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Introduction to the Collection

For many years, the Temple Terrace Public Library maintained copies of the *Temple Terrace Beacon*. This local publication, first published in 1931, focused on news and events in the City of Temple Terrace as well as the surrounding University community. Kelsey Peduzzi, a librarian at the Temple Terrace Public Library, embarked on a project to scan and digitize issues of the newspaper in the library's possession. After this successful project led to the creation of a digital archive of more than 800 issues of the newspaper on the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative's digital collections webpage, the library decided that it no longer wished to maintain the paper issues. Given the focus of Journalism, Media Studies, Florida Studies, and other liberal arts disciplines offered at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Peduzzi arranged for the transfer of these newspapers in February 2017 to the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. The issues in this collection offer an excellent portrait of community-based journalism over a period of nearly 30 years between 1978 and 2008.

As of February 2017, a digital platform to access these papers is found at:

<http://digitalcollections.hcplc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16054coll7>

Preservation Note

While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of archival materials, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves should be worn when handling all fragile newspapers. 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 *Temple Terrace Beacon* Collection

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance as well as the Journalism and Media Studies provenance of Special Collections and University Archives, Poynter Library.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy 8.40 linear feet. No restrictions inhibit access to this collection.

Container Listing

Box 1

Temple Terrace Beacon, 1978 (miscellaneous); 1980:04 – 1981:10 (some issues may be missing or incomplete)

Box 2

Temple Terrace Beacon, 1981:11 – 1983:07 (some issues may be missing or incomplete)

Box 3

Temple Terrace Beacon, 1983:08 – 1985:08 (some issues may be missing or incomplete)

Box 4

Temple Terrace Beacon, 1985:09 – 1987:08 (some issues may be missing or incomplete)

Box 5

Temple Terrace Beacon, 1987:09 – 1991:06 (some issues may be missing or incomplete)

Box 6

Temple Terrace Beacon, 1991:07 – 1995:12; 2000 (miscellaneous); (some issues may be missing or incomplete)

Box 7

Temple Terrace Beacon, 2002 (miscellaneous) – 2008:10 (some issues may be missing or incomplete)