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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Historical Administration and Museum Studies, (with a concentration in archives) University of Kansas, 1992.

Master of Arts, U.S. history, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, 1985
Phi Alpha Theta history honor society 1985

Thesis title

“Farm Work and Friendship: The German Prisoner of War Camp at Lake Wabaunsee”

Bachelor of Science in Education, Emporia State University, 1982
Pi Gamma Mu social science honor society 1981

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Special Collections Librarian 2018-present

Maintaining a budget of over \$13,000

- Selected items to digitize.
- Research vendors to digitize items.
- Supervise shipment of items
- Evaluate the work of vendors.

Process Collections

Publicize collections.

Achievements

Wrote a 30-page brief description of collections under topics such as dance and fine arts, Big Thicket, World War II, and local history.

Nominated for “Most Inspirational Woman on Campus” 2023

University Archivist, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas 2009-2018

Responsibilities include:

Reference providing assistance to both university archives and special collections by providing access, interpreting and creating finding aids, giving instruction in the proper handling of materials and providing knowledge of the records relevant to the individual researcher’s needs.

Technology Utilizing technology by digitizing photographs and documents, creating metadata, and overseeing archival storage.

Utilized HEAF funds to digitize Lamar's school yearbooks, which are now on the university's website.

Interpersonal relations Maintains effective working relationships with colleagues, staff, and researchers. Supervises the work of library associate, student assistant, and volunteers in a pleasant and effective manner.

Acquisition Solicits and acquires original materials for University Archives and Special Collections.

Records Management Assumed responsibility for records management at the university in 2015-2018

Consulted with other Texas university records managers to create a new Records Retention Schedule, which the Texas State Library certified in 2015.

Provided guidance to many departments on campus regarding records management and the destruction of records.

Achievements

Received an inaugural fellowship from the Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast 2017-2018

Conducted research at the National Archives and the Library of Congress

Conducted research at the Historic New Orleans Collection, Tulane University, the New Orleans Public Library and the Notarial Archives

Selected an undergraduate student who is conducting research, assisting with the creation of a PowerPoint, and proofreading a manuscript.

Served as the University's representative of The Texas State University System centennial book, *A Texas State of Mind: The Texas State University System Story Still Going Strong after 100 Years*

- Compiled with Brian Sattler, university public relations director, a history of the university

- Compiled with Sattler biographies of university presidents

- Wrote a university timeline

- Provided information to scholars writing chapters on topics including music, filmmakers, art and architecture, diversity, and World War II.

- Located hundreds of photographs and wrote appropriate captions

- Uploaded 200 photographs to TSUS Centennial Flickr Internet site

- Proofread book

- Supervised the compilation of Lamar's trustees and regents

Grant writer Wrote a successful grant of over \$11,000 to digitize and make fully searchable Lamar's school newspapers. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, 2013, awarded the grant.

Wrote a successful “Rescue Texas History” mini grant from the University of North Texas to digitize 200 historical negatives, which were placed on the Portal to Texas History 2014

Wrote a successful “Rescue Texas History” mini grant from the University of North Texas to digitize *The Pine Needle*, a Hardin County newspaper that served as the voice of the Big Thicket Association and discussed political corruption. 2015

Collection management Improved collection control by appraising collections, creating a database of collections, having each shelf labeled for location, and writing new collection policies for University Archives and Special Collections.

Added quality volunteers including Dr. Joseph B. Carlucci, conductor emeritus of the Symphony of Southeast Texas and former professor of music, who compiled inventories of arts collections.

Enhanced community awareness of collections by giving presentations to state, and regional historical organizations and community groups, co-hosting an oral history workshop, and serving leadership positions with local preservation and historical organizations.

National Register Nomination for the Plummer Administration Building, collaboration on a team involving Kate Downing, Richard Gachot, and Greg Smith (Texas Historical Commission) at the request of President Kenneth R. Evans to nominate the Plummer Administration to the National Register of Historic Buildings

Wrote a history of Lamar University

Wrote a biography of the architect of the building, Llewellyn William “Skeet” Pitts

Wrote a biography of Otho Plummer

Collaborated with Charlotte Holliman to create a bibliography.

Developing outreach events for the library

Collaborated with Wilma Jackson, and other library staff members to create an event, “John Gray: A First Gen Success Story” in which Lamar president, bank president, and Coordinating Board chair John Gray’s life, a Horatio Alger story was celebrated, November 2022.

Collaborated on Professional Publishing Reception, which celebrated faculty who had written a book, co-authored a book or published a chapter in a book from 2014-2016. October 12, 2016.

Book signing for a science fiction book, *The Black Chip* written by Lamar alum, Chuck Royston, who utilized his first-class education at Lamar to garner a high-level position at NASA. October 2016

Collaborated with Texas Archive of the Moving Image to host an event at Lamar in which provided TAMI with motion picture images of Southeast Texas for their website and provided members of the public with digital images of their films. Over 1,300 films were submitted to TAMI including images of recovery from hurricanes. October 2016

Organized a session on Wanda Landrey's collections and had an informational table at the East Texas Historical Association Spring Meeting, February 2016

Special Collections and the History Department co-hosted World War II Oral History Training Workshop and site survey meeting by the Texas Historical Commission, 25 attendance, 14 October 2010.

Annual Holiday Party at my home for volunteers and staff in University Archives and Special Collections

University Committees

Lamar University Centennial Committee, member

History and Culture Center Advisory Council, member

Archivist, Tyrrell Historical Library, Beaumont, Texas 1999-2008

Responsibilities included meeting with donors and acquiring collections, overseeing and providing reference assistance, processing collections, creating exhibitions, doing public relations for the library, selecting and working with guest speakers. Supervised an assistant and volunteers.

Achievements

Provided excellent reference service to patrons.

Wrote over 100 articles for the local press about the library.

Developed a new full color brochure for the library via a grant.

Digitized photographs, maps, and diaries

Created and publicized 12 exhibits on local history topics.

Exhibits

"The Second Wave: World War II Veterans from Southeast Texas," November 8, 2008

"A Salute to America's Greatest Generation: World War II Veterans from Jefferson County, Texas," June 30, 2007

"Celebrating the Golden Anniversary of KFDM-TV" April 21, 2005

"Spindletop Photographer: The Life and Career of H.I. Ostebee," June 19, 2004

"That's Entertainment: A History of Amusement in Downtown Beaumont," November 10, 2003

"One Hundred Years of Beauty: The History of the Tyrrell Historical Library Building," August 29, 2003

“Fifty Years of Magical Music: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Symphony of Southeast Texas,” January 16, 2003

“Sawdust Empire: An Examination of the Lumber Industry in East Texas,” June 18, 2002

“Building Ships for a Free America: Shipbuilding in Beaumont during World War II,” February 26, 2002

“Spindletop: A Texas Titan (Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Lucas Gusher),” January 9, 2001

“Appreciating Our Heritage, Building for the Future: The Beaumont Public Library System,” August 22, 2000

“The Jazz Age in Beaumont: Social and Cultural Movements of the 1920s,” May 30, 2000

“Hail to the Chief: Presidential Connections to Southeast Texas,” March 23, 2000

Archivist/Museum Curator

Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, Liberty, Texas 1993-1998

Responsibilities included:

- researching the history and architecture of the Norman House, an 1883 historical structure
- designing exhibits in the Norman House
- providing reference assistance
- compiling finding guides to historic papers
- cataloging and preserving artifacts
 - Awarded the Texas State Library’s Employee of the Quarter 1995

Archivist

American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri 1991-1992

As the first archivist for the Academy, I developed policies and procedures for the Foundation’s archives

Professional Activities and Affiliations

Academy of Certified Archivists 1997-present

Society of American Archivists, 1991-present

Society of Southwest Archivists, 1993-present
SSA Board of Directors 2011-2012.

Texas Oral History Association 2013-present
TOHA Board of Directors 2017-present

Petroleum History Institute 2013-present

Articles in *Southwestern Archivist*, the journal of the Society of Southwest Archivists

“Great Need, Great Potential: Latinx Collections at Lamar University,” Society of Southwest Archivists, Tucson, Arizona, May 17, 2019

“A Texas Archivist in Paris,” August 2011

“Rosier Papers Acquired,” February 2011

“Beaumont’s First Female Mayor to Donate Papers” November 2008

“Tyrrell Historical Library has Treasures of Military Life,” November 2004

“Tyrrell Historical Library,” February 2003

Papers presented at Society of Southwest Archivists’ Annual Meeting

“The Tyrrell Historical Library’s Recovery from Hurricane Rita,” Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2007

“A Public/Private Partnership: The Story of the Tyrrell Historical Library” Fort Worth, Texas, 2001

Academy of Certified Archivists, member 1997-present

ACA Item-Writing Workshop, participants draft questions for the ACA exam, Boston, August 5, 2004.

- Recertified 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017

Service to the Archival Profession

Society of Southwest Archivists Executive Board, 2012

Continuing Education

“Arrangement and Description Fundamentals,” a required course for Society of American Archivists Arrangement and Description Certificate, “This two-day course introduces the basic principles, concepts, and tools that archivists use to establish both physical and intellectual control over archival records.” May 3 and May 5, 2022

Attended a full-day workshop, “Encoded Archival Description in TARO” (Texas Archival Repositories Online) Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, April 27, 2022

Webinar, “Challenges to the Faculty Status and Academic Freedom of Librarians and Archivists,” Society of Southwest Archivists, September 29, 2022

Attended Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, May 23-26, 2018, took pre-conference workshop, “Faces without Time, Photograph Identification from 1859-1900, “

Attended the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting and took a workshop “Privacy and Confidentiality Issues in Digital Archives,” Fayetteville, Arkansas, May 24, 2017

Attended Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting (SSA) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, participated in disaster recovery workshop, May 2016

Attended the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting (SSA), Arlington, Texas, May 2015.

“Project Management for Archivists,” Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 28, 2014

“Salvaging archival materials in the aftermath of a disaster,” Archivists of the Houston Area (AHA), meeting, Houston, Texas, July 10, 2013

“Implementing MPLP (more product, less processing)” Workshop, Society of Southwest Archivists, Annual Meeting Austin, Texas May 22, 2013

Attended Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, May 23-26, 2012

CONTENTdm webinars, from OCLC, a worldwide library cooperative,

- “Basic Use” February 14, 2012
- “Basic Skills 2: Working with Text” February 17, 2012
- “Basic Skills 3: Maintaining Collections” February 22, 2012

“Standards for Digital Archives” Society of American Archivists webinar, September 29, 2011

“Oral History on a Budget,” Society of Southwest Archivists, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 18, 2011

“Training session,” Southwest User’s Group CONTENTdm. CONTENTdm is the library’s software for storage, management, and delivery of collections to users across the web. First annual meeting Houston, Texas December 1-3, 2010.

“Preservation of Photographic Materials” pre-conference workshop, Society of Southwest Archivists, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 28, 2010.

“Doing More with Less: Cost-Effective and Time Saving Approaches to Caring for Collections,” Shreveport, Louisiana, May 20, 2009.

“Implementing Minimal Process,” Society of Southwest Archivists, Houston, Texas May 21, 2008

“Creating and Managing On-line Exhibits,” Society of Southwest Archivists, Houston, May 21, 2008

“Advanced Appraisal for Archivists,” University of Houston, Clear Lake, Society of American Archivists, El Paso, Texas, October 16, 2006

“Disaster Recovery for Dummies II” Society of Southwest Archivists, El Paso, Texas, May 25, 2006

Grant Proposal Writing” sponsored by Amigos Library Services, Austin, Texas August 26, 2005

“MARC According to DACs: Archival Cataloging to the New Descriptive Standard,” University of Houston, Clear Lake Society of American Archivists October 20-21, 2005

“Arrangement and Description of Archival Records,” May 24, 2001

“Leadership and Management of Archival Programs,” sponsored by the Society of American Archivists, Denver, Colorado, August 28, 2000

“Cyberspace for Archivists,” Society of American Archivists, Houston, Texas, February 3, 1996

“Understanding the USMARC Format for Archival and Manuscript Control,” Society of American Archivists, St. Louis, Missouri, October 29-30 1992

“Records Management for Archivists,” Society of American Archivists, Montreal, Quebec, September 11-12, 1992

SCHOLARLY WORK

Fellowship

Awarded \$5000 fellowship form the Center for History and Culture at Lamar University to research Novaline Baldwin’s work in freeing Confederate sailors from Union prisons. 2017

Papers Presented at Historical Conferences and Chairing Sessions

“Astute Leadership, Dynamic Achievement: Lamar during World War II,” Gulfport, Mississippi, Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Gulfport, Mississippi, October 14, 2022.

“No Easy Life; The Life and Work of Texas Oilfield Labor Organizer, Robert E. “Bobby” Evans,” Petroleum History Institute, Santa Barbara, California, May 18, 2022.

“No Easy Life: The Civil War Journal of Novaline James,” Louisiana Historical Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 18, 2022

“Wings over the Gulf: Beaumont’s Civil Air Patrol in World War II,” East Texas Historical Association, October 16, 2021

“No Little Woman: American Women’s Voluntary Service in Beaumont during World War II,” Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Natchez, Mississippi, October 7, 2021

“Glory Days: Or How the Second Spindletop of the 1920s Changed Beaumont, Texas,” Petroleum History Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 30, 2021

“Wings over the Gulf: The Civil Air Patrol at Beaumont, Texas During World War II” presentation and session chair “Aspects of the Civil War in the Gulf South, Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Alexandria, Louisiana, October 1, 2020

“From Browning to the Big Thicket: How Maxine Johnston Shaped Lamar’s Special Collections,” Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, February 28, 2019

“Old Stories, New Dilemmas: The Value and Challenges of the Wanda A. Landrey Collection,” Texas Oral History Association, College Station, Texas, April 7, 2018

“Desperate People, Desperate Times: Civil War New Orleans,” Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Pensacola, Florida, October 2017

“New Beginnings, Old Issues: Lamar in 1946,” Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Mobile, Alabama, October 2016.

“Pursuing Petroleum Riches: Lamar University’s Oil Related Collections,” Petroleum History Institute, Casper, Wyoming, 29 July 2016.

“Native Americans in West Texas,” West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Abilene, Texas 9 April 2016.

“Realism and Romance: The Value and Issues of the Wanda A. Landrey Collection,” East Texas Historical Association Spring Meeting, Beaumont, Texas February 2016.

“Shifting Sands: Novaline James Baldwin’ Views on Race in Antebellum and Civil War South,” Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, 1 October 2015

“In Pursuit of Petroleum Riches: Lamar University’s Oil Collections,” West Texas Historical Association, Amarillo, Texas, 10 April 2015.

“Glory Days: The Second Spindletop and its Architecture, the Oil Mansions of Beaumont,” Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, 10 October 2014

“Archiving a Texas Treasure,” (discussing work to publicize Big Thicket collections held in Special Collections) East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2 October 2014. I am also Chair of this session, “Land of Untamed Beauty and Biological Splendor,” with Maxine Johnston, Pete A.Y. Gunter, and David Lewis. All of these individuals have donated their papers to Lamar University

Chair of a session, “Stories We Don’t Tell or Do We,” regarding decision making regarding putting collections on the Internet, my paper was entitled, “Hidden History: A Discussion of Decision Making Regarding Sensitive Collections at Lamar University,” Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, 31 May 2014.

“From Browning to the Big Thicket: The Origins and Growth of Lamar University’s Special Collections,” East Texas Historical Association Session, West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Odessa, Texas, April 2014.

“Astute Leadership and Dynamic Achievement: Lamar during World War II,” East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 28, 2013

“Documenting the Undocumented: Lamar’s Oral History Collection,” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, March 1, 2013.

“War and Passion: The Civil War Diaries of Novaline James Baldwin,” Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Pensacola, Florida, October 18-20, 2012

“Gwendolyn Wingate’s Life and Writing,” East Texas Historical Association Spring Meeting, Beaumont, Texas, February 15, 2007

“A Study of Martin Dies: Letters from His Constituents Regarding World War II,” Beaumont History Conference, Beaumont, Texas January 13, 1996

“Starving in the Promised Land: A Study of the Wabaunsee Colony, A Black Farming Settlement in Kansas,” Southwest Social Science Association, Dallas, March 20, 1987

“Farm Work and Friendship: A Study of a German Prisoner of War Camp,” Southwest Social Science Association, Houston, Texas March 1985

“Saturday Night in Alta Vista,” Phi Alpha Theta Oklahoma Regional Conference, Alva, Oklahoma, 1984

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

“Untapped Black Gold: Lamar’s Oil Related Collections,” to be published in the next issue of *Oil Industry History*

“Glory Days: How the Second Spindletop Shaped Beaumont Texas’ Architecture,” *Oil Industry History*, v. 22, no. 1, 2021, pp. 55-72.

Beaumont’s Civil Air Patrol in World War II, Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia Publishing, 20021.

Co-editor with former Beaumont mayor, Evelyn M. Lord, *On Our Way to “The Big Day” (and Beyond): The Hundredth Anniversary of the Lucas Gusher at Spindletop* Austin: Northtex Press, 2002,

Farm Work and Friendship: The German Prisoner of War Camp at Lake Wabaunsee Emporia: Emporia Research Studies, 1988,

Publications in scholarly journals and books

“Symphony of Southeast Texas,” in *Handbook of Texas Music Second Edition* Denton, Texas: Texas State Historical Association, 2012 peer reviewed, state in scope

A Texas State of Mind: The Texas State University System Story, Still Going Strong after 100 Years. Austin, Texas: Board of Regents Texas State University System, 2011

- “Texas Roots, Infinite Possibilities,” a history of Lamar University, co-authored with Brian Sattler, p. 189-203, not peer reviewed, state in scope
- “Presidents,” biographies of Lamar’s presidents p. 316, 321-322. Not peer reviewed, state in scope

“Cross-Currents and Influences in Southeast Texas Art,” by Penny Clark and Tam Kiehnhoff, *Texas Heritage: A Publication of the Texas Historical Foundation*, Volume 1, 2011. Not peer reviewed, state in scope

“Symphony of Southeast Texas,” *Handbook of Texas Music*, Austin, Texas: Texas State Historical Association, 2003, peer reviewed, state in scope

“Southeast Texas Home Front During World War II as Seen Through Martin Dies’ Papers,” *Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record*, November 1996 Peer reviewed, regional in scope

“Saturday Night in Alta Vista,” *Heritage of the Great Plains*, Summer 1985 Peer reviewed, regional in scope

Handbook of Texas entries

“Larry Jene Fisher” 2020

“Yellow Fever” 2020

“Lance Rosier” 2020

“Geraldine Watson” 2020

“Symphony of Southeast Texas” 2006

Publications in the popular press

VIP of Southeast Texas

“Lamar University Preserves History of Dance Teachers in Southeast Texas,” March 2018

“A Culinary History: Ancient and Rare Cookbooks at the Mary and John Gray Library,” November 2017

Beaumont Journal columns (850 words and a photograph)

“Beaumont was dirtiest, noisiest, busiest town on the continent,” March 15, 2001

“Early Beaumont resident Iva Tevis was a real Texan,” August 23, 2001

“Beaumont was a ‘boom town’ before Spindletop,” August 31, 2001

“1800s recipes were not for calorie-conscious eaters,” September 13, 2001

“Terrorist attack reminds many people of Pearl Harbor,” September 20, 2001

“Beaumonters have tradition of helping victims of tragedy,” September 27, 2001

“First Amendment allows all opinions to be expressed,” (article on John H. Brooks) October 4, 2001

“Father’s letters reveal much about area history,” October 11, 2001

“Pivoto House was a witness to much Texas history,” 2001

“Every war separates family members and friends,” October 18, 2001

“Early Beaumont lawyer enjoyed very exciting life,” (Tom J. Russell) 2001

“East Texas’ own governor’s mansion,” November 8, 2001

“Go back in time at Gillard-Duncan” November 22, 2001

“Celebrate an old-fashioned holiday,” November 29, 2001

“Snack Wagon memories waft through Beaumonters’ minds,” November 15, 2001

“Library helps with family history,” December 6, 2001

“McFaddin-Ward House hosts Christmas Open House,” December 13, 2001

“Dutton Hotel housed many during Spindletop,” December 20, 2001

“Woman’s Club contributed to area arts, literacy,” December 27, 2001

“The Beaumont History Conference Marks 10th year,” January 3, 2002

“Spindletop histories to be presented to Tyrrell Library,” January 10, 2001

“G.W. Carroll practiced what he preached—integrity” January 17, 2002

“Herring Coe sculpted shirtless Dowling statue,” January 31, 2002

“Research, ceremony lays Civil War ID mystery to rest,” February 7, 2002

“Commission benefits from oral histories,” February 14, 2002

“World War II: ‘Rosie the Riveter’ worked here too,” February 21, 2002

“Triplett Authored 1920s book on Southern race relations,” March 7, 2002

“Kyle Theater was center of Beaumont social activities,” March 14, 2002

“Jirou letters provide glimpse into Beaumont life,” March 21, 2002

“Harry Jirou: a small man with a big heart,” March 28, 2002

“Beaumont veteran was nation’s top legionnaire,” April 4, 2002

“First decade of Neches River Festival reflected times,” April 11, 2002

“Annual festival has incorporated fun, fund-raising,” April 18, 2002

“Lumber industry was vital during Spindletop era,” April 25, 2002

“Tyrrell Library is Beaumont’s ‘way-back’ machine,” (provided information for Chris Castillo who wrote the article) May 2, 2002

“Desk and Derrick Club provides education for women,” May 9, 2002

“Beaumont yellow pine ships served red, white and blue,” May 16, 2002

“Edward Stedman was true ‘man about town,’ May 23, 2002

“Tyrrell Library has 1930 Census microfilm,” May 30, 2002

“In all ways, Otho Plummer was good for Beaumont,” June 6, 2002

“Library to host regional lumber industry exhibit,” June 13, 2002

“Sam Houston library offers education, entertainment,” June 20, 2002

“Four Oaks was home to several noteworthy residents,” June 27, 2002

“Stedman Building was state-of-the-art facility,” July 4, 2002

“Symphony of Southeast Texas celebrates 50 years,” July 11, 2002

“League important to Beaumont symphony’s success,” July 18, 2002

“‘Black Gold’ other oilfield novels available at the Tyrrell,” July 25, 2002

“Stedman yacht *Donaldo* a place of great excitement,” August 1, 2002

“Al Sacker and his ‘baby’ made beautiful music,” August 8, 2002

“Music Week included all of Beaumont in the 1920s” August 15, 2002

“Music Commission brought variety of performers to city,” August 22, 2002

“Beaumont businessman bagged bevy of bighorn,” August 29, 2002

“Hardin County Genealogical Society is progressive,” September 5, 2002

“Genealogy conference offers help with family history research,” September 12, 2002

“McNeill-Sanders House: An architectural gem,” September 19, 2002

“Beaumont boasts four Historic Preservation Awards,” September 26, 2002

“City development: Everything old is new again,” October 3, 2002

“Diaries tell sad story of Confederate soldiers death,” October 10, 2002

“Campbell class influenced church-going generation,” October 17, 2002

“South Texas State Fair has provided fun for decades,” October 24, 2002

“Four-way governor’s race in 1892 was filled with racial tensions,” October 31, 2002

“Courthouse is treasure of art deco architecture,” November 7, 2002

“Beaumont Interfaith Choral honors Mary Woodland,” November 14, 2002

“Mary Woodland was Beaumont’s grand diva,” November 21, 2002

“Ubi Caritas ministers to families in historic building,” November 28, 2002

“St. Marks Episcopal celebrates 125th anniversary,” December 5, 2002

“Historic home to host ‘Magnificent Memories’ event,” December 12, 2002

“Hometown girl made mark on television, Roosevelt,” December 19, 2002

“Memories of a great Texas lady: Jean Daniel” December 26, 2002

“League of Women Voters tackles tough issues,” January 3, 2003

“Meyers mixed Yankee ingenuity, Texas style,” January 9, 2003

“Library offers African-American genealogy resources,” January 16, 2003

“Construction of library marked by turmoil, delays” January 23, 2003

“Jefferson Theatre was state-of-the art structure,” February 6, 2003

“Heritage society donates documents to Tyrrell,” February 13, 2003

“Dietzer made many contributions to musical world,” March 20, 2003

“Melody Maids epitomized the best of Texas womanhood,” April 17, 2003

“Temple to the Brave salutes Texans of all conflicts,” May 8, 2003

“Daughters of American Revolution: Patriotism and heritage,” June 5, 2003

“Tyrrell’s tower was source of turmoil in the ‘30s,” July 3, 2003

“Captain Tyrrell’s portrait: A historical library treasure,” July 31, 2003

“Delia Harrington: Making Beaumont beautiful,”

“Tyrrell Historical Library: From adoration to archive,” September 2003??

“Library faced unique trails during Depression years,” September 18, 2003

“Town and County: W.C. Gilbert was leader in both,” October 9, 2003

“Jefferson Theatre has glorious past,” October 30, 2003

“Robert Morton Organ: Wonder of the Jefferson,” October 30, 2003

“Gilbert Building was city center of commerce,” November 6, 2003

“John N. Gilbert was major player in early Beaumont,” December 4, 2003

“Tyrrell Library met challenges during war years,” January 1, 2004

“Elizabeth Gilbert Fortune: Life filled with extreme highs, lows” January 15, 2004

“Banker’s good works did not go unrewarded,” February 5, 2004

“Hotel Beaumont has a multi-storied history,” February 26, 2004

“Lorene David: A woman dedicated to her art,” March 18, 2004

“Smythe Shepherd: A true Southern gentlemen,” April 1, 2004

“Gilbert constructed home for homesick bride,” April 22, 2004

“Harry James made solid gold with a brass horn,” May 13, 2004

“Early rice festival drew huge crowds to the city,” June 3, 2004

‘Miss Mary’ made a difference in students’ lives,” June 24, 2004

“Identifying old family photos can unlock past,” July 15, 2004

“Woman’s diaries reveal heartaches of later life,” August 5, 2004

“Rotary Club of Beaumont has heritage of service,” August 26, 2004

“Harvey W. Gilbert was true Beaumont visionary,” September 16, 2004

“Gilbert Rodeo was truly exciting one-time event,” September 30, 2004

“Hinchee House reflected petroleum wealth,” October 28, 2004

“Lorine Bingman was church, education leader,” November 18, 2004

“Pennship Log documents ‘greatest generation,’” December 9, 2004

“Gwendolyn Wingate was writer of power, creativity,” December 30, 2005

“Internet fast becoming genealogist’s best friend,” January 20, 2005

“Misses Cahn’s School educated Beaumont’s elite,” February 10, 2005

“Herbert Roedenbeck sought agricultural progress,” March 3, 2005

“Reporter tells an Easterner’s view of Spindletop,” March 24, 2005

“Scrapbooking: Not the same as in grandma’s day April 14, 2005

“Nathan was a true Beaumont retail innovator,” May 5, 2005

“Acadian heritage is celebrated at Tyrrell Library,” May 26, 2005

“Lena Milam: Beaumont’s First Lady of Music,” June 16, 2005

“John Pruitt Walker was true Texas cattleman,” July 7, 2005

“David French lived a long, interesting life,” July 28, 2005

“Quilting: Needlework legacy records history,” August 18, 2005

“Winter ancestor recorded turmoil with sibling,” September 7, 2005

“Spanish Influenza brought death to millions,” November 2, 2005

“Not even a hurricane can destroy heritage,” November 30, 2005

“Harned Sisters dedicated their lives to music,” December 28, 2005

“Genealogy doesn’t stop for natural disasters,” January 4, 2006

“Beaumont’s Sam Park was capitalist extraordinaire,” February 1, 2006

“Sam Park was quintessential self-made man,” March 1, 2006

“One of Southeast Texas’ most amazing places,” March 29, 2006

“Romantic historic: New Orleans cattle drives,” April 19, 2006

“Houston’s political career documented at Liberty,” May 10, 2006

“Sam Houston at Liberty,” May 31, 2006

“L.W. Pitts was renowned Beaumont architect,” June 21, 2006

“Texas provided refuge for exiled Bonapartists,” July 12, 2006

“eBay provides opportunities to collect treasures,” August 2, 2006

“Bank a masterpiece of modern architecture,” August 23, 2006

“Dredging rivers to provide Depression-era jobs,” October 4, 2006

“Beaumont bank opened with special ceremonies,” October 25, 2006

“Beaumont chamber puts positive spin on the city,” November 22, 2006

“Cajuns add dash of spice to Southeast Texas,” January 17, 2007

“Rabbi was leader to congregation, community,” February 14, 2007

“Stedman Family well documented at Tyrrell,” March 14, 2007

“Beaumont woman marked King’s Highway,” April 11, 2007

“Texas Gulf Historical Society promotes scholarship,” May 9, 2007

“Tyrrell Library archives WWII veterans’ stories,” June 6, 2007

“World War II nurse in Pacific won Bronze Star,” July 4, 2007

“Scrapbooks provide uncensored look at WWII,” August 1, 2007

“Letters spurred romance during World War II,” August 29, 2007

“Francis Norman Wagner preserved history,” September 26, 2007

“Bob Wills was the king of Western Swing,” October 24, 2002

“Keeping Diaries helps document lives,” November 21, 2007

“Harry Shepherd’s diary shows his zest for life,” December 19, 2007

“Civil Air Patrol: WWII’s Minute Men of the Sky,” January 16, 2008

“Father Hebert was regional genealogy pioneer,” February 2008

“Reflecting back on World War II,” March 12, 2008

“New Twist on genealogy classic,” April 9, 2008

“Pattillo brought creativity to local library,” May 14, 2008

Articles published in Metropolitan Beaumont:

“Local Mardi Gras Offers Fun for the Entire Family,” January/February 2002

“100th Anniversary Gives Birth to History Book,” March/April 2002

“H.I. Ostebee: A Picture of Beaumont History,” July/August 2004

“The Renaissance of a Giant,” (the history of the First City Building) March/April 2007

“Honoring Local Heroes from World War II,” July/August 2007

Liberty County, Texas publications

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Community Leadership

Big Thicket Association Board of Directors 2017-
Nominating Committee chair
Membership Committee

Golden Triangle Sierra Club Board of Directors 2016-
Secretary

Beaumont Heritage Society, board of directors and secretary, 2004-2008, 2011-2013, search committee for the new director 2005, bylaws committee 2011-present.

Beaumont Music Commission, board of directors, 2003-2004

Col. George Moffet Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Vice Regent 2011-2015

Southeast Texas Genealogical and Historical Society, second vice president and editor of their publication the *Yellowed Pages* 2002-2004

Texas Gulf Historical Society, vice president 2002-2004, president 2004-2005, editor *Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record*, 2003-2004, librarian 2009-present.

Visionaries in Preservation Board of Directors, an organization which works with the Texas Historical Commission to coordinate historical preservation efforts in Beaumont 2009-2010. SPARE Beaumont (publication documenting historical structures) Committee 2010.