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A Guide to the Ellen Schulz Quillin Annotated Field Guides, 1922-1968

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Quillin, Ellen Schulz, 1892-1970
Title:	Ellen Schulz Quillin Annotated Field Guides
Dates:	1922-1968
Creator Abstract:	Director of the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas, from its opening in 1926 to her retirement in 1960, Ellen Schulz Quillin (1892-1970) also authored several field guides to Texas wildflowers and other plants.
Content Abstract:	The collection contains the author's copies of two of her published guides, <i>500 Wild Flowers of San Antonio and Vicinity</i> (1922) and <i>Texas Wild Flowers</i> (1928). Each contains extensive annotations by Quillin. Also included are letters, notes, clippings, and printed material removed from the pages of the books.
Identification:	Col 6747
Extent:	0.2 linear feet (1 box)
Language:	Materials are in English.
Repository:	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Biographical Note

Ellen Dorothy Schulz was born 1892 June 16 in Saginaw, Michigan, growing up on a small farm in the area. After receiving a degree from the University of Michigan, she moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she taught science at Main Avenue High School. She soon became interested in establishing a museum in San Antonio and helped organize the acquisition of a large natural history collection, which was housed in Main Avenue High School. The collection was the nucleus of the Witte Memorial Museum, which opened in 1926 with Schulz as its director, a position she held until her retirement in 1960.

In addition to these activities, Schulz pursued her interest in botany, publishing her first field guide, *500 Wild Flowers of San Antonio and Vicinity*, in 1922. A more ambitious work, *Texas Wild Flowers*, followed in 1928. Her other works include *Texas Cacti* (co-author, 1930); *Cactus Culture* (1932); and *The Story of the Witte Memorial Museum, 1922-1960* (co-author, 1966) as well as children's books and numerous articles on plant life.

In 1927, Ellen D. Schulz married Roy W. Quillin of San Antonio, an oil company employee and nature enthusiast. Upon her retirement, the City of San Antonio proclaimed Ellen Schulz Quillin Day in honor of her service with the Witte Museum, appointing her director emeritus of the museum, a position she held until her death on 1970 May 6.

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Scope and Content Note

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Quillin, Ellen Schulz, 1892-1970.

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Box	Folder	
1		Quillin, Ellen Schulz. <i>500 Wild Flowers of San Antonio and Vicinity</i> . San Antonio, Texas: Press of San Antonio Printing for Ellen D. Schulz, 1922.
		Quillin, Ellen Schulz. <i>Texas Wild Flowers: A Popular Account of the Common Wild Flowers of Texas</i> . Chicago: Laidlaw Brothers, 1928.
	1	Items removed from <i>500 Wild Flowers of San Antonio and Vicinity</i>
	2	Items removed from <i>Texas Wild Flowers</i>
	3	Miscellaneous printed material.