SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: W.J. Megginson Travel Collection
Dates: ca. 1980s – 2000s
Accession #: 2006-074
Creator: Megginson, W. J. [William Jim], 1943-
Physical Description: 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processing Information: Special Collections staff processed the collection. Julia A. Cowart updated the finding aid in 2019.
Summary: Travel literature, postcards, and maps collected from travel in the United States by a South Carolina native.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
The collection was donated by Megginson in 2006.

Biographical Sketch:
W.J. Megginson was born in Calhoun, Pickens Co., SC in 1943, the son of William James and Ina S. Megginson. W.J. Megginson received his undergraduate degree from Mississippi College with a major in history and minors in economics, and then pursued his M.A. and Ph.D. from George Washington University. Megginson is best known for his book African American Life in South Carolina’s Upper Piedmont, 1780-1900.

USING THE COLLECTION

Access Restrictions: None.

Preferred Citation: [Identification of item], W.J. Megginson Travel Collection, Acc. 2006-074, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.
ARRANGEMENT

The collection was kept in the original order it was given. There are three series based on format.

Series 1, Travel Literature
Series 2, Maps
Series 3, Postcards

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains travel literature consisting of brochures, maps, vacation guides, event schedules, historical information, museum guides, tours, restaurant guides, and travel/visitor guides.

There is literature on the Piccolo Spoleto Festival from 1982-2006, a festival held annually in Charleston, S.C. that features events featuring local and regional artists. The Elderhostel Travel Tours for seniors promoted lifelong learning and education through travel. Literature includes itineraries, rosters, certificates, menus, and brochures. There are 76 unused postcards from the 1950s and 1960s.

CONTENTS INVENTORY

Series 1, Travel Literature

Box 1

Folder 1. Abbeville
Folder 2. Aiken
Folder 3. Anderson
Folder 4. Charleston
Folder 5. Chester
Folder 6. Columbia
Folder 7. Easley
Folder 8. Florence
Folder 9. Foothills
Folder 10. Georgetown
Folder 11. Greenville
Folder 12. Lexington
Folder 13. McClellanville
Folder 14. McCormick County
Folder 15. Mount Pleasant
Folder 16. Myrtle Beach
Folder 17. New York  
Folder 18. Oconee  
Folder 19. Old 96 District  
Folder 20. Old English District  
Folder 21. Orangeburg  
Folder 22. Pawley's Island  

Box 2  
Folder 23. Pendleton  
Folder 24. Pickens County  
Folder 25. River Road  
Folder 26. Rock Hill  
Folder 27. South Carolina  
Folder 28. Spartanburg  
Folder 29. Winnsboro  
Folder 30. Piccolo Spoleto Festival, 1982-2006  

Box 3  
Folder 31. Elderhostel Travel Tours  
  • Appalachia, 1993  
  • Georgia Baptist Assembly, Toccoa, 1994  
  • Hazel Green, KY, 1994  
  • Ozark Folk Center, AK, 1995  
  • Amicalola Falls, GA, 1997  
  • "The Mountain," Highlands, NC, 1999  
  • Murfreesboro, TN, 2000  
  • Mackinac Island, 2002  

Series 2, Maps  
Folder 32. Maps, Charleston  
Folder 33. Maps, South Carolina Maps  
Folder 34. Maps, Southeastern Regional  

Series 3, Postcards  
Folder 35. Arkansas  
Folder 36. Mississippi  
Folder 37. New York  
Folder 38. North Carolina  
Folder 39. Pennsylvania  
Folder 40. South Carolina  
  • Charleston  
  • Clemson  
  • Columbia
- Greenville
- Pumpkintown

Folder 41. Virginia
- “Blue Ridge Mountains”
- Winchester