Guide to the

Ida King Collette Collection
1900s-1960s

1.75 linear feet

Collection Number 85

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CITATION: The Ida King Collette Collection, No. 85, Box number, Folder number, Archives and Special Collections Department, Frazar Memorial Library, McNeese State University.
Biographical Sketch

Mrs. Collette was the wife of a Lake Charles pioneer and the daughter of Simpson Methodist Church's founder. She taught in the Calcasieu Parish school system. Collette was born in Schuyler, Nebraska on July 24, 1872, then moved to Lake Charles with her family in 1890 at the age of 17. That year she entered the old Congregational College, located on the site of the present Lake Charles-Boston High School. Two years later, she began to teach, first at Oberlin, then in a lumber camp. She then taught at Central (Elementary) School and later Fourth Ward (Elementary School), where she served as principal. Ida King Collette died on October 20, 1956. Collette Hall, a dormitory on McNeese’s campus, was named in her honor in 1966.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains postcards to various people, primarily Ida King Collette, and postcard booklets. Postcards show miscellaneous greetings and scenes from around the world including some of Lake Charles, LA, and Jennings, LA. The collection ranges from the 1900s to the 1960s.

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