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### Schelper Family Papers, 1884-1926

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## A Guide to the Schelper Family Papers, 1884-1926

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### Descriptive Summary

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| <b>Creator:</b>          | Schelper Family  |
| <b>Title:</b>            | Schelper Family Papers   |
| <b>Dates:</b>            | 1884-1926  |
| <b>Creator Abstract:</b> | A native of Hanover, Germany, Henry Schelper (1844-1928) immigrated to the United States in 1870, eventually settling in San Antonio, Texas. He married Austrian Magdalena Schneider (1847-1936) around 1871; the couple had six children. |
| <b>Content Abstract:</b> | The Schelper Family Papers contain letters, receipts, legal documents, and printed material. Items are miscellaneous in nature, and most of them are associated with Henry C. Schelper.  |
| <b>Identification:</b>   | Doc 5205   |
| <b>Extent:</b>           | 13 items (12 folders)  |
| <b>Language:</b>         | Materials are in English.  |
| <b>Repository:</b>       | DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio   |

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### Biographical Note

Henry Schelper was born in Hanover, Germany, on 1844 July 21. In 1870, he immigrated to the United States, eventually settling in San Antonio, Texas. Around 1871, he married Magdalena Schneider, who was born in Austria on 1846 November 28. The couple had six children: Henry, Paulina, Max, Anna, Emma, and Erna. For a time, Henry's sister-in-law Pauline Schneider (1846-1932) also lived with the family in their San Antonio home. Henry Schelper died in San Antonio on 1928 April 20; his wife died on 1936 February 28.

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### Scope and Content Note

The Schelper Family Papers contain letters, receipts, legal documents, and printed material. Items are miscellaneous in nature, and most of them are associated with Henry C. Schelper. Some items, including two shipping receipt books, are associated with Pauline Schneider, who operated a millinery business with members of the Schelper family. Also of note is a

1920 Christmas postcard showing members of the Ernst Raba family of San Antonio and envelopes from Raba's photography business. Photographs, architectural drawings, newspapers, postcards, and a plat map have been separated from the papers.

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### **Access Restrictions**

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## **Index Terms**

### **Personal Names**

Schelper family.  
Schelper, Henry C.  
Schneider, Pauline.  
Raba family.

### **Genres/Formats**

Family papers.  
Correspondence.  
Legal documents.  
Printed ephemera.  
Receipts.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Schelper Family Papers, 1884-1926, Doc 5205, DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Anna Schelper, 1968 August.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Warren Stricker, 1997 July.

Finding aid edited and encoded by Tom D'Amore, 2011 July.

Finding aid updated by Rebeka Delgado, 2020 April.

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## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

### **Schelper Family Papers, 1884-1926**

#### **Folder**

1 Letter: J. B. Belohradsky and Co., San Antonio, Texas, to E. Kailer, Marion, Texas, 1886 May 26.

#### **Folder**

2 Letter: Charles Brockman, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Henry Schelper, San Antonio, Texas, 1887 July 9.

#### **Folder**

3 Postcard: Ernst Raba and family Christmas card, 1920.

#### **Folder**

4 Envelopes: Ernst Raba, 2 items.

#### **Folder**

5 Invitation: Henry Bode to Henry Schelper, 1895 August 4.

#### **Folder**

6 Invitation: Hop in honor of Adolphine Mack and Linda Goldman, Victoria, Texas, 1895 October 31.

#### **Folder**

7 Receipts: Virginie Donaldson to H. C. Schelper, San Antonio, Texas, 1893 March 20 and May 12.

#### **Folder**

8 Receipt: Medina County, Texas, Tax Collector to Henry Schelper, 1926 January 23.

#### **Folder**

9 Recipe: Pecan cakes, undated.

#### **Folder**

10 Receipt book: Pacific Express Company to Pauline Schneider, 1884-1908.

**Folder**

11 Shippers' forwarding receipt book: Pauline Schneider, Wells, Fargo and Co's Express, 1885-1918.

**Folder**

12 Insurance policy: Connecticut Fire Insurance Company to Pauline Schneider, San Antonio, Texas, 1899 May 10.

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**Separated Material**

## Picture File: Schelper Collection

Photographs: San Antonio, Texas, flood, 29 items, 1921.

Photograph: Schelper house, 610 Live Oak Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Photographs: San Antonio, Texas, snowfall, 11 items, 1926 January 23-24.

## Newspaper Collection

Johnson City *Enterprise*, 1902 September 13.

*Freie Press für Texas* [fragment], 1922 April 5.

## Maps and plats

Plat: Temple Hill Addition, Section "A," San Antonio, Texas.

## Architectural drawings

Unidentified building, elevation, F. B. Gaenslen, architect, 1 sheet.

Unidentified house, elevations and floor plan, 1 sheet.

Unidentified house, foundation plan, floor plan, and elevation, R. F. Neumann, architect, 3 sheets.

Unidentified house, details, 1 sheet.

St. Anthony's Hospital, Woodhaven, L. I., plot plan and sections, I. E. Ditmars, architect, 2 sheets.

## Postcard Collection

Alamo Plaza and Alamo Fort.

Window of Mission San Jose.

Ferry Landing, Brownsville, Texas.

Amecameca: El Popocatéptl.

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