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Messick High School collection

Title: Messick High School collection
Collection No: MSS.283
Extent: 1.15 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1945-1964

Abstract: The collection contains items related to Messick High School, Memphis, Tennessee, including yearbooks, a parent-teacher association scrapbook, a class photograph, and a framed print.

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Scope and contents

The collection contains various items related to Messick High School, which was established as Elizabeth Messick High School on Spottswood Avenue and Greer Street, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1908 and continued with various combinations of grades until 1981. The main building was demolished in 1982 but the other facilities continued to be used by the Messick Adult Education Center.

Two editions of the Messick High School yearbook, “The Panther”—1946 and 1949—are included in the collection, along with a 1946 senior class photograph. These appear to have belonged to Dorothy and Harold Rose, students of the school, and the yearbooks contain annotations collected by Dorothy Rose.

A scrapbook compiled by the Messick Parent Teacher Association for the year 1945-1946 is an interesting item in the collection. Headed by Mrs. A.O. Herrington, the PTA collected a variety of materials including clippings, certificates, and meeting notices documenting the activities of the group and its links to the city and state groups.

Also in the collection is a framed print of a watercolor painting of the main school building by Randy Thornton.

Subject terms

Parents’ and teachers’ associations—Tennessee—Memphis.
School yearbooks—Tennessee—Memphis.
Schools-Tennessee-Memphis.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 “The Panther”, 1946. Cover missing, annotated.
- 2 “The Panther”, 1949. Annotated.
- 3 1. Photograph: Senior class, 1946. Photographer: Hitchings.
2. Postcard: Messick High School, view from Greer Street, circa 1965
- 4 Timeline of Messick High School’s history, circa 2010.
- 5 Program: Forty-fifth annual commencement, 1964 May 19.

Box 2

Unfolded Scrapbook: Messick Parent Teachers Association, 1945-1946. Contains clippings, meeting notices, certificates, programs.

1 Scrapbook: Loose items. Includes "Students' Roster and Telephone Directory", 1949-1950; Program: Memphis Council of Parent-Teacher Associations honoring the presidents and principals, King Cotton Hotel, 1948 June 10.

Art "Messick Memories": Framed print of painting by Randy Thornton of main school building, undated.