The Roxie Henderson Collection was acquired as a gift in one transaction from Roxie Henderson in 1940 November 19. This collection's contents begin in 1852 and end in 1919. The Collected Materials series is the largest in the collection.

Administrative/Biographical History
Roxie Henderson was from West, Texas, and attended Baylor University from 1917-1920. In 1920, she received her Bachelor's Degree from Baylor University in education. While at Baylor, Henderson was a very active member of the Baylor student community. She was a participating member and secretary of the Overseas Club for which she hosted numerous meetings and parties in her home. Henderson also served overseas during World War I as a nurse in the American Expeditionary Forces and as a member of the American Red Cross. During World War I, the American Red Cross experienced phenomenal growth and helped staff hospitals, ambulance companies, and provided national and international relief. Throughout the war, more than eighteen thousand Red Cross nurses served in the Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

The majority of Henderson's time overseas was spent in France. While abroad, Henderson stayed in contact with Baylor University through the university's publications, The Lariat and The Daily Lariat. In her column in the newspaper, she wrote on her experiences overseas, her travels, her time in the Officers' Club, her observations of the troops and her experiences while serving in hospitals. Overall, she spoke highly of her time overseas. Henderson also worked as a travelling representative in France for the vocational education department for disabled soldiers. She was one of twenty-five representatives in France.

Henderson was a wide collector of various items that ranged from autographs of historical figures, postcards dating to the World War I period, and letters with historical signatures. The collection has one letter from William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody and another from Daniel Webster.

Roxie Henderson passed away on 1941 August 8, and is buried in Vaughan Cemetery in Hill County, Texas.

Related Resources
Related citations
Archival Arrangement
The Roxie Henderson Collection was not organized prior to this finding aid. All of the items were compiled into one folder. There were two incomplete inventories. Currently, the Roxie Henderson Collection is arranged in two series: I. Personal and II. Collected Materials.

Series 1: Personal. 1887-1888, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
The Personal Series contains the personal items of Roxie Henderson. This includes her autograph book, her bible and a collection of historical signatures. The materials are in good condition.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 1. Personal: Bible, undated
Box 1. Folder 2. Personal: Autograph Book, 1887-1888
Box 1. Folder 3. Personal: Historical Signatures, undated

Series 2: Collected Materials. 1852-1919, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
The Collected Materials Series contains items collected by Roxie Henderson. These items include letters from William Frederick “Buffalo Bill” Cody and Daniel Webster, an American Red Cross pamphlet, World War I era postcards and editions of The Stars and Stripes and The New York Herald. The materials are in good condition.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 4. Collected Materials: Letters, 1852 and undated
Box 1. Folder 5. Collected Materials: Pamphlets, 1919