



Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives
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Title: Celeste R. McGrew Papers

Creator: Celeste Rothenberger McGrew (1902-1990)

Dates: 1890- 1990

Quantity: 1 linear foot (2 boxes), 2 oversize items

System of Arrangement:

- Series 1: Personal Papers
- Series 2: Photographs
- Series 3: Oversize Items

Abstract: Celeste Louise Rothenberger McGrew (1902-1990) taught school in the Prescott area from 1929-1967. The McGrew Collection covers vital records, genealogy notes, correspondence, fraternal memberships, obituary clippings, Guy McGrew's military service, property/investments and photos; personal, family, ancestors and travel.

Identification: SHM MS-30

Language and Scripts of the Materials: English

Biographical History

Celeste Louise Rothenberger was born April 23, 1902, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the eldest daughter of Anna Louise Kelly and George Burgess Rothenberger, Celeste had one sister, Anna Louisa Parvin, and a brother, John William. The family moved to Colorado when Celeste was a teenager. She was educated at the Colorado State Teachers College in Greeley, Colorado, receiving a life certificate in kindergarten and primary education in June 1925.

Celeste moved to Arizona sometime after graduation and began a noted teaching career. First teaching in Groom Creek, she moved to Prescott's Lincoln School 1929. By 1936, Miss Rothenberger was instructing both the second grade and a school-wide music program. In later years, her friends would recall "her musical talent, and the special way that talent flavored her teaching." She moved to Miller Valley School about 1939 and then taught in Phoenix for two years prior to her marriage. Celeste married Guy S. McGrew, a Santa Fe Railroad engineer, on



June 1, 1941. Guy was a Prescott native, born January 7, 1893 to Margaret A. Scott and Henry C. McGrew. Guy S. McGrew died August 20, 1944.

After the sudden death of her husband, Celeste spent some time with her sister in Clarkdale, both teaching in either the Clarkdale or Ash Fork schools. By 1953, Celeste had returned to Prescott, where she taught a Washington School. Celeste retired from teaching in 1967. Celeste died on November 5, 1990 at Prescott Samaritan Village in is buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Celeste Rothenberger McGrew span the years 1858- c. 1985, with the bulk of the material dating from c. 1890- 1941. The collection consists of correspondence, journals, marriage records, membership cards, a homestead record, naturalization records, a diploma, birth certificates, death certificates, probate papers, military and pension records, clippings, and photographs.

Restrictions

None

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Related Archival Materials & Subjects

Adult Center, Prescott, (Ariz.)
Alexander, Gertrude
Archer, Galina
Ayers, Rib
[Chelly, Canyon de \(Ariz.\)](#)
Carlton Street, #118
Chapel in the Pines
Clarkdale, Ariz.



Cortez Street (North), Prescott, (Ariz.)
Courthouse Plaza, Prescott, (Ariz.)
Day, Gertrude
Eckert, Joseph H.
Edwards, Dorothy
[Glen Canyon Dam \(Ariz.\)](#)
Grace, Robby
Gurley Street, Prescott, (Ariz.)
Haines, Nora
Haines, Rosa
Huffman, Fern
[Jerome \(Ariz.\)](#)
McClymond, Dorothy
McGrew, Guy S.
McGrew, Henry C.
McGrew, Margaret A. (Scott)
McNary, (Ariz.)
Marine, Martha
Masters, Eleanor
[Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah](#)
Oak Creek Canyon, (Ariz.)
Prescott Unified School District
Rebekah Lodge #9, Prescott, (Ariz.)
Richey, Edith
Rothenberger, (Anna) Louisa
Rothenberger, Anna Louise (Kelly)
Rothenberger, Celeste McGrew
Rothenberger, George
Rowland, Grace
Ryan, Mary
Scot, Frances Jane
Sites, Wilma
Stover, Betty
Squaw Mountain, (Ariz.)
Superstition Mountains, (Ariz.)
Travers, Rev. Marshall E.
Upton, Laura
Ward, Judy
Western Star (Club)
Williams, Ella
Window Ledge (Landscape)
[Yavapai County \(Ariz.\)](#)



Administrative Information

Accession Numbers for this Collection:

96.141
99.042
2000.089

Custodial History

The materials found within this collection were personally donated by Sylvia Neely (3-16-99), Glenna Dunning (2000), and Sandra Aesobrook (9-18-1996) to the Sharlot Hall Museum. The materials were processed and placed into a standardized DACS compliant archival arrangement and organization scheme. The materials were originally cataloged using a non-standardized organization scheme in DB 165 and DB 371. A new DACS compliant number was assigned to the collection – MS 30.

Accruals

No additional accruals are expected at this time. If additional materials are accessioned on this subject they will be added to this collection.

Description Control

This collection was processed by Cellene Smith using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)* in 2014.



Container List

Title: Celeste R. McGrew Papers – SHM MS-30

Dates: 1858 - 1970

Scope and Content: This series consists of materials documenting the lives of Rothenberger, Kelly, Burgess, Tizard, Axe, McGrew and Scott families. This includes family correspondence, journals, marriage records, membership cards, homestead record, military and pension records, birth certificates, death certificates and probate records. Series 1 contains materials documenting the lives of the family.

Series 1: Personal Papers			
Box	Folder	File/Item Description	Dates
1	1	Vital Records	1858 - 1968
	2	Genealogy Notes and Clippings	1910 - 1970
	3	Correspondence	1920 - 1968
	4	Fraternal Memberships	1914 - 1949
	5	Journal, Obituaries, Residency	1939 - 1970
	6	Military Service; Guy McGrew	1917 - 1952
	7	Property and Investments	

Title: Celeste R. McGrew Papers – SHM MS-30

Dates: 1875-1985

Scope and Content: Portraits, cityscapes, “snapshots”, ancestor photos, wedding and honeymoon photos, Williamson Valley School Site.

Series 2: Photographs			
Box	Folder	File/Item Description	Dates
2	1	Portraits of Celeste and Louise Rothenberger	1903-1980
	2	McGrew and Rothenberger Ancestors	1858-1925
	3	Wedding and Honeymoon Photos	1941
	4	Photographs- Friends & Travel	1880-1973
	5	Prescott – Landscapes	1930-1975
	6	Color Photographs Friends and Family	
	7	Williamson Valley School Site	1997



Title: Celeste R. McGrew Papers – SHM MS-30

Dates: 1919-1924

Scope and Content:

Homestead Certificate, Panoramic Photograph.

Series 3 Oversize Items			
Box	Folder	File/Item Description	Dates
MS Oversize, Drawer 1	30	Homestead Certificate # 543, Application 766.	1924
MS Oversize, Drawer 1	30	Photograph; Last of the A.E.F. (American Expeditionary Forces) Home again from France.	1919