

Colorful Postcards Offer Interesting Views of Galveston's Past



The Galveston and Texas History Center received a donation of approximately 400 Galveston postcards. The postcards, which span a century of Galveston's history, include colorful images depicting the city as a tourist destination, as well as other aspects of island living. They include such past local icons as Gulf Towers, Surf Hotel, Jack Tar Court Hotel, and Hill's Café. The United States Marine Hospital, St. Mary's University, and Bolivar Ferry were among the more than 30 postcards on display. The exhibit also presented several postcards from merchants of tobacco and chocolate dated 1879.

The Galveston and Texas History Center collects and preserves written, printed, and visual records of Galveston's past. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, recognized the importance of saving these historic items and presented them to the Rosenberg Library.

The Galveston and Texas History Center is located on the 4th floor and can be visited Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9 am – 6 pm. For further information, please contact the Galveston and Texas History Center at gthc@rosenberg-library.org.

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