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### McAmis (Ava Josephine) Papers, 1910-1984

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## A Guide to the Ava Josephine McAmis Papers, 1910-1984

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	McAmis, Ava Josephine, 1897-1991
<b>Title:</b>	Ava Josephine McAmis Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1910-1984
<b>Creator Abstract:</b>	San Antonio, Texas, resident Ava Josephine McAmis (1897-1991) was a chemist and educator.
<b>Content Abstract:</b>	The Ava Josephine McAmis Papers contain printed material and photographs. Included are diplomas, awards, and membership certificates from academic, professional, and service organizations as well as published material related to her membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.
<b>Identification:</b>	Col 6376
<b>Extent:</b>	1.0 linear foot (1 oversize box)
<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

Ava Josephine McAmis was born in San Antonio, Texas, on 1897 January 9, the daughter of Charles Miller (1867-1938) and Mary Cobb (born 1868) McAmis. Her brother Hugh, a well-known San Antonio organist and musician, was killed in World War II. After attending Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia, Ava worked as a tutor at the University of Texas while earning her master's degree. She then worked as a faculty member at the UT College of Pharmacy, which then led to a position at Yale, where she earned her Ph.D. in chemistry. After several years in New England, McAmis returned to San Antonio, where she lectured at Incarnate Word College (now the University of the Incarnate Word) and was a faculty member at San Antonio College. During her career, McAmis was granted membership to many honorary fraternities, including Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Iota Sigma Pi. A direct descendant of Charles Mote Walters, McAmis was also a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She died in San Antonio on 1991 July 16.

### *References*

Ava Josephine McAmis biographical file, DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

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## **Index Terms**

### **Personal Names**

McAmis, Ava Josephine, 1897-1991.

### **Organizations**

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

San Antonio Conservation Society.

University of Texas at Austin.

### **Subjects**

Women chemists--Texas--San Antonio.

Women college teachers--Texas--San Antonio.

### **Genres/Formats**

Personal papers.  
Certificates.  
Diplomas.  
Photographs.  
Printed ephemera.

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## **Related Material**

The DRT Library has several photographs donated by Ava Josephine McAmis; see the Library's online catalog for information about these items.

Hugh McAmis Scrapbook, 1926-1927, SB-A 49, DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

[Autrey Nell Wiley Papers, 1922-1977, MSS 123](#), Woman's Collection, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.

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## **Administrative Information**

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Ava Josephine McAmis Papers, 1910-1984

### Box

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Certificates and diplomas

San Antonio Public Schools, diploma, Primary and Intermediate departments, 1910 May 27.

San Antonio High School, diploma, 1913 May 29.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia, diploma, Bachelor of Arts, 1918 June 4.

The Society of Sigma Xi, certificate of membership, 1921 March 4.

University of Texas, diploma, Master of Arts, 1921 June 13.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, certificate of election as member, 1922 February 2.

Texas Department of Education, Teachers Permanent Certificate, 1923 September 19.

Yale University, diploma, Ph.D., 1929.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, notice of election as Fellow, 1933 August 26.

American Chemical Society, certificate, fifty years membership, 1972 January 1.

University of Texas at Austin, certificate, Patron of the Arts and Sciences for the year 1975-1976.

San Antonio Conservation Society, certificate of recognition, 1981 May 13.

San Antonio Conservation Society, certificate, twenty-five years membership, undated.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae Association, certificate, undated.

Photographs

Texas "X" Dinner, Coppini Studio, 1932 March 2.

McCord coat of arms, 1937.

Alamo, painting of battle, detail, undated.

Alamo, drawing, undated.

Pamphlets

"The Alamo," Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 1981.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Galveston Island Historic Tour, 1983 May 10.

Miscellaneous: Daughters of the Republic of Texas, printed material and personal papers.

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## Separated Material

See the DRT Library's online catalog for additional information about these items, including their location.

### Proceedings

*Proceedings of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1956 May 15-17.

*Proceedings of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Convention the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1977 May 12-14.

*Proceedings of the Eighty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1978 May 16-18.

*Proceedings of the Eighty-Eighth Annual Convention the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1979 May 15-17.

*Proceedings of the Eighty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1980 May 13-15.

*Proceedings of the Ninetieth Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1981 May 13-15.

*Proceedings of the Ninety-First Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 2 copies, 1982 May 11-13.

*Proceedings of the Ninety-Second Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1983 May 9-12.

*Proceedings of the Ninety-Third Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*, 1984 May 9-11.

Program: Daughters of the Republic of Texas Eighty-Seventh Annual Convention, 1978 May 16-18.

### Books

*Fifty Years of Achievement: History of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*. Dallas: Banks Upshaw and Company, 1942.

Morris, Mrs. Harry Joseph, ed. *Founders and Patriots of the Republic of Texas: The Lineages of the Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*. Austin, Texas: The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 1963.

*Founders and Patriots of the Republic of Texas, Book II: The Lineages of the Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas*. Austin, Texas: The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 1974.