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INVENTORY OF THE COLLECTION OF
MARTHA GILMORE ROBINSON
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Robinson, Martha Gilmore (1888 - 1981), Collection.

Robinson, Martha Gilmore, 1888 - 1981.
Collection, 1909 - 1980.
Open. .50 cubic ft.

Location: NCCRW: NAB-⁰²⁶⁻⁰²⁷~~032~~, NAB-~~033~~, 4 items in OV-1, 502-
Accession number: 90-~~003~~. 0014

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:

Transfer from Newcomb Vault.

RESTRICTIONS:

None.

ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

This material is organized into seven series: I. Certificates; II. Clippings; III. Miscellaneous; IV. National Historic Preservation Trust material; V. Pins; VI. Photographs; VII. Placques.

NOTES:

Refoldered, metal removed.

FINDING AIDS:

Inventory available in the repository.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Born in New Orleans in 1888, Robinson attended Newcomb College (Class of 1909) and graduated with the intention of becoming a doctor or actress. Although she abandoned these goals with the marriage in 1911, her later civic efforts helped her achieve notoriety and help others at the same time. She was the mother of five children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

Martha Gilmore Robinson's life was one of commitment to improving and preserving the historic sites of Louisiana, especially in the Vieux Carre of New Orleans, her birth city. Her accomplishments include founding and organizing Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre, presiding as president of the Louisiana Landmarks Society, being a member of the Place Pontalba Commission, an administrative consultant to the New Orleans Cultural Commission for Gallier Hall, and vice chair of the Battle of New Orleans Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission. Her contributions were recognized and respected by others, as shown by the 18 certificates, the placques, and award pins collected here. An especially important recognition came in 1963 with the Crowninshield Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for superlative achievement in the preservation of sites important to American history and culture. The certificate, endorsements, congratulations, and trophy from this award are included here. Also, the collection's assorted clippings, 24 photographs, and a sketch round out the record of a great woman's achievements.

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Series descriptions:

I. Certificates: Beta Sigma Phi, 1945; Mayoral merit award, 1952; Sara Mayo Hospital, 1958; Times-Picayune Loving Cup award, 1961; Member of Battle of New Orleans Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission, 1963; Vieux Carre Commission, 1968; American Legion, 1968; Zonita, 1969; Louisiana House of Representatives recognition, 1977; Louisiana Certificate of Merit, 1977; Louisiana Landmarks Society Preservation Award, 1977; Vieux Carre property owners recognition, 1978; Foundation for Historic Louisiana, 1979; Louisiana Preservation Alliance, 1979; 1909 Award, 1979; Live Oak Society award, unknown date.

II. Clippings;

III. Miscellaneous: brochure on the Old Robinson House, with notes by Robinson, as the site of her wedding, sketch;

IV. National Trust for Historic Preservation material: recommendations and endorsements, annual meeting of 1963, congratulatory telegrams, trophy;

V. Pins: three Order of the British Empire pins, key to Huston, Texas;

VI. Photographs: 24, ranging in dates from approximately 1890-1980. Removed to photographic collection;

VII. Placques: Americanism award from the Young Men's Business Club of Greater New Orleans, 1966; Meritorious civic service as a member of the Charter Committee for the City of New Orleans, drafting a new city charter, 1952; Merit award from the Zonita society, 1969; Newcomb seal.

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Box list:

NAB-032: I. Certificates (except for those in OV-1); II. Clippings; III. Miscellaneous - brochure; IV. National Trust for Historic Preservation materials;
NAB-033: V. Pins; VII. Placques;
OV-1: 1977 Louisiana Certificate of Merit, 1963 Battle of New Orleans Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission, 1978 Vieux Carre Commission certificate, sketch.