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Introduction to the Collection

Earl Weir, a longtime St. Petersburg resident who now lives outside of the area, originally donated materials related to his family's history and the Tampa Bay region in 2012. Many items from the original accession were digitized versions of home movies, and they were received in multiple installments. Some artifacts were also included in the original accession, such as an electric clock from Webb's City, a longtime department store located in St. Petersburg. Mr. Weir donated a second accession of items in early 2014 while visiting the Poynter Library. This finding aid enumerates materials from this *second accession only*, comprised largely of ephemera and matchbooks. A list of materials from the original 2012 donations is maintained by Special Collections and University Archives and is available for inspection upon request.

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Provenance of the Earl Weir Floridiana Collection, Second Accession

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

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy a single document box (0.42 ln. ft.) and represents the second accession of materials that comprise the Earl Weir Floridiana Collection.

Container Listing: Second Accession

Photographs

- Benoist airboat with P. E. Fansler
 - 8" x 10" black and white reproduction
 - Printed onto negative: "Opening" "St. Petersburg – Tampa" "Air Boating"
 - Description (separate paper) accompanying states:
 - (top left) City News Bureau / P. O. Box 2842 / St. Petersburg, Florida 33731
 - P. E. Fansler, center – with plaid cap, was general manager of the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line. In this picture taken at the inauguration he has just introduced the chief pilot, Anthony Jannus. "Tony's" speech was short; / his closing words were: "The maxim of this airline will be safety first." / The man on the right is unidentified.
 - (bottom right) City News Bureau Photo
- The Take-Off
 - 8" x 10" black and white reproduction
 - Description (separate paper) accompanying states:
 - (top left) City News Bureau / P. O. Box 2842 / St. Petersburg, Florida 33731
 - The Take-Off! The first flight of the World's First Scheduled / Airline – from the shores of St. Petersburg to the banks of Tampa / Bay in Tampa. New Year's Day – 1914.
 - (bottom right) City News Bureau Photo
- Job Printing Record Press
 - 8" x 10" black and white reproduction
 - Hand-written on back (blue ink):
 - Nov. 1936
 - Note brick street (2nd Ave So. – St. Pete. Fl.)
 - "Downtown" – 2 Ave. & 3 St. So.
 - Raised imprint, bottom right
 - Franklin Studios / St. Petersburg, Florida
 - Damage: 3 holes along top edge of photo (as though put into binder)

Ephemera

- Cup
 - White, plastic
 - height: 5 3/16"; bottom diameter: 2 1/8"; top diameter: 3 1/8"
 - Image of top of Statue of Liberty, "Festival of States" printed underneath – both in dark blue
- Ashtray
 - Round, glass (clear) with three cigarette "rests" that project outward at equal intervals
 - Words & image on bottom (visible through top)
 - Aunt Hattie's

(image of a chicken standing on a pile of wood)

“Chicken / in the / Woodpile”

Where home cooked food is not just an expression (around edge of top half)

625 1st St. So., St. Petersburg, Fla. (around edge of bottom half)

- Potholders (2)
 - White with red & blue lettering & images
 - (a) 5 1/8” square with tortoise shell-ish circular hook, light staining on both sides
 - (b) 5 3/4” square with goldtone hook, in plastic, with light staining on both sides
 - Side one: “91st / Depot / Supply / June / 1978”
 - no images
 - Side two: “St. Pete / Fla. / CBI”
 - two, blue, 4-pointed stars; red & white striped shield

Matchbooks

St. Petersburg

- *Dolphin Beach Resort*

“Directly on the Gulf / Heated Pool”
Quantity: 1
Colors: light peach with brown lettering
4900 Gulf Blvd. / St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706 / USA
- *Webb’s City*

“Home of the World’s Most Unusual Drug Store”
“The Original One Stop Shop”
“Operating / 77 Large Stores As One Unit”
Quantity: 1
Colors: medium blue background with black & yellow lettering
St. Petersburg, Florida “The Sunshine City”
- *Pillsbury Cleaners*

“Expert Tailoring / Complete / Laundry Service / Hand Finishing / On Request”
Quantity: 1
Colors: white background with red lettering
1800 4th St. N. / St. Petersburg / Florida
Bob Prudhomme / Owner – Mgr.
- *Webb’s City, Inc.*

One Stop Shop / 75 Stores To Serve You
Quantity: 4
Colors: pale blue with black lettering
St. Petersburg, Fla.
- *the Happy Dolphin Inn*

Directly on the Gulf / Heated Pool
Quantity: 1
Colors: white background with sea foam green & red graphics & lettering
St. Petersburg / Beach / Fla.

Pinellas County

- *Las Fontanas*
“Specialty Restaurants Corporation”
Quantity: 2
Colors: white background with red lettering
15481 49th St. N. / Clearwater, Florida / (813)xxx-xxxx
- *Leverock’s Seafood House*
Since 1948
#1 in Seafood
Quantity: 1
Colors: very light khaki with brown lettering
St. Pete Beach / 10 Corey Avenue / xxx-xxxx
Madiera Beach / 565-105th Avenue / xxx-xxxx
Maximo Marina / 4801-37th St. S. / xxx-xxxx
Pinellas Park / 7000 U.S. 19 / xxx-xxxx
- *Famous Fresh Seafood*
“Since 1948”
Quantity: 1
Colors: plain cardboard background with black lettering
Leverocks / Seafood House / 7000 U.S. 19 / Pinellas Park / Florida
Leverocks / On the Beach / 10 Corey Ave. / St. Pete Beach / Florida
- *Lenny Dee’s King Inn*
“The Hottest Supper Club, / Recording Star / Combination in Florida . . .”
“John Damos, Manager”
“In all the world there’s only one. / Lenny Dee / Hot Damn!”
Quantity: 1
Colors: white background with black lettering
10551 Gulf Boulevard / Treasure Island, Florida

Tampa Bay Area

- *Mirabella’s, Tampa’s Finest Sea Food Restaurant*
“Nautilus Room / Shipwreck Room”
“Sea Foods from the Gulf to You! / Broiled Florida Lobsters / Chicken Dinner – Steaks / Complete TAKE-OUT Service”
Quantity: 1
Colors: equally white and bright blue
327 No. Dale Mabry / Tampa, Florida
- *The Colonnade – Seafood Restaurant & Lounge*
Quantity: 1
Colors: orange background with black lettering
Map of location printed on the inside
3401 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33609

Florida

United States

- *North Park Inn*
“Restaurant / Cocktail Lounge / Coffee Shop”
“The Aristocrat”
Quantity: 1
Colors: white background with light green lettering
Dallas, Texas
- *Ramada Inn*
Quantity: 1
Colors: white background with red & black lettering
Inside: “For / Worldwide / Reservations / Call / Your Nearest / Ramada Inn / Join the Ramada / Regulars” (red background with white lettering)
- *Econo-Travel Motor Hotel*
“E – T / Quality Comfort / Economy / Television / Air Conditioned”
Quantity: 3
Colors: red & black plaid background with white & black lettering
Inside: “Econo-Travel / Motor Hotel / featuring... / Large Rooms / Dressing Room – Bath / 2 Double Beds / Electric Heat / Deluxe Bedding / Direct Dial Telephones / Air Conditioned / Inspection Invited”
- *Tech Motel*
“In the Shadow of the Skyline”
“U.S. 78 and U.S. 278 – North Freeway”
“T.V. – Radio – Direct Dial Phone / New Conference Facilities / Restaurant Added Late '61 / Swimming Pool”
Quantity: 2
Colors: white background with black & yellow graphics & lettering
Inside: map of area showing motel location
120 North Avenue, N.W., Atlanta 13, Ga. / Opposite Georgia Tech Campus
- *Days Inn / Days Lodge*
“Budget Luxury Motel / Instant Reservations / 800-xxx-xxxx / Ga. Only xxx-xxxx”
“Furnished Family Suites / Instant Reservations / 800-xxx-xxxx / Ga. Only 800-xxx-xxxx” / In Atlanta xxx-xxxx”
Quantity: 2
Colors: white background with black & yellow graphics & lettering
[Atlanta, GA]
- *Econo-Travel Motor Hotel*
“Your Passport / To / Quality / Comfort / Economy”
Quantity: 1
Colors: white background with red lettering
13317 Gordon Blvd. / Woodbridge, VA
(Located just off I-95 / at Woodbridge / Interchange)
- *The Poseidon Restaurant*

“Enjoy Beautiful Sunsets / & Water Front Dining”

“Seafood At Its Best”

Quantity: 1

Colors: light orange background with black & white graphics & lettering

Rt. 50 At Kent Narrows / Garrisonville, Maryland

Mears Point Marina

5 Miles East of / Bay Bridge

Foreign Countries

- *The Matchless Rideau Ferry Inn*

“The / Hub of Heritage / and / Hospitality / (613)xxx-xxxx”

Quantity: 1

Colors: goldenrod with black lettering

[Ottawa, Ontario, Canada]

- *Godfrey’s Clothing Store*

“A Better Store To Save / You More / Owned and Operated by / Ralph Godfrey”

“Our best / advertisement / is . . . / A Satisfied / Customer”

Quantity: 1

Colors: off-white background with black graphics & lettering

Sydenham – Ontario

- *McTavish Motors*

“Sales – Rambler – Service”

“Cities Service / at your service”

Quantity: 3

Colors: white background with green & black graphics & lettering

Wilson St. Perth, Ont. / Phone 44