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005 Private Photograph Collections
006 George and Irene Caley Collection
140 Post Card Collection
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261 Primarily postcards from locations and attractions in Delaware.
The collection also features Delmarva destinations in Maryland
and Virginia.
270 George Luther Caley, son of John M. Caley and Miriam P. Caley,
was born on April 4, 1923 in Columbia, Pennsylvania. After
graduating from Columbia High School in 1940, Caley attended
Millersville State Teachers College (1941). His studies were
interrupted by the outbreak of World War II when he was called to
serve in the U.S. Army 42nd Cavalry Squadron in the European
Theater of Operations. Following the war, Caley returned to
Millersville and graduated in 1948. After one year of teaching in
Pennsylvania, Caley moved to Delaware (1949).

In Delaware, Caley taught at schools in Kenton and Smyrna from
1949-1962. He was subsequently employed by a number of
organizations including the Delaware Division of Historical and
Cultural Affairs and the Public Archives. Fascinated with history
and genealogy, Caley was considered by many to be an authority on
the history of the Smyrna-Clayton area. Among other affiliations,
Caley was a founding member of the Duck Creek Historical Society.
He penned four books in his lifetime; *Duck Creek Crossroads -
Smyrna, Del. 1768-1968*; *History of Asbury U.M. Church*; *Footprints
of the Past*; and *Postcards of Yesteryear - Del. and Elsewhere*.

Though known for his efforts to preserve and celebrate the area's
history, Caley was also known for his large postcard collection.
Caley amassed his collection throughout his life. Following his
death in 2005, his wife, Irene, donated a large portion of his
Delaware and Delmarva postcards to the Delaware Public Archives.

This collection provides a visual history of Delaware from the
early- to mid-Twentieth Century. The images depict towns, cities,
rural areas, beaches and many former vacation retreats along the
Delaware Bay and waterways. Government buildings, private
residences, businesses, recreational activities, landmarks,
industry, transportation, schools, churches, camps, maps,
portraits and landscapes are also featured. The collection
remains true to Caley's original arrangement and include
categories like "Delawareana", a term Caley used to describe
infectious good feelings about Delaware. The images are
photographic, real, and illustrative. Many of the postcards in
the collection have been mailed and contain notes, addresses,
stamps and postmarks.

Additionally, this collection includes postcards from Virginia and Maryland destinations on the Delmarva Peninsula and along the Chesapeake Bay. Oversized items for Kent County, New Castle County, Sussex County and Maryland are stored in an upright manuscript box.

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330 Arranged alphabetically by state and city or attraction. Delaware postcards are further arranged by county.

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332 Printed, handwritten.

350 Digital copies on DPA website.

360 Good-poor condition. Acid, dirt, storage damage.

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390 In-house database

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