

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Vernon Payne Collection

16 linear inches

Record ID: 1989-5

Donor: Vernon Payne

Acquisition: Gift, 1989

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Vernon Payne Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

Administrative/Biographical History:

Vernon Payne was born 17 December 1910 in Clyde, Texas but grew up in New Mexico. In 1932 he married Ila Mae Scarborough and moved to San Angelo in 1953. He died 7 May 1997. Payne loved books and was an avid reader whose major interests were poetry and astronomy.

The publication, *Starbeams and Heliowinds*, is the journal of the San Angelo Amateur Astronomy Association which Payne produced. In addition, he produced *Avalon Dispatch* and *The Singing Prairies* for the State Poetry Society. Vernon Payne was interested in a variety of subjects including gems and minerals, genealogy, and history. He served as a docent at Fort Concho.

Scope and Content:

Collection includes personal letters, manuscripts, and publications primarily pertaining to poetry. Other items cover the journal for docents at Fort Concho and the 1994 Sanco Homecoming.

Arrangement:

Box Description

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| 1 | 41 st Annual Sanco Homecoming program (1994, 2 copies)
<i>Stars of Avalon</i> -biography of Edythe Beam Mayes (1974, 2 copies)
Of Dominion and Mis-Dominion (1970), about astronomy, the environment, personal experiences/travels
<i>Evanescent</i> -Journal of the Docents of Fort Concho (Apr 1978-June 1979) |
| 2-3 | <i>Cyclo Flame</i> , Journal of Poetry-Vol. 1, No. 1 (Spring 1963) to Vol. 22 (1975) & Valedictory Issue (1986) |