

Reference Code: MS 191

Repository: Georgia Room, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, 823 Telfair St., Augusta, Georgia 30901

Title: Mary Elizabeth Smith Hurd Collection

Date: 1913-1943

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content: 1 undated and blank colorized postcard depicting "The Bon Air Hotel, Augusta, Ga"; 1 postmarked postcard depicting "Forest Hills Hotel, Augusta, Georgia" from 1943; 1 postmarked envelope addressed to "Mary Brown, 2045 Central Ave, City" from "The City Council of Augusta, Georgia from 1919; 1 "Atlantic Coast Line" train schedule from April 1913; *Official Program and Year Book of Augusta Police and Firemen's First Annual Field Day, Augusta, Georgia* dated September 7, 1925; 1 canvas bank deposit bag from "Georgia Railroad Bank & Trust Company, Augusta, Georgia; Augusta Chronicle clipping from Friday, October 4, 1929 titled, "Levee Commission Proves Boon; 'Powerless' Body Averts Flood."

Items donated 2 December 2024: Two (2) photos taken by Joyce Hurd Christian's uncle Everett Hurd showing "colored" sign above train depot in Augusta, Georgia. Photo taken in January 1956; second photo showing "whites only" sign in Augusta, Georgia laundry business window. Possibly the Greene Street Laundromat at 401 Greene Street. Photo taken in 1967. Third photo in collection was taken c.1919 and shows Mary Elizabeth Smith Hurd standing against a tree above a Telfair St. sign. Additional items are a WWI draft registration card issued to McKinley Neece Harmon (no relation to Hurd family); 1841 Augusta City Directory (reproduction); Augusta Bicentennial Pageant Book from 1935; newsletter (1950s) published and distributed by the League of White Voters of Augusta, Ga.; Camp Gordon scarf with U. S. Army insignia.

Name of Creator: Mary Elizabeth Smith Hurd

Administrative/Biographical History: Items were donated on March 28, 2024 by Joyce Hurd Christian from Louisville, Kentucky. She is the granddaughter of Joyce Hurd Brandeis who the items belonged to. Joyce Hurd Brandeis was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1893 but relocated to Louisville, Kentucky in early adulthood.

Additional items were donated via mail on 2 December 2024.

Conditions governing access: Restricted. Material is fragile. Police and Firemen's Year Book could be a candidate for digitization, as a complement to the Augusta Fire Department ledgers in the Digital Library of Georgia.

Related Resources:

MS 36 Picturing Augusta: historic postcards from the collection of the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System

MS 37 Historical Postcard Collection Box 1

MS 38 Historical Postcard Collection Box 2

MS 47 The City Council of Augusta, Georgia Year Books

MS 159 Augusta Fire Department Ledgers