

Andre Collection

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Summary

Title: Andre Collection

Accession Number: 2024-03

Creator: Rosetta Fidelia "Delia" (Cline) Andre (1869-1910)

Extent: Three Albums plus Loose Postcards

Language: English

Abstract: This postcard collection is comprised of three albums and many loose postcards. The loose postcards and two of the albums were assembled by Delia Andre in the two years preceding her death. Most are addressed to her, some to her husband Edwin. Delia's son Arlie Glen Andre continued the collection about a year after her death. The third album has postcards addressed to him.

Most of the postcards are dated 1908-1910. The earliest is postmarked September 1906. The latest is postmarked December 1911. Many have no postmarks and were passed between children, parents, and siblings. The bulk are postcards marking special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. Others show scenery, buildings, or amusing images. Correspondence on the postcards is limited to short greetings, family news, and well wishes. Few have the surname of the sender. Many are blank.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The genealogical collection of Delia Andre was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in May 2024. It was found in the attic of a house in Southeast Portland, Oregon. The address matches that of Delia's daughter on 1930, 1940, and 1950 census records.

Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting manuscripts@gfo.org.

Copyright Status: The status of copyright of the items in the Andre Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Biographical Note

Rosetta Fidelia "Delia" Cline was born on 29 December 1869 in Fulton County, Illinois. By 1880, her family had moved to rural Clackamas County, Oregon. Delia married Edwin F Andre on 30 June 1889. They lived on a farm. Local social columns show they were involved in the community and often visited friends and family. They had four children, one of whom died as an infant. Delia died from tuberculosis on 26 April 1910 in Multnomah County. She is buried at Cliffside Cemetery near Sandy, Clackamas County, Oregon.

Finding Aid

File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Postcard album, compiled by Delia Andre (AUG1908 - NOV1909), correspondence and blank	Andre, Hays, Smith	Gresham, OR Dayton, WA Independence, OR McMinnville, OR Portland, OR	170
2	Postcard album, compiled by Delia Andre (DEC1909 - MAR1910), correspondence and blank	Andre	Gresham, OR Portland, OR	107
3	Postcard album, compiled by Glenn (1910 - 1912), correspondence, includes pictures of Delia Andre's gravestone	Andre, Goger	Gresham, OR Lents, OR Independence, OR	193
4	Loose postcards, correspondence	Andre	Gresham, OR Independence, OR	132

From the Manuscripts

The Postcard Collection of Delia Andre (1869–1910)

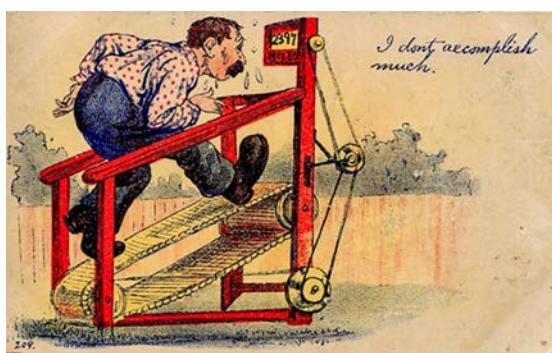
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For the last two years of her life, Delia Andre collected postcards. This hobby was so popular in the early 1900s that the post office increased production of one-cent stamps to keep up with demand.¹ Albums were created to hold the postcards. There were covers for holidays and scenic attractions, art prints, amusing anecdotes, and family photos.

Delia's collection included all of those. Found in an attic in southeast Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, some of Delia's postcards were in albums, although many were loose.² Most of the postcards were from family and friends who lived nearby. Some were sent to other family members and the sender would ask that they be passed on to Delia. So, clearly, Delia's community was aware of her hobby and actively contributed to it.



Thought to be Delia Andre on right. Undated postcard from the first page of Glenn's album.



Left: "I don't accomplish much," postmarked September 1908. Sent to Mrs. E. F. Andre C/o Fir Grove Hop Yard in Independence from her husband Ed. Right: Postmarked March 1909. "To Mrs. E. F. Andre."



1. "Stamped Cards and Postcards," *United States Postal Service* (<https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/stamped-cards-and-postcards.pdf> : accessed 6 July 2024).

2. The postcards were donated to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in June 2024. The address of the house where the photos were found matches that of Delia's daughter Elva and her husband Jesse White. They lived there for at least 30 years. The images can be viewed on the GFO website: Andre Collection 2024-03 (<https://gfo.org/resources/digitalarchive/manuscripts-collection/collections-list.html> : accessed 6 July 2024).



Left to right: (1) Postmarked September 1908. Sent to Mr. E. F. Andre from his son Earl, reporting on his work in the hop fields. (2) "To my Valentine," undated postcard sent to Glenn from his aunt Nora. (3) "To Wish you a Happy Easter," undated postcard. "To Mamma from Glenn." (4) "Stop yer whistling there; people'll think yer 'appy,'" postmarked 28 January 1909, sent to Delia Andre.

Rosetta Fidelia "Delia" Cline was born in Fulton County, Illinois, on 29 December 1869.³ Her parents John and Frances (Bacon) Cline moved to rural Clackamas County, Oregon, about 1871 and are enumerated there on the 1880 census.⁴ On 30 June 1889, Delia married Edwin F. Andre at her parent's home.⁵ Their first child Myrtle Ivy was born on 10 March 1892 and died seven months later. Three more children were born to the couple: Elva May in 1893, Arlie Glenn in 1896, and Earl Delbert in 1898. Vital records for the Andre children record that they were born in Bull Run, Clackamas County, Oregon.⁶

By 1900, the family moved near Gresham, Multnomah County, Oregon. Their names appear in newspaper social columns visiting family and entertaining friends. The most detailed of these items appeared in 1907:

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Andre gave a party at their home last Saturday evening in honor of the fourteenth birthday of their daughter Elva. A large crowd of young people, numbering over fifty, were present. It is needless to say that the hostess knows how to entertain. This eve-

ning was spent in games and music, after which a fine lunch was served. All expressed themselves as having a great time.⁷

Another news item noted that "Glen and Earl drove their span of goats down" for a visit with Delia's parents.⁸



Thought to be Earl and Glenn with their "span of goats." Undated postcard.

3. Birth date as recorded on death certificate. "Oregon, US State Deaths, 1864-1971," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61675/> : accessed 6 July 2024), database with images of death certificates, entry for Rosetta F Andre.

4. "1880 US Census," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MNCV-L6Q> : accessed 6 July 2024)), entry for Jones Cline.

5. "Oregon, US, County Marriage Records, 1849-1967, database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61680/> : accessed 6 July 2024), entry for Delia R. Cline.

6. "Bull Run: The Town that Time Forgot," *PdxHistory.com* (https://web.archive.org/web/20240213124830/http://www.pdxhistory.com/html/bull_run.html : accessed 6 July 2024 via the Wayback Machine on Internet Archive).

7. "Correspondence: Lusteds," *Beaver State Herald* (Gresham and Montavilla, Multnomah County, OR), 11 October 1907. *Historic Oregon News* (<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn94052316/1907-10-11/ed-1/seq-4/#words=Lusted> : accessed 6 July 2024).

8. "Orient," *Beaver State Herald*, 1 May 1908.

Most of Delia's postcards were addressed to Mrs. E. F. Andre at Rural Route 2, Box 57, Gresham, Oregon.⁹ Exceptions were those dated September 1908 and September 1909 which were sent to Edwin from Delia. She and her sons spent those months in Independence, Polk County, Oregon, picking hops. The cards give an insight into that common fall activity that drew women and children to the fields to earn extra income. Delia writes about the health of the team of horses that she drove to Independence, living in a tent, the hard labor of working in the fields, and bouts of sickness that befell both her and the boys.



Hop pickers. Thought to be Delia in the center, possibly her children to her left. Postcard sent by daughter Elva to Mrs. E. F. Andre care of the "Fir Grove Hyd" [Hop Yard] in Independence, dated 16 September 1909.



Left "The Oaks, from the Chutes, Portland, Oregon," postmarked November 1908. Sent to Mrs. E. F. Andre from "Ma." Right: "R. R. Carrier Ernest Brown," postmarked September 1909. Sent to Mrs. Delia Andre c/o Fir Grove Hop-yard in Independence. From her friend Addie.



9. The most common salutation was "Delia."

10. "United States Census 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MLB7-4L1> : accessed 6 July 2024), entry for Rosetta F Andre.

11. "Rosetta Fidelia Andre," *Beaver State Herald*, 6 May 1910. Also, "Pioneer Resident Dies," *The Morning Oregonian* (Portland, OR), *Historic Oregon News* (<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/lccn/sn83025138/1910-05-11/ed-1/seq-11/#words=Andre> : accessed 6 July 2024), 11 May 1910.

12. "For Sale: Farms," *The Morning Oregonian*, 10 May 1921; entry for E. F. Andre, p. 18, column 6.

13. "Oregon, US State Deaths, 1864-1971," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61675/images/48908_302022005610_0052-00010? : accessed 6 July 2024), entry for Rossetta F Andre.

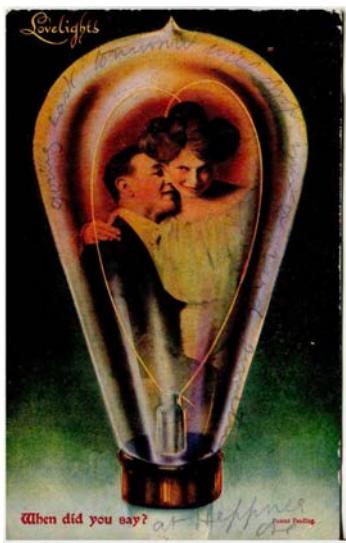
14. *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 6 July 2024), memorial 6636187, Rossetta F Andre (1896-1910), Cliffside Cemetery, Sandy, Clackamas County, Oregon, created by Lisa McClain.

The 1910 census recorded the family living on a farm on Carpenter Road in the Powell Valley precinct of Multnomah County.¹⁰ Delia's obituaries stated she lived in Cottrell, near the Mount Hood Road.¹¹ When Edwin sold the land in 1921, he described it as "8 Acres, all in cultivation, fine orchard, strawberries, loganberries, good 7-room house, barn, 2 chicken houses, 2 cows, 1 horse, 24 hens...."¹²

The earliest card was postmarked September 1906. Two albums were probably compiled by Delia. The first has cards dated from August 1908 to November 1909. The second album was a Christmas gift from son Earl in December 1909. The cards in that album range from December 1909 to March 1910 and include Christmas, New Years, Valentines, Easter, and birthday greetings. Many had no postmark so were likely hand-delivered. One of the last cards was from Delia's daughter Elva addressed to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Delia Andre died of tuberculosis at her home on 26 April 1910.¹³ She is buried at Cliffside Cemetery near Sandy, Clackamas County, Oregon.¹⁴ Her marker was erected by the Women of Woodcraft.

A third album in the collection was compiled by Delia's son Glenn. Most of the cards are addressed to him. The first page has photo cards of Delia's grave covered with flowers. There is also a photo of a couple thought to be Edwin and Delia. The cards span the year before his mother's death to December 1912. A few are from his mother before her death. Taken together, the collection opens a window into the lives of a family during times of celebration and loss.



Clockwise from above: (1) "Rounding the Buoy," 20 August 1908, to Mrs. E. F. Andre. (2) "Lovelights," 9 November 1909, to Mrs. E. F. Andre. (3) "Vaneta Brown, Age 2 yrs., Sheridan, Oregon," 11 June 1908, to Mrs. Delia Andre. (4) Third Street, Portland, Oregon, postmarked January 1909. Sent to Mrs. Ed Andre from Edith. (5) "Rose Festival," postmarked May 1910. Sent to Glenn from Gail.