Guide to the

**Inez Guidry Benevage Papers**

1888-1980

2.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

Collection Number 120

CITATION: The Inez Guidry Benevage Papers, Collection No. 120, Box number, Folder number, Archives and Special Collections Department, Frazar Memorial Library, McNeese State University.

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Biographical Sketch

Mrs. Inez C. Guidry Benevage was a local woman who lived in the area throughout most of her life. A native of Gibson, Louisiana, she moved to Lake Charles in the late 1920s. She was married to Anthony Benevage. She and her mother, Mattie Green Guidry owned the Wildcat Inn across from Lake Charles High School, and it was a popular meeting place for students. She and her mother collected newspaper clippings and made scrapbooks from these clippings. She died at the age of 80 in July of 1985.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains receipts, postcards, and photographs for 1888-1935 and scrapbooks of Lake Charles American Press newspaper clippings for 1942-1980. The scrapbooks were compiled by Mrs. Benevage and primarily deal with Hurricane Audrey, early Lake Charles homes, the trials of Sheriff Henry A. "Ham" Reid, Jr., and the defendants in cases of labor violence at Ellender Bridge (Hackberry) and the Jupiter Chemical Company (Lake Charles), as well as other events.

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<td>Folder of miscellaneous receipts, postcards, and photographs, 1888-1935&lt;br&gt;Scrapbook of clippings about:&lt;br&gt;• Local servicemen in World War II&lt;br&gt;• The Calcasieu River Bridge (I-10), the Lake Charles High School fire, and Boys' Village, 1951&lt;br&gt;• State and local elections, January - February 1952&lt;br&gt;• Flooding in Lake Charles, May 1953&lt;br&gt;• Hurricane Audrey, June 1957&lt;br&gt;• Hurricane Audrey, July 1957&lt;br&gt;• Earl K. Long and about Lether E. Frazar, June 1959</td>
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