An Inventory of the Papers of
Mary Edna Reynolds Guerber

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Geographical Information

The Guerber collection concerns a family of three generations. William Thompson Reynolds, a miner, appeared in Georgetown in 1867, where in 1873 he married Harriet Amelia (or possibly Amelia Harriet) Nash. Her sister, Emma Nash married William B. Jacobs and the two couples lived in Georgetown for many years. Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Reynolds had two brothers, Samuel and Henry, who were Georgetown businessmen.

William and Harriet Reynolds had four children, Alice Emma, born 1876, Willard who died at the age of two, Howard Smedley, born 1880, and Mary Edna, born 1888.

Members of the family were active in the life of Georgetown, including musical activities and the Shakespeare Club. The Reynolds’s moved to Boulder around 1900, where their children followed musical careers.

Alice was a schoolteacher and a private teacher of piano. A large share of the collection consists of her teaching materials and personal remembrances. She also collected souvenirs of the rest of the family, particularly concerning her mother Howard.

Howard was an accomplished violinist, trained in Boston. He taught in the Conservatory of Music at the State College in Fort Collins and the University of Colorado College of Music. He married and had one child.

Mary was a musician as well, but appears not to have been a professional. She married Arnold Jay Guerber and had two children. Mary Reynolds Guerber was the depositor which bears her name.
Chronology

1836  William Thompson Reynolds born
1844  William Jacobs born
1850  Emma Nash born
1853  Harriet Amelia Nash born
1867  William Thompson Reynolds in Georgetown
1873  William T. Reynolds & Harriet Nash marry
1874  William Jacobs & Emma Nash marry
1875  Alice Emma Reynolds born
1877  Williard Reynolds died at 2 years of age
1880  Howard Smedley Reynolds born
1888  Mary Edna Reynolds born
?    Howard Reynolds & Nannis Murchison marry
?    Mary Edna Reynolds & Arnold Jay Guerber marry
1918  William T. Reynolds died
1923  Alice Louise Guerber born to Mary Edna & Arnold Jacobs
?    Howard Paul Guerber born to Mary Edna & Arnold Jacobs
1927  Harriet Nash Reynolds died
?    Vida Reynolds born to Howard & Nannie Reynolds
1956  Mary Edna Reynolds died
1964  Edna Emma Reynolds died
Scope and Content

The dates of the papers begin in the 1860’s and run to 1956. The formats are correspondence, clippings, recital programs, academic catalogs, and a biographical narrative. Several scrapbooks contain clippings, mementos and postcards. Alice’s literary materials are voluminous.

The life of Georgetown is documented in detail in the scrapbooks of clippings. In addition there is specific information about the family.

The two series titles are:
  I. The family in Georgetown
  II. Individual family members

Extractions were made in two forms: Photographs which went to the Photography Department of the Hart Library: and a group of small artifacts conveyed to Decorative Arts of The Colorado Historical Society.
Box I  
Series I – Family in Georgetown  
Scrapbook I – Cover “Jacob Cabin”  
   Newspaper clips re: Georgetown  
Scrapbook II – Flowers on cover  
   Newspaper clips re: Georgetown  
Clippings found loose in Scrapbook II  
Scrapbooks – “Dirty”  1860’s-90’s  
Clippings – found loose in Scrapbook Dirty  
Papers – Early Georgetown  1877-1956  
Minutes & Bylaws – Shakespeare Club  1884-92  
Programs – Shakespeare Club  1892-95 & nd  
Series II – Individual family members  
Wm. & Emma Nash Jacobs – Copy book – nd  
   Clippings, etc. 1886-1914  
Wm. T. & Harriett Nash Reynolds – Narrative geneology  
   Clippings, etc.  1869,1918, nd  
Alice Emma Reynolds – Autographed book 1886  
   Teaching certificates  1896-1917  
   Scrapbook  1896-1921  
   Georgetown HS yearbooks  1901-04  
   Recommendation letters  1904  

Box II  
Alice Emma Reynolds – Diary 1912-56  
   State Prepatory School of CO – 1922-  
   Misc. teaching materials grade school nd  
   Music teacher’s certifications  1922-26  
   CO Music Teachers Assoc.  1925-29  
      Convention, 1926  
   Recital Programs  1919-25  
   Music teaching schedules nd  
   Boulder Conservatory of Music nd  
   Music teaching notes nd  
   Scrapbook pages nd  
   Printed matter nd  
   Musicians & Composers nd  
      “BenHue” papers nd  
      “Chanticler” Souvenir program nd  
   Insurance dispute  1923, nd  
   Correspondence nd  
   Clippings nd  
   Clippings  1929, 34  
   Souvenirs nd  

Box III
Alice Emma Reynolds – Scrapbook quotations
  Loose clippings from scrapbook quotes
  Postcard albums
  Postcards loose from album
Howard Smedley Reynolds – Biographical material, 1895 & nd
  Conservatory of Music
  State Agricultural College 1910,17 & nd
  University of CO, College of Music 1924
  Musical Programs 1912-30 & nd
Howard Smedley Reynolds – Correspondence 1903,12,18 & nd
  Clippings & nd
Mary Reynolds Guerber – Clippings, etc. 1918 & nd

Extractions
  6½” square box of jewelry and coaiks, some deperation written by Alice Emma Reynolds and her sister, Mary Edna Reynolds Guerber, who was the donor of the collection.
    1. Long braided string of ked heads
    2. Two decorative combs
    3. Silver bracelet
    4. Small button hook with stone head
    5. Broken pin in the shape of an axe
    6. Watch chain slide
    7. Two-part pin of grey metal with chain
    8. Three pages of descrip time notes

Manilla envelope 10”x6½” containing sewing patterns
Rubber stamp 2” x 1½” x ¾”
  “W.J. Reynolds”
Photographs
  Identified family members:
    William T. Reynolds (6)
    Harriet Nash Reynolds (4)
    Emma Nash Jacobs (3)
    Alice Emma Reynolds (2)
    Howard Smedley Reynolds (10)
  Unidentified:
    In 3 envelopes (13) (1) (1)
    Loose (8)
    In one envelope marked Susan Walker (1)