

**DELLENA JELKS COLLECTION**  
PP0056

**Descriptive Summary**

*Creator* Jelks, Dellena, 1911-1994

*Title* Dellena Jelks Collection

*Accession Number* PP0056

*Physical Description* 5 medium and large archival boxes

*Inclusive Dates* 1920s-1990s

*Language Note* English

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**Administrative Information**

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*Acquisition*

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*Processing note*

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## Collection Description

### *Biographical Note*

Dellena Jelks was born to Reverend and Mrs. Hendley Francis Jelks in 1911. She attended Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia, in 1933. She also attended Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She taught school throughout the state of Georgia. Jelks was a member of First Baptist Church of Venice, Florida, and taught school for 27 years in Venice. Dellena Jelks died in 1994.

### *Scope and Content Note*

The Dellena Jelks Collection contains her correspondence, diaries, photographs, and Bibles.

### *Subjects*

Tift College

Duke University

Women teachers – Georgia

Women's colleges – Georgia

Jelks, Dellena (1911-1994)

Jelks, Hendley F.

Baptist universities and colleges – Georgia

Baptist – Georgia - Clergy

### *Related Material*

Rev. Hendley Francis Jelks Papers

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## Container List

### BOX 1:

Item 1/1: Diaries, 1969-1990 (22)

Item 1/2: "Thoughts and Moods Set to Words by Dellena" (brown three-ring binder)

Item 1/3: Photos, 1930s: Duke University (Black 3-ring binder)

Item 1/4: Red Letter *New Testament* (contains personal notes and items)

Item 1/5: Small *New Testament* from the Pocket Testament League

### BOX 2:

Item 2/1: "Letters I just wanted to keep": *Margaret Mitchell; Harry Stillwell Edwards; Norman Rockwell; Charlton Heston*

Item 2/2: Correspondence relating to publishing a volume of poetry

- Item 2/3: Correspondence, Stewart Toland
- Item 2/4: Correspondence, College Credits
- Item 2/5: Answers to Opinion Letters (includes letter from Barry Goldwater)
- Item 2/6: “Answers to letters written to TV people”
- Item 2/7: Card from Ruth Jelks
- Item 2/8: “Old Letters Bessie Tift”
- Item 2/9: “Letters from Pres. Nixon, Mrs. Nixon, and Julie”
- Item 2/10: Correspondence with W.M. Upchurch, Jr. (Folder 1/3)
- Item 2/11: Correspondence with W.M. Upchurch, Jr. (Folder 2/3)
- Item 2/12: Correspondence with W.M. Upchurch, Jr. (Folder 3/3)
- Item 2/13: Black D. E. Ledger, 1970-1978: *Health information; Civic information; Account information*
- Item 2/14: Grey and black ledger, 1940-1962
- Item 2/15: Tift *Chiaroscuro*, 1930
- Item 2/16: Tift *Chiaroscuro*, 1931
- Item 2/17: “Our People Are Friendly Folks” (3 copies)
- Item 2/18: Brown paper-covered notebook: *“Record of buying-building-selling of 40 acres with cottage”; “Bright Easter Records”*
- Item 2/19: Brown paper-covered notebook—“Bright Easter Records”

BOX 3:

- Item 3/1: Picture and Clippings, Jelks Family
- Item 3/2: Picture and Papers, 1983: *Dellena Jelks; Class Reunion; Clippings*
- Item 3/3: Cards—“Favorites from Dad”
- Item 3/4: Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Item 3/5: Paper, “My Radical Mastectomy”
- Item 3/6: Photo and Clipping—Hendley F. and Flynt Golden Jelks
- Item 3/7: Photographs—Dellena Jelks
- Item 3/8: Programs and Photographs—Duke University Chapel
- Item 3/9: Photographs—Turkey Branch Church, Dellena and Ruth Jelks
- Item 3/10: Diplomas (“Derplomers”)
- Item 3/11: Teaching Records

BOX 4:

- Item 4/1: Scrapbook—Poems; Photographs
- Item 4/2: Funeral Home Book, Flynt Golden Jelks (1990)
- Item 4/3: Funeral Home Book, Dellena Jelks (1994)
- Item 4/4: Blue 3-ring binder—Anniversaries of Hendley F. Jelks and Flynt Golden Jelks

BOX 5:

- Item 5/1: *Cosmopolitan*, December 1965—Story by Stewart Toland (p. 104)
- Item 5/2: *The American Magazine*, May 1956—“This is Love” by Stewart Toland (p. 18)
- Item 5/3: *The Saturday Evening Post*, September 1960—“Ride a Golden Horse” by Stewart Toland (p. 26)
- Item 5/4: *The Saturday Evening Post*, May 1961—“The Child Who Was Thrown Away” by Stewart Toland (p. 22)
- Item 5/5: *The Saturday Evening Post*, April 1960—“Hard-Luck Girl” by Stewart Toland (p. 26)
- Item 5/6: Mission Study Certificates, 1926: *Highway of Service; GA Manual; Trip to China; Just Around the Corner*
- Item 5/7: Letter to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Item 5/8: Certificate, Primary Department of Tattnall Square Baptist Bible School Primary Department (1921)

Item 5/9: Diploma, Trinity Course of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (1925)

Item 5/10: Diploma, Convention Normal Course of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (1927)