

BIRDIE STEWART McKENZIE AND FAMILY PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size	1.5 linear feet, 4 volumes.
Geographic Locations	Pollock, La. ; Dhule, India.
Inclusive Dates	1905-1981, undated.
Bulk Dates	1911-1964.
Languages	English.
Summary	The Birdie Stewart McKenzie and Family Papers contain manuscript materials collected by the Stewart family, a prominent family active in the Pollock, Louisiana community. This collection contains materials such as family papers and records, correspondence, photographs, and manuscript volumes.
Access Restrictions	Oversized scrapbook in box 3 is fragile. Please use scan printouts.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Birdie Stewart McKenzie was born on August 16, 1897, in Pineville, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. She was one of nine children of Aberdeen Wilson (A.W.) Stewart (1860-1920) and Emma Roberts Stewart (1859-1946). In 1925 she married Everett M. (E.M.) McKenzie (1894-1972). Birdie Stewart McKenzie was a graduate of Meridian College Conservatory of Music in Meridian, Mississippi, where she received a degree in voice and piano. She was also a veteran of the Army Nurses Corps during World War II and a member of the Methodist Protestant Church in Pollock, Louisiana. Her father, A.W. Stewart, was a prominent member of society in Pollock, Louisiana—a lumberman, merchant, and philanthropist; he contributed a lot of time and money to the community. Most notably, A.W. Stewart participated heavily in church building and financially supported two missionaries in Dhule, India for the Methodist Protestant Church in Pollock, Louisiana. Birdie Stewart McKenzie's sister Mollye Stewart (1884-1974) was also a prominent church member and held several executive positions. Birdie Stewart McKenzie died on May 11, 1981, at age 83.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Birdie Stewart McKenzie and Family Papers contain manuscript materials collected by multiple members of the Stewart family, spanning 1905-1981. This collection contains family papers and records (found in Series I, box 1), which include correspondence of multiple family members, licenses, programs, certificates, and assorted clippings. This collection also contains photographs of Stewart family members and related people (found in Series II, box 2), an oversized scrapbook that belonged to Birdie Stewart McKenzie (found in Series III, box 3), as well as manuscript volumes (found in Series III).

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Papers, (1905-1967, undated)

Series II. Photographs, (circa 1910-1949)

Series III. Volumes, (1908-1944)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**Series I. Papers, (1905-1967)**

Series I (found in box 1) contains papers and records collected by the Stewart family, arranged chronologically. Included in this series are correspondence of multiple Stewart family members (box 1, folders 2-4). In addition to family correspondence, these records also include correspondence from and regarding the Methodist Protestant Church mission in Dhule, India, which was supported in part by A.W. Stewart (box 1, folder 1), as well as letters to Birdie Stewart McKenzie's niece Evelyn Stewart Young (1913-2000) from Mattie Mae Johnson (dates unknown) (box 1, folders 5-7). The Mattie Mae Johnson letters were originally accessioned as a separate collection but have been included here as many of the letters reference various Stewart family members. Also in this series are retail merchant licenses, church programs, coursework certificates, and assorted clippings (box 1, folders 8-14).

Series II. Photographs, (circa 1910-1949)

Series II (found in box 2) contains photographs collected by the Stewart family, arranged by subject. Included in this series are photographs of multiple Stewart family members (box 2, folders 1 and 4-6), and of unidentified subjects (box 2, folders 2-3 and 7-10). These photographs do not include exact dates but are estimated to be dated around the 1910s to 1940s. This series also contains two panoramic photographs, housed in an oversized folder separate from the rest of the photographs (OS:M). One of the panoramic photographs was taken at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1932 and the other panoramic was taken at Camp Beauregard in Louisiana, circa 1940s.

Series III. Volumes, (1908-1944)

Series III contains manuscript and published volumes collected by the Stewart family, arranged chronologically. Included in this series are diaries that belonged to Birdie Stewart McKenzie (volumes 2 and 4), a 1928 memorial volume for the Methodist Protestant Church (volume 3), *The Lure of the Indian Country and a Romance of its Great Resort* by Oleta Littleheart (volume 1), as well as disassembled pages from one of Birdie Stewart McKenzie's scrapbooks from the years 1915-1917 (box 1, folders 13 and 14) and a 1922 oversized scrapbook of Birdie Stewart McKenzie (box 3). The oversized scrapbook contains an assortment of clippings, letters, envelopes, photographs, programs, and collage assorted by Birdie Stewart McKenzie related to her life and family. Due to the fragility of the oversized scrapbook, it was disassembled, and each page was placed in separate folders. Additionally, to preserve the contents of the scrapbook, each page was digitally scanned; the color scans were then printed on archival grade acid-free paper (found in box 1, folder 15). Due to the fragility of the oversized scrapbook, patrons are urged to use the color printouts unless research is specifically contingent on examination of its contents

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the series indicated, as represented by their numbers.

Family portraits.	II
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Methodist Protestant Church (U.S. : 1830-1939)--Missions--India--Dhule.	I
Pollock (La.)--Social life and customs--20th century.	I - III
Portrait photography.	II
Scrapbooks.	III

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)/Volume</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
		Series I. Papers, (1905-1981, undated)	
32:104	1	1-7	Correspondence, (1907-1981)
		8	Retail merchant licenses, (1905-1909)
		9	Church programs, (1919-1935)
		10	Coursework certificates, (1941-1967)
		11	Catahoula Parish township diagram, (undated)
		12	Clippings, (undated)
		Series II. Photographs, (circa 1910-1949)	
	2	1, 4-6	Stewart family, (circa 1910-1949)
		2-3, 7-10	Unknown subjects, (circa 1910-1949)
OS:M	--	1	Panoramic photograph: Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, (1932)
			Panoramic photograph: 338 Motortruck Co. at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, (circa 1940s)
		Series III. Volumes, (1908-1944)	
32:104	1	13-14	Disassembled pages from scrapbook of Birdie Stewart McKenzie, (1915-1917)
		15	Scans of oversized scrapbook of Birdie Stewart McKenzie, (1922)
	3	1-28	Oversized scrapbook of Birdie Stewart McKenzie, (1922) [Note: Due to fragility, please use scans in box 1, folder 15 if possible.]
	--	Volume 1	<i>The Lure of Indian Country and a Romance of its Great Resort</i> by Oleta Littleheart, (1908)
		Volume 2	Diary of Birdie Stewart McKenzie, (1914)
		Volume 3	<i>The Methodist Protestant Church Centennial Memorial Volume</i> , (1928)
		Volume 4	Diary/day planner of Birdie Stewart McKenzie, (1944)