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The Betty Morris Scrapbook and Materials

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Introduction to the Collection

Betty Morris, a resident of the Fountain Inn facility once located at the southeast intersection of Third Street and Sixth Avenue South, donated these materials to the Poynter Library in 2002. The original donation included a scrapbook from the late 1800s and information on a transportation concept developed in the early 1970s.

It appears that the scrapbook contains clippings and hand-copied poetry, prayers, and letters collected by Ms. Morris's mother, Gussie Palmer Morris (nee Colcock), who was the granddaughter of Benjamin Morgan Palmer, a well-known Louisiana preacher from the Civil War and Reconstruction years.

Preservation Note

Materials in this collection occupy scrapbook and file folder. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of such items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves must be worn when handling all materials in the scrapbook. While no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and fair-use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.

Provenance of the Betty Morris Scrapbook and Materials

This collection falls under the Humanities provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy 0.75 linear ft. The materials fall into two distinct categories: a scrapbook with materials from the 1890s and documents related to the AUTOMON highway concept from the early 1970s.

Outline of Materials in the Scrapbook

The scrapbook spans from approximately 1892 to at least 1900. Included in the scrapbooks are souvenirs of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago: May-October 1893:

- Program for Festival Hall Series, Thursday, September 14, 1893
- Printing from 151 year old press at World's Fair on July 24, 1893
- Rand, McNally & Co. Indexed Guide Map and Key to World's Fair Buildings, Grounds, and Exhibits with Handy Map of Chicago
- Postcards of World's Fair Buildings presented by Lehr Seven Octave Piano-Style Organs
- Biographical pamphlet for Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen,
- Newspaper columns by Catharine Cole, *Daily Picayune* writer on the World's Fair

Newspaper clippings and ephemera related to Benjamin Morgan Palmer:

- Program from 20th Annual Reunion of Benevolent Association Army of Northern Virginia, Louisiana Division, January 21, 1895: Grace given by Rev. B.M. Palmer
- *God will provide a lamb*, sermon by Dr. BM Palmer at First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La. , May 1898
- *Rebel Yell Echoes in Louisville*, Wednesday, May 30, 1900, printed speech of Dr. Palmer at the opening of the 10th Annual United Confederate Veterans' Reunion

Other clippings and ephemera:

- Article: Reprint of March 13, 1892, *Daily Picayune*, "The Haunted House: Its interesting history and strange romance, events in the life of Madame LaLaurie called to mind, Cable's fiction and a few facts"
- "Names of states, from what they are derived their meaning and nicknames"
- "Fashion in flowers: Changes that have taken place in the last 30 years," *New York World*, Feb 5, 1893.
- Poem by Paul H. Hayne
- *Sermon in the hospital*, Ugo Bessi James Pott & Co New York , 1894
- Virginia Veterans Twentieth Reunion; Memories of Confederacy: Articles on the reunion
- Article on Edison's Kinetograph
- "Marriage Bells": Miss Gussie Palmer marries Mr. Daniel Colcock, native of South Carolina
- Directions from Collins Rheumatic Relief and Dr. Davis Liver Pills
- *Times Picayune* article of 25th anniversary of the Battle of Liberty Place

Outline of Materials in Related to the AUTOMON

Reports in this folder include several materials related to the AUTOMON-Hi-Way Concept proposed by Linden LaRue Perrine in 1974. "Off the surface, it is a bridge and ribbon building structure having an automated highway for electronically controlled cars on top, the AUTOMON (automatic monorailroad) suspended under it, with parking space in between and enough rentable space in the base structure to pay all the costs." Students of architecture and urban planning will find these reports fascinating for their ambitious attempt to reduce land use and provide public transportation to the masses. Another report, written by Ernest Lagelbauer, called *Advanced Design Gas Centrifuge* proposes a system to use oxygen instead of air as a fuel oxidizer.