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Bertie Routh Barron Papers. 1897-1972, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Barron, Bertie Routh Webb, 1880 - 1914 (Creator)
Extent (quantity/size)	2 document boxes.
Language	English
Abstract	The Bertie Routh Barron Papers contains correspondence, financial documents, literary productions and photographic materials pertaining to the life of Bertie Routh Barron, particularly the time she spent at Baylor Female College.

Subjects

Baylor Female College -- History. / Baylor University -- History. / Education, Higher -- Texas -- History/ Universities and colleges -- Texas -- Waco -- History.

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content

The Bertie Routh Barron Papers were transferred from uncatalogued holdings on 1976 April 13. Included in the collection are correspondence, financial statements regarding Bertie's expenses while at Baylor Female College, a history of the Jacob Routh Pioneer Cemetery as well as a history of First Baptist Church of Plano. This collection begins in 1897, when Bertie moves to Belton. The Correspondence series is by far the largest series of the collection. Also included are portraits of Bertie Barron and her parents, James M. and Virginia "Jennie" Barron.

Administrative/Biographical History

This collection centers around Bertie Routh Barron, who attended Baylor Female College for three years in the 1890s. Baylor Female College would eventually become the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Barron wrote many letters to her family in Plano, Texas, during her time in Belton, and it is these letters that serve as a centerpiece for this collection. These papers are unique in that they provide an insight into women's higher education during the turn of the century.

Bertie Routh Barron was born in Plano, Texas, in 1880 to James M. and Virginia "Jennie" Barron. Her family was active at First Baptist Church Plano, so it is not surprising that she would attend a Baptist college. During her time at Baylor Female College, Bertie wrote of many aspects of life in the female college. She recounts her experiences with professors, meals, grades, church, roommates, and traveling, allowing the reader a window into her world. Other documents and photographs included in these papers describe college grading, the costs of attending college, and relationships within the Barron family.

After graduating from Baylor Female College in 1900, Bertie went on to marry Alanzo Webb and the couple had one child, Robert B. Webb. She died in 1916, but her letters remain as a tool for understanding the life of a college-aged woman in Texas in the 1890s. The Bertie Routh Barron Papers are a valuable tool to any researcher interested in the history of the Baylor Female College or women's higher education at the turn of the century.

Related Resources

Related citations

James, Eleanor. "University of Mary Hardin-Baylor." *Handbook of Texas Online*. Accessed August 16, 2012.
 Mabry, Meriworth McMillan. *University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Sesquicentennial, 1845-1995*. [Belton, Tex: The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 1994.] [book]
 Winfred A. Cheaney. *Chapters From Life: A Tale of Our Baylor*. Florence, MA: The Bryant Printing Company, 1898. [book]

Archival Arrangement

Prior to this finding aid, the Bertie Routh Barron Papers were organized chronologically and according to type. A comprehensive inventory was available, and a finding aid had been written. This collection is arranged in four series: I. Correspondence, II. Financial Documents, III. Literary Materials, and IV: Photographic Materials.

Series 1. Correspondence. 1897-1900

Administrative/Biographical History This series contains correspondence from and about Bertie Routh Barron accounting for her time spent at Baylor Female College. Within the correspondence, Bertie relates stories of her academic pursuits, friendships and living conditions at the university. This series also includes correspondence from Baylor Female College to Bertie's father, James M. Barron and various correspondence from Barron family members. This is the largest series in the Bertie Routh Barron Papers. It is in good condition.

Inventory

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1897
September 12- September 23
Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1897
October 2- October 25
Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1897
October 31- November 22
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1897
December 5- December 17
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
January 11- January 23
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
January 30- February 13
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
February 20- March 12
Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
March 20- April 3
Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
April 10- May 8
Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
September 10- September 18
Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
September 25- October 9
Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
October 16- October 30
Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
November 6- November 20
Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence: Bertie Routh Barron to Family, 1898
November 27- December 19
Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence: Baylor Female College to James M.
Barron, 1898-1900
Box 2. Folder 5. Correspondence: General, 1884 March 14- September 30
Box 2. Folder 6. Correspondence: General, 1885 February 24- March 15

Series 2. Financial Documents. 1898-1900

Administrative/Biographical History This series includes financial statements from Baylor Female College regarding Bertie's schooling. Included are listings of all expenses she incurred. This series is in excellent condition.

Inventory Box 2. Folder 7. Financial Documents: School Records, 1898-1900

Series 3. Literary Productions. 1899-1972, undated

Administrative/Biographical History This series includes grade reports, newspaper clippings and two essays regarding Bertie Routh Barron's matriculation at Baylor Female College. This series is in good condition.

Inventory Box 2. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Grade Reports, 1899-1900
Box 2. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Clippings, 1930-1972
Box 2. Folder 10. Literary Productions: History of First Baptist Church in Plano, undated
Box 2. Folder 11. Literary Productions: "The Jacob Routh Pioneer Cemetery", undated
Box 2. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Keith Krawczynski: "Bertie Baylor: Student Life at Baylor Female College in the Late 1890s", 12/11/1986

Series 4. Photographic Materials. 1906, undated

Administrative/Biographical History This series includes portraits of Bertie Routh Barron and her parents, James M. and Virginia "Jennie" Barron. This series is in good condition.

Inventory Box 2. Folder 13. Photographic Materials: Portraits, 1906, undated