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


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.

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**Dates:** 1875-1985

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

## Series 2: Photographs

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

Dates: 1919-1924

Scope and Content:
Homestead Certificate, Panoramic Photograph.

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