

Josie Smith Pratt Postcard Collection

Repository:	Rockingham Co. Historical Collections Gerald B. James Library Rockingham Community College P. O. Box 38 Wentworth, NC 27375
Title:	Josie Smith Pratt Postcard Collection
Accession No.:	13-132
Extent:	1 box
Provenance:	unknown
Inclusive Dates:	1908-1918
Subject Headings:	El Moro Cigar Co. El-Rees-So Cigars Postcards Postcards – North Carolina Postcards – Rockingham County (N. C.) Pratt, Herbert Pratt, Josie Smith Tobacco Industry – Greensboro (N. C.)
Items Separated:	
Related Collections:	Herbert T. Pratt Collection 99-001
Preferred Citation:	<i>Josie Smith Pratt Postcard Collection. 13-132. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>
Descriptive Note:	This collection of postcards dates mostly from 1908-1918 and most are addressed to Miss Josie Smith of Spray, NC. A few later cards from the 1950's are addressed to Josie Smith Pratt of Leaksville, NC. The postcards were stored in an El-Rees-So cigar box. El-Rees-So cigars were produced in Greensboro, NC. According to an article in the <i>Greensboro News and Record</i> of

May 5, 2009, the El-Rees-So cigar factory employed 300 people by 1917 and produced a pamphlet boasting "all the cigars are made by girls....pretty girls." The cigar box is labeled "Herbert Pratt."

Contents:

154 postcards of many types. Postcards depicting places in North Carolina, Virginia and other states, holidays, novelty photos, etc. Cards of local interest include souvenir cards from Wentworth, Spray, Mayodan, Stoneville and Price. One postcard is a street scene of Lawsonville Ave. in Reidsville, NC. There is also one picturing the Reidsville Post Office dated 1908, and one showing the Piedmont Springs Hotel in Danbury dated 1911. Also included is one El-Rees-So wooden cigar box.