Guide to the

**Guy Ward Scrapbooks**
1863; ca. 1890-1962

3.34 linear feet

Collection Number 276

Prepared by Patricia A. Threatt
March 2013

CITATION: The Guy Ward Scrapbooks, Collection No. 276, Box number, Folder number, Archives and Special Collections Department, Frazar Memorial Library, McNeese State University.
**Biographical Sketch**

Guy Ward, 1884-1962, was a national shooting champion and held several professional positions relating to firearms. Ward worked for Western Cartridge Co. and Winchester Arms as a salesman. He also worked as a civilian Assistant Inspector of Ordnance Material for the U.S. Army and was a Deputy Sheriff of Calcasieu Parish. Ward was born in Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee, where his father operated a shooting lodge. Ward won his first national amateur trapshooting championship in 1907. Over the next 40 years he won 12 national championships. From 1906 to 1914, Ward toured the country with Annie Oakley and her husband Frank Butler in their sharpshooting demonstrations. He was married to Loretta Strohe Ward and they lived in Lake Charles, 1937-1962.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Collection consists of two scrapbooks and loose photographs and documents. One scrapbook consists mostly of photographs and newspaper clippings about Ward’s professional life, shooting competitions, and hunting and fishing expeditions, but also some family documents, 1863; 1900-1962. Another scrapbook consists mostly of unidentified family snapshots, ca. 1890-1950.

**Container List**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Scrapbook, 1863; 1900-1962. Scrapbook includes letters, clippings, ephemera, and photographs depicting Ward’s professional career and hunting and fishing expeditions. Photographs depict the Lake Charles Tarpon Rodeo, the Coastal Club in Cameron Parish, and Ward’s travels across the United States and Canada. The scrapbook also includes letters from Franklin Olin, Winchester Cartridge Co., General John J. Pershing, Nobel Explosives, et al. Articles and clippings give information about Adolph Toepperwein, John Philip Sousa, Annie Oakley, et al. Family documents include a letter from Ward’s father regarding the Night Rider raid at Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee which killed Capt. Quinten Rankin, 1908, and letters regarding Ward’s grandfather’s death from an accidental shooting after the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 1863.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Scrapbook, ca. 1890-1950. Scrapbook includes family photographs and images of “Twildo,” Ward’s camp on the West Fork of the Calcasieu River on South Perkins Ferry Road in Moss Bluff, La.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>