

## Colorful Postcards Beckon to Galveston's Past

In early 2009, the Galveston and Texas History Center received an extraordinary gift of three albums containing over 700 postcards of Galveston, circa 1900-1930.



The albums house mostly color postcards, accompanied by some photographic postcards and colorful advertising cards of various Galveston businesses. The collection is notable particularly for its breadth and comprehensive nature. Its postcards generally are items new to History Center staff members or are significant variations of known Galveston postcards.



Rocky Forshey collected the postcards over ten years. He and his wife Sherrie donated them to the Rosenberg Library.

The albums represent the product of their love of postcards and Galveston's history. They comprise one of the most valuable gifts to the Library's visual archives during the past two decades. Included amongst the souvenir postcards in the albums are a humorous one of a boy who has written his school assignment about Galveston on a blackboard, as well as many postcards of the Seawall and beaches, with coverage of tourist attractions and bathing in the Gulf of Mexico.

The albums also offer postcards of prominent buildings and residences in Galveston. Many landscape views present lush greenery and beautiful flowers, including our famous oleanders.

