

D'Jelma Hearn-Zirkle papers

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Summary Information

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| Repository | University Archives, Texas State University |
| Title | D'Jelma Hearn-Zirkle papers |
| Date [inclusive] | 1939-1978 |
| Extent | 0.336 Linear feet |
| Location note | Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice may be required for use. |
| Language | English |

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

D'Jelma Desse Hearn-Zirkle was born July 24, 1918 in Rossville, Texas. Around the age of seven or eight years old, Hearn moved to Encinal, Texas. At the age of ten, she lost her hearing from a measles infection. After graduating high school in Encinal in 1934, Hearn's father, Julious Hearn, took four years to find her a hearing aid and when he did, D'Jelma enrolled in Southwest Texas State Teachers College in the fall of 1938. She graduated in May 1942 with her Bachelor's Degree. In the summers of 1960 and 1961, Hearn-Zirkle returned to Southwest Texas State University for additional classes.

Upon graduation, Miss Hearn went on to teach in George West, Texas for two years. After a lengthy time off to raise her children, Harriet Elaine and Judith Lorraine, Mrs. Hearn-Zirkle then taught in the Encinal School District from 1959-1965. In 1965, she taught for one year in the Pleasanton School District, and then taught one year in 1966 in the Charlotte School District. In 1967, Hearn-Zirkle began teaching at Carrizo Springs County School District through 1975. Hearn-Zirkle taught in Presidio School District from 1975 to 1978.

D'Jelma Desse Hearn-Zirkle died Jan. 12, 1979, and she is buried in the Cotulla Cemetery in Carrizo Springs, Texas.

Scope and Contents note

The papers includes one diary, typed transcription with notes, and CD with file of transcription; photographs, negatives, grade cards, a written speech, diploma, commencement program, transcript, teaching history records, and a book. The objects depict the life of D'Jelma Hearn-Zirkle as a student at Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, Texas from fall 1938 through spring 1942. The book shows the published achievement of a peer of Hearn-Zirkle, and the teaching records demonstrate Hearn-Zirkle's teaching career.

Arrangement note

This accession is arranged into six series by type of material and by date. Series I: Hearn-Zirkle Diary, 1940-1943 Series II: Photographs, Unknown Date; Series III: School Work, Unknown Date; Series

IV: Grade Documentation, 1938-1960; Series V: Graduation, 1942; Series VI: Post Graduation Work, 1942-1978.

Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restriction.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donated by Elaine Zirkle-Adams, daughter of creator, in 2008 and 2009.

Collection Inventory

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| Hearn-Zirkle Diary 1940-1943 | Box 1 | Folder 1-2 |
| <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>One diary includes entries written by Hearn covering the years 1940, 1943, and 1944. Hearn attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College during the 1940s entries, and the entries feature Hearn's desire for better grades. Many entries contain information pertaining to Mr. Dallas Williams, a speech professor who taught Hearn to lip read. 1940 entries last until April 19.</p> <p>Transcription of the diary by Hearn's daughter, Elaine Zirkle-Adams, was provided verbatim by page. This usually followed a chronological pattern with poems, addresses, and important dates in the back. Spelling corrections, comments and questions were supplied by the transcriber in enclosed brackets. Punctuation and capitalization were not corrected to maintain the writer's style. A CD with the transcription file is also provided.</p> <p>The diary, written in pencil and ink, measures 6.25 inches high by 4.5 inches wide. It is bound in a black leather binder with gold writing on the front that says "Five Year Diary". The leather is fragile; in interest of preservation, researchers should use the transcription.</p> | | |
| Photographs undated | Box 1 | Folder 3 |
| <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Two black and white photos measuring 4 inches by 5.5 inches and 4.25 inches by 5.5 inches featuring D'Jelma Hearn and another woman. Fifteen black and white negatives featuring D'Jelma Hearn and the campus of Southwest Texas State Teachers College. One envelope from the Fox</p> | | |

School work

Company addressed to D'Jelma Hearn. Envelope was used to house negatives.

School work undated**Box****Folder**

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Scope and Contents note

Five pages of a written speech in pencil on blue lined notebook paper. Written by D'Jelma Hearn for Speech 13. Pages are dirty with creases in the center and splits.

Grade documentation 1938-1961**Box****Folder**

Grade cards 1938-1960

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Scope and Contents note

Thirty-five grade cards for D'Jelma Hearn with dates ranging from Fall 1938 through Spring 1942. Cards categories include name, course, grade, teacher and semester. Two grade cards for D'Jelma Zirkle from Summer 1960.

Transcripts 1938-1966

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Scope and Contents note

Two page transcript for Mrs. D'Jelma Hearn Zirkle from Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos, Texas. Includes grades from Fall 1938 through Summer II 1961.

Receipt issued from Southwest Texas State University to D'Jelma Zirkle on Mar. 23, 1977 for \$2.00.

Graduation

Graduation 1942**Box** **Folder**

Diploma 1942

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Scope and Contents note

Diploma for D'Jelma Hearn from Southwest Texas State Teachers College for a Bachelor of Science. Dated May 26, 1942, and signed by C.E. Evans, President of College and J.G. Ulmer, President of Board of Regents.

Diploma is 8.5 inches by 10.5 inches. The condition is good, and the piece shows slight foxing. The left and right edges have matburn, and the top edge is folded back. Top, left edge appears to have insect damage.

Diploma portfolio case 1942

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Scope and Contents note

Portfolio case for diploma is 9 inches by 11 inches. The condition is poor. The book is bound with a black leather cover. The front is embossed with the state seal of Texas. Southwest Texas State Teachers College San Marcos, Texas is embossed in gold on front.

Commencement program 1942

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Scope and Contents note

Commencement program from the May 26, 1942 ceremony for Southwest Texas State Teachers College. Includes names of all candidates for a Masters Degree and Bachelors Degree, including D'Jelma Hearn.

Post graduation work

Post graduation work 1942-1976

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| Book 1950 | 1 | 10 |

Scope and Contents note

'Home Freezing for Everyone' (Third Printing) by Lura Jim Alkire and Stanley Schuler published in 1950 by M. Barrows and Company Inc. in New York, NY. Cookbook that has tips on storing food in the freezer and recipes for dishes that store well in the freezer. Lura Jim Alkire attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College with D'Jelma Hearn. Alkire is mentioned in Hearn's diary. The hardback book is in good condition. The cover is torn and repaired with scotch tape and has signs of scarring. The pages are foxed and yellow. There is lay-in advertisement for "Fruit-Fresh."

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| Teaching History 1942-1978 | 1 | 11 |
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Scope and Contents note

State of Texas Teaching certificate for D'Jelma Dessie Zirkle processed on date January 19, 1976. Five pages of teaching service records for D'Jelma Zirkle from 1942-1978. Categories include dates of service and location. Teacher's Contract for Dessie D'Jelma Zirkle from the Presidio Independent School District for the dates August 11, 1975 – May 21, 1976.