



## **Rosa McCune Mott Postcard Collection (SP0070)**

**Collection Number:** SP0070

**Collection Title:** Rosa McCune Mott Postcard Collection

**Dates:** 1907-1965

**Creator:** Mott, Rosa McCune, 1896-1991

**Abstract:** The Rosa McCune Mott Postcard Collection includes postcards from various cities in Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas, as well as several United States landmarks. The collection also contains postcards sent to Rosa for holidays, birthdays, and general greeting cards.

**Collection Size:** 0.5 cubic foot  
(10 folders, 299 postcards)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [springfield@shsmo.org](mailto:springfield@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Rosa McCune Mott Postcard Collection* (SP0070); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

**Donor Information:** The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by April McCune McDonald on September 4, 2020 (Accession No. SPA0083).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Rosa McCune Mott Postcard Collection can be found in the following collections:

[Missouri Postcard Collection](#) (SP0016)

[State Historical Society of Missouri-Kansas City Postcard Collection](#) (K1345)

**Processed by:** Processed by Haley Frizzle-Green, on July 22, 2021

**Biographical Note:**

Rosa Fay McCune Mott was born in Missouri on February 1, 1896, to Benjamin Seward McCune and Louisa *Huscher* McCune. Rosa had six half-siblings: Anna Rebekah McCune, Lulu Lillian McCune, Gertrude Bertha McCune, Elbert Mitchell McCune, Leroy Carl McCune, and Ethel Blanche McCune. As a child, Rosa lived in Woodward County, Oklahoma with her mother and father. Rosa lived most of her teenage and adult life in Laclede and Howell counties, Missouri. Rosa married Robert Boatman "R.B." Mott on September 28, 1915, in Springfield, Missouri. After the death of her husband in 1964, she continued to live and work on her farm in West Plains, Missouri. Rosa died on December 1, 1991, in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Correspondence  
Postcards  
Miscellaneous

**Scope and Content Note:****Correspondence**

This series contains correspondence that are not in postcard format. The materials include letters and memos sent to Rosa from her siblings and friends. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Postcards**

This series contains the 299 postcards that Rosa collected from 1907 to 1952. The postcards were originally housed in a postcard album which was unbound due to preservation concerns. The series includes general greeting postcards sent to Rosa, as well as postcards that feature cities and landmarks in Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas. Other postcards include various locations throughout the United States and scenes from the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, known as the Frisco. Many of the postcards are from her siblings and friends, as well as her husband R.B. Mott. Some postcards do not contain any messages or dates. There are four postcards in this series that contain photographs of unidentified individuals. The series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

**Miscellaneous**

This series contains materials that do not fall under the Correspondence or Postcard series. The materials include a bank slip, newspaper clippings, a poem, card cutouts, and an advertisement for Rosa's farm auction from 1965.

**Container List:**

f. 1		Correspondence
Box 001	f. 1	1910-1952, no date
f. 2-9		Postcards
	f. 2-4	Greeting Cards, 1907-1915, no date

f. 5	Arkansas, 1909-1911, no date
f. 6	Kansas, 1915, no date
f. 7	Missouri, 1908-1947, no date
f. 8	Various Locations, 1908-1952, no date
f. 9	Unidentified Photographs, 1908, no date
f. 10	Miscellaneous, 1915-1965, no date

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder	Image
Arlington (Kan.)	6	Yes
Bremerton (Wash.)	8	Yes
Carthage (Mo.)	7	Yes
Chillicothe (Mo.)	7	Yes
Clay Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Denver (Colo.)	8	Yes
Englewood (Kan.)	6	Yes
Excelsior Springs (Mo.)	7	Yes
Fort Smith (Ark.)	5	Yes
Greene, Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Hollister (Mo.)	7	Yes
Honolulu (Hawaii)	8	Yes
Howell Co. (Mo.)	10	
Jackson Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Jasper Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Joplin (Mo.)	7	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)	7	Yes
Laclede Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Leavenworth (Kan.)	6	Yes
Lebanon (Mo.)	1-10	Yes
Little Rock (Ark.)	5	Yes
Livingston Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Los Angeles (Calif.)	8	Yes
Mott, Robert Boatman, 1886-1964	2-4, 6, 10	
Mott, Rosa McCune, 1896-1991	1-10	
Mount Hood Wilderness (Or.)	8	Yes
Neodesha (Kan.)	6	Yes
Nevada (Mo.)	7	Yes
Nowata (Okla.)	8	Yes
Omaha (Neb.)	8	Yes
Phelps Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Ray Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes

<b>Index Term</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Image</b>
Rolla (Mo.)	7	Yes
Siloam Springs (Ark.)	5	Yes
Springfield (Mo.)	7	Yes
St. Louis (Mo.)	7	Yes
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company	7	Yes
Taney Co. (Mo.)	7	Yes
Washington (D.C.)	8	Yes