

Baylor University . The Texas Collection

Georgia Jenkins Burleson Collection. Inclusive: circa 1850-1934, undated, Bulk: circa 1850- circa 1870

Summary Information

Creator	Burleson, Georgia Jenkins
Extent (quantity/size)	One folder and one oversized box.
Language	English
Abstract	The Georgia Jenkins Burleson Collection consists of a keepsake album, a diary transcript, a speech transcript, a music book, and <i>The Evergreen</i> .

Subjects

Baptist Women. / Baylor University -- History. / Baylor University (Independence, Tex.) -- History. / Burleson, Georgia Jenkins, 1833-1924. / Women -- United States -- Diaries. / Women pioneers -- Texas.

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Georgia Jenkins Burleson Collection, Accession #136, Box#, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

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Scope and Content

The Georgia Jenkins Burleson Collection was acquired through two transfers. The first transfer, from The Texas Collection Archives uncatalogued holdings at an unknown date, consisted of one album. The second transfer, from The Texas Collection Library at an unknown date, consisted of a music book. The remaining items in the collection, *The Evergreen* and the transcripts, were acquired at an unknown date and are not documented in the control file.

The Literary Production series is the largest in the collection and includes *The Evergreen*, a gift book with a collection of short stories published in the 1850s. The series also contains a diary transcript and a speech transcript. The diary transcript describes two trips taken by Burleson and her husband. The first was an account of traveling to Gonzales, Texas, for the Baptist State Convention in 1855 January. The second account describes a trip taken to Waco, Texas, for a Waco Baptist Association meeting in 1857 October. Both travel logs document Burleson's impressions of travel conditions such as scenery, roads, and lodging accommodations. They also give insight into the life of a Texas minister's wife. The speech transcript was taken from an address delivered to the Waco Baptist Association in 1934 October by Richard A. Burleson, son of Georgia Burleson. In the speech, Richard refers to an excerpt from his mother's diary. The excerpt is of the trip to Waco for the Baptist Association Meeting. Richard dates the trip as 1859 rather than the 1857 date listed in the diary transcript.

The Scrapbook series has a scrapbook that has two entries and one letter written from Mollie Burrells to Georgia Burleson. The album also contains four pencil sketches including one of Baylor University at Independence, Texas.

Administrative/Biographical History

Georgia Jenkins Burleson was born in Merriweather, Georgia, to Judge Pleasant C. and Harriet Daniel Jenkins, in 1833 September. She moved to Washington-on-the-Brazos, Texas, in 1836. In 1852 she graduated from Judson Female Institute in Marion, Alabama. A year later Georgia married Rufus Columbus Burleson on 1853 January 3 in Independence, Texas.

The family moved to Waco, Texas, in 1861, when Rufus Burleson became president of Waco University. Georgia Burleson was active in the community, serving as a charter member of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church and also as a matron at Baylor University. She was the mother of five children. Only two of her children survived adolescence, Hallie Byrd Burleson and Richard Adair Burleson. She died on 1924 June 11. The second oldest building at Baylor University, built in 1887, was named Georgia Burleson Hall in her honor.

Related Resources

Summary of related Archive materials

The Burleson (Rufus Columbus) Collection also contains materials related to Georgia Jenkins Burleson. See Box 15, Folder 3, titled Correspondence: Georgia Jenkins Burleson.

There are several photographs of Georgia Burleson in the General Photograph Files.

Related citations

Burleson Family Genealogical Materials Vertical File, Folder 2. The Texas Collection, Baylor University.
Kelley, Daton, ed. *The Handbook of Waco and McLennan County, Texas* (Waco, TX: Texian Press, 1972), 42-43.
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Reynolds, J. A. "Burleson, Rufus Columbus," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbu44>), accessed September 11, 2012. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
Texas Historical Commission, *Georgia Burleson and Early Female Education at Baylor Historical Marker 15767*.

Archival Arrangement

The Georgia Jenkins Burleson Collection was organized prior to this finding aid, but there was no inventory of the collection or finding aid available at time of processing. None of the existing folder titles were kept.

Currently, the Georgia Jenkins Burleson Collection is arranged in two series: I. Literary Productions, II. Scrapbook.

Series 1. Literary Productions. circa 1850-1934

Administrative/Biographical History	The Literary Productions series contains transcripts, a music book that belonged to Georgia Jenkins Burleson, and <u>The Evergreen</u> . This series is in poor to average condition.
Inventory	Box 1. Folder 1. Literary: Transcripts, 1855-1934 Box 2. Folder 1. Literary: Music Book, undated Box 2. Folder 2. Literary: The Evergreen, circa 1850

Series 2. Scrapbook. undated

Administrative/Biographical History	The Scrapbook series contains one scrapbook that belonged to Georgia Jenkins Burleson. The scrapbook has two entries and one letter written from Mollie Burrells to Burleson. The album also contains four pencil sketches including one of Baylor University at Independence.
Inventory	Box 2. Folder 3. Scrapbook: Scrapbook, undated