

**Gretchen Breen Collection**  
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## SUMMARY

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| <b>Size</b>                 | 2 linear feet  |
| <b>Geographic Locations</b> |  |
| <b>Inclusive Dates</b>      | 1906-1988  |
| <b>Bulk Dates</b>           | 1970s  |
| <b>Languages</b>            | English  |
| <b>Summary</b>              | The collection primarily consists of the Goldsby Goza's historical research including notes from oral history interviews. There are also some personal documents and items from her teaching career.   |
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Goldsby Goza was a long time Spanish teacher at Mercedes High School, helped perform research for historical markers, and had a general interest in Mercedes history. She was listed in the book 100 Women of the Rio Grande Valley. The collection was donated by Ms. .Goza's granddaughter Gretchen Breen.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The collection primarily consists of the Goldsby Goza's historical research including notes from oral history interviews. There are also some personal documents and items from her teaching career.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**(F:17) RGDOC 1029 Gretchen Breen Collection**

2022.025.001 A.D. Beatty vs. Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Co. 1935  
2022.025.002 Advertisement for Harmony Hill Citrus Grove and Garden Apartments in Mercedes  
2022.025.003 A.G. Garcia and Bros. Store  
2022.025.004 American Rio Grande Land Co. Building by Imelda T. Guerra  
2022.025.005 Announcement of Commencement Exercises for Mercedes High School-May 27, 1977  
2022.025.006 Biography of John Closner by Jack R. Magness  
2022.025.007 Biography of Edward H. Diehl  
2022.025.008 Caballero House  
2022.025.009 Early days of South Padre Island  
2022.025.010 Envelope from Rio Grande Grain Co., Mercedes, Texas  
2022.025.011 Christian Science Church History  
2022.025.012 Correspondence from Jeanne Luily, 1979  
2022.025.013 Correspondence from Maxine Schrepel, 1982  
2022.025.014 Early Days in the Packing Shed by C.A. Ripley  
2022.025.015 Father Keralum  
2022.025.016 H & H Meat Products, April 1977  
2022.025.017 Hethock House  
2022.025.018 History of Irrigation in RGV  
2022.025.019 History Marks Mid-Valley Bicentennial Celebration – July 4, 1976  
2022.025.020 History of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show 1940-1981  
2022.025.021 The Horcon Matter  
2022.025.022 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mercedes  
2022.025.023 Information about ice plant from Rube Keener  
2022.025.024 Josefina Perez research paper on Cesar Chavez  
2022.025.025 List of Methodist Churches in Hidalgo County 1982  
2022.025.026 The Little Barefooted Meat Peddler From Reynosa by Sam Huddleston  
2022.025.027 The Los Ebanos Study Club  
2022.025.028 Los Ebanos Study Club Yearbook, 1935  
2022.025.029 Mercedes Lodge by Hoyt Hager Jr., April 1982  
2022.025.030 Mercedes – Queen City  
2022.025.031 Mercedes Schools  
2022.025.032 Newspaper article, undated: How Brownsville Raid Changed Life of Black GI  
2022.025.033 Notes on Mercedes  
2022.025.034 Notes about Relampago  
2022.025.035 Notes on Santa Ana Refuge  
2022.025.036 Old Ranch Cemeteries are History  
2022.025.037 Outline for Town History  
2022.025.038 Poll Tax Advertisements, 1929-30 from Hidalgo County Bank & Trust  
2022.025.039 Program from 1984 Mercedes Chamber of Commerce Banquet  
2022.025.040 Program for Mercedes Silver Anniversary Celebration 1932  
2022.025.041 Ridenour House  
2022.025.042 Sales Brochure for Pomelo Gardens Company, Mercedes  
2022.025.043 Schedule of events for Mercedes 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, September, 1982  
2022.025.044 Schrank family biographies  
2022.025.045 J.P. Silver home  
2022.025.046 Some Adventures of Manuel Josefina Gutierrez from 1910-1940  
2022.025.047 Stotler Mortuary  
2022.025.048 Weslaco City Hall  
2022.025.049 Women's Study Club of Mercedes, 1916-17  
2022.025.050 Interview with Dewey Acker 4/19/1980  
2022.025.051 Notes from Interview with Emilia Aguilar de Salazar – August 9, 1982  
2022.025.052 Information About Citrus Fruit Coloring Rooms from Clark Atteberry of Mercedes

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2022.025.053 Notes on Mercedes Police Station (formerly City Hall) from 1978 Interview with Clark Atteberry  
2022.025.054 Interview with Camila Castaneda 1/10/1980  
2022.025.055 Memories of early Mercedes from Mrs. Adee de Chronic  
2022.025.056 Memories of early Mercedes from Beatrice Collier, 1980 including invitation to 1915 Mercedes High School commencement  
2022.025.057 Interview with Ada C. Council – June 17, 1978  
2022.025.058 Notes from Mary Lee Kern Ewing 2/14/1980  
2022.025.059 Folklore of Valley – Dr. Glazer (notes)  
2022.025.060 Notes from telephone interview with Marian Haslam 11/2/1980 from Philadelphia  
2022.025.061 Notes on interview with Gaspar Hinojosa – December 14, 1984  
2022.025.062 Notes from oral interview with Mrs. Dave Jones 2/10/1980  
2022.025.063 Transcription of Rube Keener's Interview – March 31, 1982  
2022.025.064 Telephone interview with Vic Marava – November 1980  
2022.025.065 Marian's notes on early Mercedes history  
2022.025.066 Memories of Mercedes by Merie Emerson Melcher  
2022.025.067 Memories of early Mercedes by person identified a "H"  
2022.025.068 Memories of unidentified person working in grocery business  
2022.025.069 Lorene Morrow's Story of 1918 in Mercedes  
2022.025.070 Notes from interview with Belinda Cavazos Olivarez  
2022.025.071 Lucile Perkins notes 1980-81  
2022.025.072 Mrs. Reiss memories of Mercedes, written in fall of 1970 at age 99  
2022.025.073 Maxine Scotton's stories of early Mercedes  
2022.025.074 Interview with Homer Settles 2/1/1980  
2022.025.075 Interview with Beulah Stuart – Nov. 24, 1979  
2022.025.076 Interview notes from Ben Tucker about soldier camps around Mercedes – 8/8/1978  
2022.025.1182 Letter from U.S. Marshal John Rankin to Anacleto de la Cruz  
2022.025.1183 Brochure about the Lon C. Hill home  
2022.025.1184 La Posada Motor Hotel dedication ceremonies of the Casa de Palmas Hotel as a record Texas Historical Landmark-January 17, 1980  
2022.025.1185 Suggestions for LRGV Development Council inventory of historic structures, 1977  
2022.025.1186 Hidalgo County car caravan tour  
2022.025.1187 Goza's memory joggers for interviews  
2022.025.1188 Newspaper articles about Hurricane Allen and Hurricane Beulah

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2022.025.077 Hidalgo County Historical Commission By-Laws, 1981  
2022.025.078 Press release about dedication of historical marker for Hidalgo County Bank and Trust Company, 1982  
2022.025.079 Historical marker for The Hidalgo County Bank & Trust Company, 1982  
2022.025.080 Hidalgo County Historical Commission Annual Report 1982  
2022.025.081 Archives Alert brochure, 1983  
2022.025.082 Hidalgo County Historical Commission annual report, 1983  
2022.025.083 Hidalgo County Historical Commission meeting minutes, 1983-84  
2022.025.084 Dedication of Texas Historical Marker for Jackson Ranch Church, May 20, 1984  
2022.025.085 Dedication of Texas Historical Marker for the Vela Building – July 8, 1984  
2022.025.086 Letter appointing Goldsby Goza as member of Hidalgo County Historical Commission, 1985  
2022.025.087 Hidalgo County Historical Commission Newsletters – 1981-85  
2022.025.088 Memorial Service and dedication of historical marker, Tampacuas Cemetery – November 5, 1988  
2022.025.089 Application for Texas Historical Marker for the American Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Company  
2022.025.090 1959 yearbook of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and Northern Mexico (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition)

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2022.025.091 Apportionment of the waters of the Rio Grande and Colorado Rivers International Water Commission United States and Mexico  
2022.025.092 Cavalcade of the Rio Grande Valley, 1937  
2022.025.093 Chain of title in the Llano Grande Grant  
2022.025.094 Book: The Early Life of Ben D. Wood  
2022.025.095 Notes on chain of title to Llano Grande grant  
2022.025.096 Book: A Parish Remembers – Fifty Years of Oblate Endeavour in the Valley of the Rio Grande (1909-1959)  
2022.025.097 Soldiers in the Valley: 1916-1917  
2022.025.098 The Story of La Lomita Chapel  
2022.025.099 Announcement of grant awarded to Goldsby Goza to attend the Summer Seminar for American Teachers of Spanish in Colombia  
2022.025.100 Biographical notes about Goldsby Goza  
2022.025.101 Business card for Wm. Lingenbrink, Mayor, Mercedes, Texas  
2022.025.102 Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mrs. Goldsby Goza by the students of Mercedes High School – April 20, 1960  
2022.025.103 Certification that Goldsby Goza completed the Summer Institute in Foreign Languages – August 14, 1959  
2022.025.104 Certification that Goldsby Goz attended Mexican-American curriculum workshop, February 1973  
2022.025.105 Certificate of Achievement issued to Goldsby Goza for earning credits in conversational French from Pan American University, 1978  
2022.025.106 Edw. H. Diehl account of October 1919 Flood  
2022.025.107 Hidalgo County Bank Checks written by Edw. H. Diehl, 1912+1914  
2022.025.108 In Memoriam – Dr. Edward Schoonmaker, 1871-1915  
2022.025.109 La Lengua publicada por la clase de Español II-4, Dec. 1960  
2022.025.110 La Lengua, May 1968  
2022.025.111 La Lengua publicada por la clase de Español IV, May 1969  
2022.025.112 La Lengua publicada por la clase de Español IV, May 1971  
2022.025.113 La Lengua publicada por la clase de español IV, Mayo 1972  
2022.025.114 Letter from Goldsby Goza to the Board of Mercedes Independent School District – March 8, 1971  
2022.025.115 Letter from Linda Teuling of KVMV radio to Goldsby Goza, April 1981  
2022.025.116 Mercedes Publi School report card for Goldsby Poag, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
2022.025.117 Newspaper clipping about inclusion in “100 Women of the Rio Grande Valley”, 1983  
2022.025.118 Newspaper clippings about winning Mercedes Chamber of Commerce “Woman of the Year” for 1983  
2022.025.119 Note to E.H. Diehl from Dr. Chas. Buck about needing a ride to treat a boy bitten by a rattlesnake in La Feria  
2022.025.120 Program for graduating exercises of Mercedes High School – May 1927  
2022.025.121 Report cards from Mercedes Public Schools for Marian Riess, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade, 1912-13  
2022.025.122 Retirement card from Betty La Budie  
2022.025.123 Retirement letter from Karen, Jason & John – May 27, 1977  
2022.025.124 Souvenir from Sunflower School, 1899  
2022.025.125 Teacher’s contracts between Mercedes Independent School District and Marion Riess, 1916- 22  
2022.025.126 Book: This Is Your Life presented by the Mercedes High School Senior class to Goldsby Goza – May 18, 1977

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2022.025.127 H&H Meat Products newsletter, loss of Salvador Hinojosa, September 1976  
2022.025.128 What happened to the ice house?  
2022.025.129 Dr. Marion Lawler  
2022.025.130 Charter & Amendments American Rio Grande Land & Irrigation Company  
2022.025.131 Articles of Incorporation for American Rio Grande Land & Irrigation Company, 1905



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2022.025.132 Founding paperwork for American Rio Grande Land & Irrigation Company, 1906  
2022.025.133 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper – 1920s  
2022.025.134 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper – 1930s  
2022.025.135 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper – 1942  
2022.025.136 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper – 1943  
2022.025.137 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper – 1944  
2022.025.138 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper—1945  
2022.025.139 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper—1946  
2022.025.140 The Tiger-Mercedes High School newspaper—1947