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ROCK HILL, S.C. — Before the days of Twitter and Instagram, postcards were how people captured their vacations and communicated to loved ones about their travels.

The newest exhibit in Winthrop University’s Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections, "Wish You Were Here!" displays more than 150 postcards from all over the world—mountains, cities, oceans, gardens and rural scenes. The postcards date from the early 1900s to the 1970s.

“We spent two days at the fair,” reads a postcard with a photograph of the Pepsi-Cola Pavilion at the New York World’s Fair in 1965. “It is fascinating and not too expensive. I hope you can come to see it.”

The fascinating collection will be on display through Aug. 28. Through Aug. 2, archive hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Friday. Beginning Aug. 5, regular hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information on the collection or any collections call 803/323-2334 or e-mail archives@winthrop.edu.