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# **PARTIAL GUIDE TO THE COLLECTIONS**

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This list is a result of an inventory conducted in October 2002 by Carla M. Summers, CRM, CA, consultant to the Matheson Museum. It provides a brief description of the collections housed on the west side of the basement storage area. The purpose of the inventory is to identify collections that contain photographs.

**Alachua County Audubon Society**, Papers, 1970s, 1 cubic foot, 3 boxes, unit 2.

Materials include newsletters, correspondence, project files, etc. but *no photographs*.

**Alachua County History Commission**, Organizational Records, 1970s and 1980s, 5 cubic feet, 7 boxes, units 2-3.

COULD BE CONSOLIDATED. These records contain information about the Commission as well as historical markers they researched and designed. It is comprised of acidic folders in hanging files and contains *photographs, negatives, and scrapbooks* that need processing including rehousing and labeling. Many faded color prints from the 1970s and 1980s.

**Alachua County Homemakers**, Organizational Records, 1972 - 1978, unit 3.

**Alachua County Jewish History**, Collection, 3 cubic feet, 3 boxes, unit 13.

Donated by Dr. Sam Proctor, this collection of materials documents the life of individuals and family of the Jewish faith in the local area. It contains exhibit materials, publications and some *photographs*.

**Alachua County School Board**, Minutes, 1964-1971, 1 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 2.

This collection contains minutes but *no photographs*.

**Bailey House**, Scrapbooks, 1981, 4 volumes, unit 3.

Contains *photographs* of the Bailey House during its restoration and other houses on the grounds and furniture.

**Baird Hardware**, Records, 1899-1930s, 2 boxes, 2 cubic feet, unit 3.

Contains early journals and ledgers, business records with some materials in folders and enclosures and some loose but *no photographs*

**Barrow, Mark**, Papers, 2 cubic feet, 2 boxes, unit 10.

This collection contains historical documentation of the development of exhibits at the Matheson. *No photographs*.

**Benton Family**, Papers, 1920s and 1930s, 3 cubic feet, 3 boxes, unit 3.

COULD BE CONSOLIDATED. This collection contains correspondence and some *photographs*. It also contains 6 wooden cigar boxes of sharks teeth, porcelain fragments and arrowheads. .

**Buther Family**, Papers, 1 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 7.

These scrapbooks contain extensive *photographs* that are well documented and dated.

**Coleman Family**, Genealogical Records, n.d., 1 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 9.

*No photographs.*

**Cox Furniture Company**, Records, 1930s, 1 cubic foot, 2 boxes, unit 9.

This collection is stored in a wooden box and contains loose invoices and bills. *No photographs.*

**Davis, Jess**, Papers, .5 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 9.

This collection contains information on the American Legion including organizational files and some *photographs*.

**Ellerbe, Helen**, Papers, 2 cubic feet, 2 boxes, unit 10.

This collection of papers documenting a Matheson founder contains *photographs* in albums and frames.

**Florida Medical Collections**, 1 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 11.

Created by Matheson founder, Mark Barrow, this collection documents the medical profession in the local area and is arranged chronologically. *No photographs.*

**Gainesville Chamber Orchestra, Records**, 1 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 11.

This collection documents the local symphony. A list of contents can be found on the outside of the box that includes videotape, business records, a scrapbook and *photographs*.

**Gainesville Community Development**, Records, 2 cubic feet, 2 boxes, unit 10.

This collection has a list of folders at the front of the boxes. *No photographs?*

**Gainesville Sun**, Periodical, 8 cubic feet, 11 volumes, unit 11 - 12.

**Gainesville, City of**, Sister City Program, Artifacts, 1 box, unit 15.

**Gainesville, City of**, *Photographs*, 1 cubic foot, 1 box, unit 11.

This collection contains assorted prints, negatives and slides of the area given by Ric Smith.

**Gainesville, Department of Buildings and Grounds, Beautification Board**, Records, 4 boxes and 17 scrapbooks, unit 7, 8, 9.

Box 1 contains archival supplies, box 2 contains scrapbooks with clippings and *photographs*. Box 3 holds Beautification Board records and minutes. Units 8 and 9 contain 17 oversize volumes of scrapbooks that have been damaged. Recommend disbanding scrapbooks and preserving information through preservation photographing.

**Hague, City of, Home Demonstration Club**, 1931-1956, Records, 1 box, unit 13.

This delightful collection contains scrapbooks, *photographs* and clippings.

**Historic Gainesville, Inc. (HGI)**, Records, 1960s and 1970s, 4 cubic feet, 8 volumes, units 3 and 13.

Historic Gainesville, Inc. was instrumental in preserving the built environment in Gainesville and its membership contained some of the most active citizens in the city at the time. This collection contains many *photographs*.

**Knights of Pythias**, Records, 3 boxes, 3 cubic feet, units 13 and 14.

The Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 20 of the Knights of Pythias conducted business in Gainesville during mid-century. These records contain publications, applications, correspondence, minutes, ledgers and some *photographs*.

**League of Women Voters**, Records, 4 cubic feet, 4 boxes, units 12 and 14.

These records document political activities in Alachua County between 1947-1997. *Photographs*.

**Matheson Family**, Papers, 20 cubic feet, 17 boxes, 9 ledgers, units 15 and 16.

This collection documents the life of the Museum's great benefactress and her family. The collection holds many *photographs*.

**Microfilm Collection**, 6 reels, unit 9. The box holding the microfilm also has unidentified *photographs and slides* stuck in the back.

1. Maps of America in the Library of Congress, 1901, 1 reel, 35 mm.
2. Woodbury Lowery, A Descriptive List of Maps of the Spanish Possession, 1502-1830, 1 reel, 35 mm.
3. World War I Rosters, 4 reels, 16 mm.

**Nations Schools**, Periodical, volumes 1959-1960, unit 9.

**University of Florida**, Artifacts, unit 9.