

**An Inventory of the Papers of
Mary Edna Reynolds Guerber**

Collection Number 279

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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.

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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 genealogy
 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 Preparatory 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
 “Chanticleer” 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 deperption 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)