Guide to the

**Watt Family Photographs**

Ca. 1915

1.27 linear feet

Collection Number 265

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Historical Sketch

Carson, Louisiana is a small logging town in Beauregard Parish. In 1902, the lumber manufacturing operations of the Central Coal & Coke Company began operating at Carson. As with most logging towns developed in this era, the lumber companies built homes, a commissary, and public buildings for their employees and managed public utilities. Most of the residents moved away after the mill closed around 1926.

Mrs. Celia Watt Weekes, her sister Mrs. Lena Watt Hardy, and Mrs. Hardy's husband, Freeman Hardy Sr. collected the photographs and postcards in this collection. Mr. Hardy was a long time employee at the sawmill in Carson and Mrs. Hardy worked in the Carson Commissary. The Hardys lived in Carson from at least 1912 until the mill closed in 1926 or 1927.

Scope and Content Note

Mrs. Weekes collected the 21 early 20th century photographs and postcards of the Carson area depicting the lumber industry, Central Coal & Coke Company buildings, houses, rivers and ponds, an ice cream parlor, automobiles, the water tower, corral, and a baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy created the photograph album including about 100 family photographs and the 4 photographs of the Carson Commissary interior (3 of which picture Mrs. Hardy).

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