



Gossard Family Collection

NUMBER: 11.539

TITLE: Gossard Family Collection

CREATOR: H.W Gossard, Bill Gossard, Gloria Gossard

DATES: 1901-1997

MEDIA: paper

LOCATION: Collection Facility, upstairs, Rack 1, Sec. C, Shelf 1

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Collection is open for Research and Use. Permission to publish material must be obtained from Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION: The Gossard Family Collection were donated to the Tread of Pioneers Museum from the Gloria Gossard Estate in 2011.

PROCESSING INFORMATION: The processing, arrangement, and description of the collection was completed by curator Katie Adams in 2011.

BIOGRAPHY:

In 1932, H.W. Gossard, a successful businessman from Chicago, shifted his focus from his business of selling popular women's undergarments to business in Steamboat Springs and ranching.

H.W. became a major contributor to the town of Steamboat Springs. In the 1930s, he purchased the mineral springs around town in hopes of developing Steamboat Springs into a world-class spa destination. However, The Great Depression thwarted his plans.

Bill, son of H.W. and Pearl Gossard, was elected to the Colorado Legislature, representing four Northwest counties. In 1970, he ran for the U.S. Congress but was not elected. Bill and wife Carol operated the family ranch in Moffat County for many years and moved to Denver in 1982.

Daughter Gloria grew up with a love for her town. As a philanthropist she supported arts, culture, and history in Steamboat Springs. She was involved with many organizations including the Steamboat Springs Arts Council, Strings in the Mountains, LIFT-UP, and many more. In 1998, she was honored as the Yampa Valley Community Foundation's Philanthropist of the Year. In 1999, Gloria donated a 120 acre piece of land on Emerald Mountain, which is now forever protected from development. After her death, she bequeathed millions of dollars to local nonprofit organizations. The Tread of Pioneers Museum's "Gossard Heritage House" that is home to the museum's permanent collection of artifacts was built largely with funds from Gossard's estate and named in her honor.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF COLLECTION:

The collection is comprised of a scrapbook, individual black & white photographs, certificates, campaign posters, correspondence, poems, memorial book and programs, newspaper clippings, and membership/personal id cards, and more.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:

The Gossard Family Collection is organized by media type and by family members.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	H.W. Gossard:	
		Poster/photo "Corsets Had to Be Changed"	c. 1916
		Magazine "The Gossardian"	March, 1924
		Funeral card	July 5, 1965
		Envelopes & letters	1925
		Letters (Gloria to Chicago Tribute re: H.W.'s death)	July 13, 1965
		Telegrams (2), Western Union (death of H.W.)	July 6, 1965
		Envelopes & Letters: Letter to H.W. from Pinkerton agreeing to the sale of the Gossard & Pinkerton stock & Co. to Gossard. Includes Gossard & Pinkerton business card	
		May 17, 1905	
		Certificate of sale from Pinterton to Gossard	Jan. 18, 1917
		Note Chicago's "The Auditorium Hotel" stationary agreeing to "not take the first drink of alcoholic liquore for life." Signed by H.W.,J.W. Gossard & Sam Savard	May 11, 1910
		Contract: H.W. & Nellie W. Morse for "The H.W. Gossard Co. Wholesale Importers"	May 23, 1901
		Stock certificate: "H.W. Gossard Co."	1928
		Newspaper clippings (5): H.W. death announcements	July 1965
		Typed pages (5) "The History of the H.W. Gossard Co."	Mar. 30, 1951
		Report: "The H.W. Gossard Co. Annual Report"	1965
		Funeral memorial book	1965
2		Bill Gossard:	
		Letters: From F.R. Carpenter to Gossard sale of Herefords	1974
		Bumper sticker: "Bill Gossard U.S. Congress" (11.539.17)	
		Campaign flyer (2 sided) (11.539. 16)	
		Newspaper "The N.W. Colorado Daily Press"	June 10, 1968
		Memorial card	Dec. 14, 1997
3		Gloria Gossard:	
		Certificates; Steamboat Springs High School (11.539.18a-d)	1935-1939
		Newspaper; "Steamboat Pilot" SSHS class of '39	May 18, 1939
		Photograph of Gloria with class mate signatures	1939
		Certificate, Ground Observer Corps (2) (11.539.27)	1958
		Program, Colorado College (11.539.28)	Oct. 24, 1944
		Announcement card, SSHS Class of '39 (11.539.19)	1939
		Correspondence, V-card from War & Navy Depts (11.539.25)	1944
		Poems by Gloria (11.539.21)	
		Stationary "Gloria Gossard Hillbrook House Steamboat" (11.539.26)	
		Membership card; Steamboat Winter Sports Club (11. 539. 22)	
		Membership card; USAF Air Defense Team (11.539. 27)	1959

	Drivers license (11. 539. 24)	1941
	Ticket; Steamboat Health & Recreation Assn. (11. 539.23)	
	Scrapbook, "School Day Treasures" (11.539.11)	1936-39
4	Gossard Family:	
	Coat of Arms certificate and letters from Halbert's, Inc.	1972
	Notes of family births and removed page from "Family Bible"	1952
	Memorial Card for William Gossard, d. 1888	
	Black & white photographs (similar to those in photobooks)	