the twentieth century. The holidays represented include Christmas, Easter, New Year, Thanksgiving, Valentine, July 4th, and Decoration Day. Other post cards are for birthday and general greetings. The collection also contains photograph post cards of various buildings and travel scenes.

Other memorabilia found in the collection consist of samples of school work, magazine clippings describing needlework, and several issues of the Mercedes, Texas newspaper *The Enterprise*. Two items of special interest are *The National Notebook* (blank, 1905) lesson plan book of Grace W. Beck and an undated radio schedule titled "All Through the Night." The radio schedule lists the programs for each night of the week and the radio stations found in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

I. Books

II. Papers

A. Post Cards: Greeting

- 1. Christmas**
- 2. Thanksgiving**
- 3. New Year**
- 4. Birthday**
- 5. Easter**
- 6. Valentine**
- 7. General greeting**

B. Picture post cards

C. School papers

D. Clippings

III. Newspapers

IV. Artifacts

INDEX TERMS

Birthday cards
Christmas cards
Greeting cards
Lesson planning--notebooks
Mercedes (Tex.). Mercedes High School
New Year cards
Radio station identifications
Valentines

CONTAINER LIST

(B:9) RGDOC 43 Alma Whatley Collection

1974.012.004 Songbook: No. 2 Twice 55 Community songs, the Green Book
1974.012.005 Songbook: Awakening Songs
1974.012.006 Correspondence
1974.012.006B Postage expenses
1974.012.006c A Story of a Peach by Mary Katherine Whatley
1974.012.006t Southern Methodist University 24th annual convocation, 1939
1974.012.006v The Adult Missionary Society of Lewisville TX report
1974.012.006w Notes on meeting at W.M. Society of N. Texas
1974.012.006x The Best Books for 20th Century Boys and Girls
1974.012.008 Booklet: Progressive Lesson in Art Education, 1910
1974.012.014 The Little Hymn Book
1974.012.015 The Missionary Voice
1974.012.016 By-Laws of V3I's Club
1974.012.016 The North Texas Conference Epworthian, 1921
1974.012.016 Souvenir program Mercedes Rotary Club "Ladies Night"
1974.012.016 Port Isabel yearbook
1974.012.017 Examination papers "Examples of Penmanship"
1974.012.039 Correspondence
1974.012.041 Mercedes Public Schools Programs for General Faculty Meetings
1974.012.041 Correspondence
1974.012.041 Application for Teacher City Public Schools, Fort Worth
1974.012.041 Certification of Appreciation awarded to Alma P. Whatley
1974.012.041 Special to the Brownsville Herald
1974.012.041 State income tax, A. Whatley
1974.012.041 Athletic ticket
1974.012.042 The Baylorian, Baylor College Magazine, Summer 1929
1974.012.042 Program by pupils of Mrs. J. Edwin Taylor, Dept. of Reading, N. TX State Teachers' College, September 6, 1923
1974.012.042 Delta Kappa Gamma Society Alpha State Regional meeting, October 9, 1948
1974.012.043 Newspapers
1974.012.059 Account book
1974.012.073 1908 calendar

(H:23) RGDOC 45

1974.028 Alma Whatley collection, 1905-1970
Post cards
Christmas
Easter
Thanksgiving
Valentine
New Year
July 4th
Decoration Day
General greeting
School work – Mercedes, Texas

(H:23) RGDOC 76

1974.028 Alma Whatley collection, 1905-1970
Post cards
Christmas
Easter

Alma Whatley Collection
1900-1950

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Thanksgiving
Valentine
New Year
July 4th
Decoration Day
General greeting
School work – Mercedes, Texas