

# LAMAR UNIVERSITY

## Archives and Special Collections

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## Wanda A. Landrey Collection

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

**Dates:** Research included in the collection was conducted late 1970s- 2006, the information in the collection documents vice in Beaumont c. 1900-1960s, and East Texas and Big Thicket social life and customs 1830s-1990s.

**Size:** 22.75 cubic feet

**Access:** Open for research

**Collection Number:** Special Collections 63

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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wanda A. Landrey is a historian whose work was strongly influenced by her roots in the Big Thicket of East Texas. Although she was born and raised in Beaumont, she was descended from early East Texas pioneers. As a child she spent much time in the Big Thicket visiting family and camping in the great outdoors. Her father entertained her with tales of the Big Thicket including lore of notorious outlaws who found the Big Thicket a place to hide from their crimes.

As she grew up, she followed a traditional path, graduating from South Park High School in Beaumont and then continuing her education at what was then Lamar State College of Technology where she earned a degree in history. Landrey married attorney Floyd Landrey, had three children, Leslie, Ricca, and Jed, and taught world history at Westbrook High School.

She returned to Lamar where she earned a masters in history. When it came time to write her thesis she remembered her father's stories of outlaws in the Big Thicket and wrote, "Lawlessness in the Big Thicket," which she was encouraged to revise and publish resulting in her first book, *Outlaws in the Big Thicket*.

Landrey continued to research topics relating to the history of the Big Thicket and Beaumont. Her works were distinct due to Landrey's ample use of oral histories which Landrey took great joy in conducting. Landrey's books include the following,

*Boardin' in the Big Thicket: Reminiscences and Recipes of the Early Big Thicket Boarding Houses*; 1990, *Lost in the Big Thicket: A Mystery and Adventure in the Big Thicket of Texas*, 1997, *The Historic Belle-Jim Hotel Jasper, Texas: Remembrances and Recipes of those Who Knew It Best*; 1999, *The Ghosts of Spindletop Hill* 2000, and *Betting, Booze, and Brothels: Vice, Corruption, and Justice in Jefferson County, Texas*; 2006.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection is chiefly composed of material collected by Landrey during her research for six local history books which document social history of the Big Thicket and Beaumont. Her collection is primarily composed of cassette tapes and transcripts of oral histories, as well as other papers including photographs, newspaper articles, photocopies of books, and correspondence.

Some material originally in the collection was transferred to other repositories. Interviews with Texas attorneys and other related material, unless directly related to the history of Southeast Texas, were transferred to the State Bar of Texas archives. Genealogical information on the Crews/Cruise family, and Clan MacQuarrie castle in Scotland were transferred to the Tyrrell Historical Library.

## INDEX TERMS

Country life—Texas—Big Thicket—History—20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Legends—Texas.  
Texas—History—Anecdotes.  
Texas—Social life and customs.  
Tales—Texas, East.  
City and town life—Texas—History.  
Sawmills—Texas—History.  
Lumbering—Texas—History.  
Texas—social life and customs.  
Boomtowns—Texas.  
Businesswomen—Texas.  
Entrepreneurship—Women—Texas.  
Labor unions—Texas—Big Thicket.  
Oil fields—Texas.  
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Petroleum—social aspects.  
Petroleum—Texas.  
Race relations—Texas.  
Cooking, American.  
Cooking—Texas—Big Thicket.  
Hotels—Big Thicket—Big Thicket.  
Big Thicket (Tex.)—Social life and customs.  
Outlaws—Texas—Big Thicket.  
Gambling—Texas—Jefferson County—History.

Brothels—Texas—Jefferson County—History.  
Corruption—Texas—Jefferson County—History.  
Beaumont (Tex.)—history

#### Corporate names

Belle Jim Hotel—History.  
Dixie Hotel—Texas—Beaumont—History.  
Big Thicket National Preserve—History.

#### Geographic Terms

Big Thicket (Tex.)—Social life and customs—20<sup>th</sup> century—oral histories.

### **PROVENANCE**

Wanda A. Landrey donated material on vice and corruption in Jefferson County to the Mary and John Gray Library on March 25, 2011 and later donated her research material used in the Big Thicket publications on June 18, 2013.

### **PREFERRED CITATION**

[Identification of item]. Wanda A. Landrey Collection, University Archives and Special Collections, Mary and John Gray Library, Lamar University.

### **ARRANGMENT OF THE COLLECTION**

- I. Research materials relating to Landrey's book *Vice and Corruption in Jefferson County, Texas*
  - A. Oral history tapes
  - B. Transcripts of oral history tapes and related papers
  - C. Heritage of vice and corruption in Southeast Texas
  - D. Court records
  - E. Newspaper and magazine clippings
  - F. Papers on Rita Ainsworth and the Dixie Hotel
  - G. Personalities and institutions relating to vice and the James Commission
  - H. Manuscripts
  - I. Publicity for the book
  - J. Photographs
  - K. Oversize
  
- II. Research materials related to Landrey's books on the Big Thicket and Texas history subjects
  - A. Oral history tapes
  - B. Transcripts and other materials relating to oral history
  - C. Subject files relating to the Big Thicket and Texas history
  - D. Promotional materials used in publicizing books
  - E. Photographs
  - F. Oversize materials

III. Personal papers

**LOCATION OF RECORD**

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**INVENTORY**

**Box 1 (.5 cubic feet)**

Cassette tapes A-H

- 1-2. Anonymous, June 19, 2001
3. V.J. Barranco June 26, 2001
4. Carroll Buttrill, February 1, 2002
- 5-6. Gene Corder May 22, 1997
- 7-8 R. E. "Dick" Culbertson, July 11, 2000, 2 tapes and copies (4 tapes total)
9. G.W. Daniels, June 24, 1997
- 10-11. Maudry DeWalt and Marie Price, October 11, 2001
- 12-13. Terry Doyle and Oliver Lawson, October 1, 2000
14. Roy Dunn, November 8, 2001
15. Gabe Duriso and Gilbert Alex August 28, 2001
16. L.D. Farrow and Cecil Holstead, May 22, 2001
17. R.T. Fertitta, Jr. July 20, 2000
18. Bruce Hamilton, 1 tape, January 24, 2002

**Box 2 (.5 cubic feet)**

Cassette tapes H-Mc

1. Tom Hanna, July 11, 2002
2. Dr. John Wesley Hardt, 1 tape, May 21, 1997
3. Bill Hataway, July 31, 2000
4. Bob Henderson, November 5, 2001
5. Cecil Holstead, June 28, 2000
6. Tanner Hunt, June 21, 2001

- 7-8. Tom James, November 15, 1996
9. Walter Juncker, June 14, 2001
10. Jack King, May 7, 2002,
11. Melissa Ann Wernecke King, July 2, 2001
12. Raymond Lefkowitz, August 30, 2001
13. Julia Lester, also includes interviews with Pete Landolt and Joe Hughes
14. Minnie Palumbo Lindsey, March 25, 2001
- 15-16. Chuck Little, April 7, 2002
17. Jean and Gus McFaddin, August 2002
18. James McGrath, 1 tape, February 24, 1997, Anonymity issue

**Box 3 (.5 cubic feet)**  
Cassette tapes M-W

1. Lloyd Martin, November 14, 2001
2. D.P. (David Phenus) Moore, May 4, 2001
3. Ray Moore, August 6, 2001
4. H.M. Nix, Jr. July 15, 2002
5. George W. Parks, June 5, 1997
- 6-8. John Parsons, interviewed twice, May 8, 1997, July 11, 1997
9. Dr. C.L. Pentecost, September 5, 2001
10. Joe Perl, June 29, 2001
11. Charles Perricone, March 10, 1997
12. Dr. Bill Reid, December 13, 2001
13. Cecil Rush, September 11, 2001
14. Clyde Rush, May 28, 1997

15. Dale Sheffield, June 14, 2001
16. Smythe Shepherd, September 26, 2011
17. Mark Simmons, "Tour of the Dixie Hotel", July 5, 2000
18. David Sockler, March 19, 2002
- 19-20. Buster Turner, 2 tapes, June 27, 2001, June 27, 2001
21. Ed VanZandt, July 3, 2001
22. Hilda Vickers, two tapes, July 25, 2000, [?]
23. Mary Ellen Wisrodt, April 30, 2002
24. David Witts, May 1, 1997

**Box 4-5 (.5 cubic feet)**

Cassette tapes duplicates of previously listed tapes regarding vice and corruption

**Box 6 (.5 cubic feet)**

Folder 1: Anonymous, June 19, 2001, 28-page transcript, Topics: documents a young man's first sexual experience at the Dixie Hotel

Folder 2: Ruth Aubey, June 17, 2007, 1-page transcript, Topics: corruption in Sheriff Charley Meyer's office

Folder 3: V.J. Barranco June 26, 2001, 19-page transcript, contains a legal release, three photos, Topics: bookmaking.

Folder 4. Carrol O. Buttrill, February 1, 2002, 13-page transcript, photographs  
Topics: prostitution in shotgun houses, acceptance of prostitution in the community, union and management conflicts

Folder 5: M.C. Carter, Jr. July 31, 2001, 21-page transcript, Topics: nicknames for father, nightclubs in Beaumont, Giles family, gambling in Beaumont, murder of Jake Giles, payoffs in Beaumont,

Folder 6: E.T. "Gene" Corder, May 22, 1997 21-page transcript, photo, legal agreement (He served as a detective on the Special Services Vice Squad which was appointed by Willie Bauer, Beaumont Chief of Police, after the James Investigation)  
Topics: His interview discusses raids on the Dixie Hotel, interior décor of the Dixie Hotel

Folder 7. R.E. "Dick" Culbertson, July 11, 2000, 45-page transcript, discusses his six terms as sheriff of Jefferson County 1962-1986, corruption of elected officials,

Folder 8: Reverend G.W. Daniels, June 17, 1997, 4 photos, release, 29-page transcript, Topics: biography of Daniels, treatment of German prisoners of war in Corpus Christi, Texas, gambling, United Citizens for Law Enforcement, ministers role in UCLE, sawmilling, mule skinnners, John Wesley Hardt, relationships between black and white ministers, openness of gambling and prostitution in Beaumont, M.C. Carter

Folder 9: Maudry DeWalt and Marie Price, October 11, 2001, 45 page transcript, Topics: Savannah's an African-American brothel in Port Arthur that catered to white men, inter-racial children, women as entrepreneurs, inter-racial marriages, end of Savannah's life,

Folder 10: Terry Doyle, and Oliver Lawson, October 1, 2000, 18-page transcript, Topics: L.D. Farrow, police's failure to enforce laws against prostitution, May 22, 2001

Folder 11: Roy Dunn, November 8, 2001, 30 page transcript Topics: Prohibition, Ku Klux Klan and their attitudes toward gambling, bars, corruption of Charley Meyer, gambling, attitudes toward liquor stores,

Folder 12: Gabe Duriso, Gilbert Alex, August 28, 2001, 35-page transcript Topics: African-American businesses, M.C. Carter also known as "Blue Buddy" the nightclub the Raven, entertainers who performed at the Raven, conflict between Giles' brothers, murder of the Giles' father

Folder 13. L.D. Farrow, May 22, 2001, 30-page transcript, Topics: service in the military during World War II, community attitudes toward vice, power of labor unions, slot machines, Gordon Baxter radio shows riding with police

Folder 14: R.T. Fertitta, Jr., July 20, 2000, 31-page transcript, Topics: Jakes Giles and his power, Dixie Hotel, descriptions of prostitutes who worked at the Dixie Hotel, descriptions of Rita Ainsworth, Rita Ainsworth's control over girls who worked at the Dixie Hotel,

Folder 15: Ramie Griffin, Jr., oral history conducted by Floyd Landrey, ca. February 24, 2005, 1-page transcript, Griffin discussed his father's biography and attitudes toward ending vice in Beaumont

Folder 16: Bruce Hamilton, January 23, 2002, 12-page transcript, Topics: Rita Ainsworth's children, demeanor of prostitutes who worked for Rita Ainsworth, Steve McQueen's employment in vice businesses in Port Arthur, Charley Meyer's corruption

Folder 17: Tom Hanna, July 11, 2002, 28-page transcript, Topics: vice in Port Arthur, segregation in Port Arthur, African-American, Marcella Chadwick's business, courtroom tricks of attorneys, power of labor unions, efforts to work against labor unions, gambling, and prostitution in Port Arthur

Folder 18: Dr. John Wesley Hardt, May 21, 1997, 38-page transcript, Topics: documents the role of ministers in cleaning up vice, public's demand for action

against vice, integration of Minister's Association, corruption of Charley Meyer, corruption of city and county leaders, labor unions connection to vice, organization of the United Citizens for Law Enforcement, Rita Ainsworth winning raffle, race relations

Folder 19. W.B. "Bill" Hataway, July 31, 2000 31-page transcript, Topics: being a juror on the Blue Ribbon Grand Jury, character and popularity of Sheriff Charley Meyer, threats against jurors

Folder 20: Bobby J. Henderson, November 5, 2001, 23-page transcript, Topics: prostitution in Beaumont after James Commission, paying taxes on illegal activities,

Folder 21: Cecil Holstead, June 28, 2000, 21-page transcript, Topics: corruption of court system in Jefferson County, Holstead's campaign for district clerk

Folder 22: Joseph M. Hughes, January 9, 2003, 13-page transcript, Topics: Marcella Chadwick and her personality, Steve McQueen's life in Port Arthur

Folder 23: Tanner Hunt, June 21, 2001, 24-page transcript, Topics: Attorney Hunt's defense of Rita Ainsworth, gangster Raymond Hamilton hiding out on Crockett Street, and description of Grace Woodyard's brothel in Port Arthur

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Folder 1: Tom James, November 15, 1996, 51- page transcript, Topics: open operation of vice in Beaumont, corruption of local government officials, disregard vice in Southeast Texas, disregard for enforcement of the law, death threats to investigators of corruption, M.C. Carter and the Raven Club, murder of people who testified regarding corruption, employees fired or demoted for testifying, Jake Giles' murder

Folder 2: Walter Juncker, June 14, 2001, 32-page transcript, Topics: serving as a juror on a grand jury, Juncker's work in forming the Grand Jury Association, differences between union members, formation of the United Citizen's for Law Enforcement, threats received by Juncker for his activism, Gulf States Utilities financial support of the UCLE

Folder 3: Jack R. King, May 7, 2001, no transcript

Folder 4: Melissa Ann Wernecke King, July 2, 2001, 13-page transcript, Topics: Marcella Chadwick's character, ownership of property

Folder 5: C.E. "Pete" Landolt, January 7, 2003, 7-page transcript, Topics: attempt to re-locate prostitution to Hardin County, Ku Klux Klan in Southeast Texas

Folder 6: Raymond Lefkowitz, August 30, 2001, 52-page transcript, Topics: operation of gambling facilities, raids on gambling joints, character and personality of Grace Woodyard, Marcella Chadwick, and Rita Ainsworth, gambling in Beaumont after the James Commission



Folder 7: Julia Lester, January 3, 2003, 2-page transcript, Topics: Stella Nolan's role as the madam at Boston Hotel, police's relationship with prostitution,

Folder 8: Minnie Palumbo Lindsey, March 25, 2001, 26-page transcript, Topics: where ethnic groups in Beaumont lived, Italian immigration to Beaumont, prostitution, description of prostitution and madams, anti-Italian prejudice in Beaumont

Folder 9: Charles "Chuck" Little, April 7, 2002, 52- page transcript, Topics: working as a police officer, vice in Beaumont after the James Commission, police's relationship to Rita Ainsworth, description of Rita Ainsworth

Folder 10: Helen Locke and Jeanette Greer, April 7, 2003, two signed interview agreements

Folder 11: Jean and Gus McFaddin, January 8, 2002, seven page transcript Topics: Jack Thompson's casino on the Plum Nearly Ranch

Folder 12: photographs of items relating to vice activities found on the Plum Nearly Ranch, 2002

Folder 13: James McGrath (worked as an assistant district attorney 1951-1958), February 24, 1997, 29-page transcript, Topics: providing legal representation to gamblers, openness of vice in Beaumont, popularity of Sheriff Charley Meyer, vice's economic impact on Beaumont, importance of unions in Southeast Texas, violence during strikes

Folder 14: Lloyd Martin, November 14, 2001, 13- page transcript, Topics: service on the Texas House investigative committee, corruption of local officials, popularity of Charley Meyer, importance of unions in Southeast Texas

Folder 15: D.P. (David Phenus) Moore, May 4, 2001, 31-page transcript, Topics: openness of vice in Port Arthur, changes in the way prostitution operated, houses of prostitution in Port Arthur

Folder 16: Ray Moore, (served as assistant police chief), 6-page transcript, August 6, 2001, Topics: serving on the grand jury of the James Commission

Folder 17: H.M. Nix, Jr., July 15, 2002, 15-page transcript, Topics: role as a foreman of the Grand Jury, popularity of Charley Meyer, juvenile delinquency

Folder 18: George W. Parks, June 5, 1997, 23-page transcript, press releases, Topics: work of the Grand Jury Association of Jefferson County, Inc.

Folder 19: John Parsons, interviewed twice, May 8, 1997, July 11, 1997, 2 transcripts, May 8, 1997, 82- page transcript, July 11, 1997 32-page transcript; Topics: corruption in the police department, corruption of Jim Stafford, police accepting prostitutes' services, Charley Meyer's charisma, Jake Giles' murder, Rita

Ainsworth and the Dixie Hotel, teenage boys at houses of prostitution, prostitutes introducing boys to drugs, Rita Ainsworth's business and raids after the James Commission, George Dishman and his work with the UCLE, gambling, city's financial problems, drug abuse in Jefferson County,

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Folder 1: Dr. C.L. Pentecost, September 5, 2001, 20-page transcript, Topics: physician to Rita Ainsworth and prostitutes, examining prostitutes for sexually communicated diseases, syphilis patients, abortions

Folder 2: Joe G. Perl, June 29, 2001, 24-page transcript, Topics: Rita Ainsworth's relationship to her daughter, descriptions of the Dixie Hotel, descriptions of prostitutes at Dixie Hotel, world-wide reputation of Dixie Hotel, comparison of Beaumont and Galveston's red light districts, raids on vice locales

Folder 3: Charles Perricone, detective on the vice squad, March 10, 1997, 38-page transcript, Topics: vice in Beaumont after the James Commission, gambling, M.C. Carter's privileged status in Beaumont, raids on gambling places, raids on Rita Ainsworth's Annex Apartments,

Folder 4: Dr. Bill Reid, December 13, 2001, 14-page transcript, Topics: Pen Yan Club, gambling, folklore regarding Grace Woodyard

Folder 5: Cecil Rush, September 11, 2001, 36-page transcript, Topics: serving on the Beaumont Police Department, qualifications to become a police officer, investigations into Rita Ainsworth's activities after the James Commission, gambling

Folder 6: Clyde Rush, Beaumont police captain, May 28, 1997, 25-page transcript, Topics: character of police officers, threats received by police during the James Commission, murder of Jake Giles, gambling, Rita Ainsworth's origins

Folder 7. Walter Sekaly, March 2002, [Landrey prepared interview questions but apparently no interview was conducted]

Folder 8: Dale Sheffield, June 14, 2001, seven-page transcript, Topics: Rita Ainsworth's prostitute who gave birth to a baby

Folder 9: Smythe Shepherd, September 26, 2001, 15 page transcript, Topics: openness of red light district, violence during strikes, personality of the Ainsworth family

Folder 10: Mark Simmons, July 5, 2000, six-page transcript, "Tour of the Dixie," description of the Dixie Hotel, folklore of Dixie Hotel,

Folder 11: David Sockler, March 19, 2002, two-page transcript, Topics: prostitution in Beaumont during World War II

Folder 12: Buster Turner, Jr. one of the first black police officers in Beaumont, June 27, 2001, 44-page transcript, Topics: playing baseball for the Chicago American Giants, a professional black baseball team; description of M.C. Carter, gambling and the numbers racket, Jake Giles, the Raven Club, performers at the Raven Club, African-American vice operations, Jake Giles' murder

Folder 13: Ed Van Zandt, July 3, 2001 no transcript, no notes, some snapshots of VanZandt

Folder 14: Hilda Vickers, July 25, 2000, 32-page transcript, Topics: prostitution in Port Arthur, Grace Woodyard, description of Grace Woodyard, Woodyard's children and way of life, Marcella Chadwick,

Folder 15: Dr. Charles Walker, May 7, 1998, 21-page transcript, Topics: comparison between Beaumont and Galveston casinos, Attorney General Robert Kennedy's knowledge of vice in Jefferson County, Texas

Folder 16: Mary Ellen Wisrodt, April 30, 2002, three-page transcript, Topics: Beaumont Rice Riot, theft from the Dixie Hotel

Folder 17: David Witts, legal counsel for the James Commission, May 1, 1997 27-page transcript, Topics: undercover investigations into vice activities in Beaumont, attitudes of people being investigated, threats received by the James Committee, Robert Kennedy's attitude toward the James Commission

Folder 18: A Sociological Study of a Segregated District [Prostitution in Galveston, Texas] M.A. thesis, by Granville Price, University of Texas, 1930

Folder 19: *Going Down the Line: Galveston's Red-Light District Remembered* [booklet] by Mary W. Remmers, 1997

Folder 20: Report by the American Social Hygiene Association, "Commercialized Prostitution Conditions in Beaumont, Texas" December 1945

Folder 21: Partial photocopy of a newspaper, "Agent Used, Sold Narcotics, Suspects in Drug Cases Claim," August 26, 1979

Folder 22: Newspaper clipping, "Beaumont Bonnie and Clyde: Ida and Paul [Hadley]," April 22, 2002

Folder 23: "Terry Samuel Found Guilty," newspaper clipping, November 22-28, 2001 *The Examiner*

Court records

Folder 24: Pamphlet, "Manual for Grand Jury Association of Jefferson County, Inc." organized 1955

Folder 25: Court records, *W.G. Walley vs. City of Beaumont et al* 1956, 1962

Folder 26: W.G. Walley criminal case papers 1961

Folder 27-30: Court records Criminal District Court, 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial District 1961

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Folder 1-6: Court records Criminal District Court, 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, 1961

Folder 7-8: Court records 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, 1961-1962

Folder 9-13. Court records 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court 1962

Folder 14. Criminal case papers of Harold Robert Clayton 1965-1966

Folder 15: Calendar of events of the James Commission [1962?]

Folder 16: Newspaper clippings 1955, July 1958

Folder 17: Newspaper clippings [early 1960s?]

Folder 18: Newspaper clippings December 1960

Folder 19-23: Newspaper clippings January 1961

Folder 24-27: Newspaper clippings February 1961

Folders 28-31: Newspaper clippings March 1961

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Folder 1: Newspaper clippings May 1961

Folder 2: Newspaper clippings June 1961

Folder 3: Newspaper clippings July 1961

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings August 1961

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings November 1961

Folder 6: Newspaper clippings December 1961

Folder 7: Newspaper clippings c. 1962

Folder 8: Newspaper clippings January 1962

Folder 9: Magazine article, "This Rotten Mess," *Time* January 12, 1962

Folder 10: Newspaper clippings March 1962

Folder 11: Newspaper clippings May 1962

Folder 12: Magazine article, "Through the Looking Glass with the Tall Americans," *Cavalier* June 1962

Folder 13: Newspaper clippings November 1962

Folder 14: Newspaper clippings, January-February 1964

Folder 15: Newspaper clippings, 1989-2006

Folder 16: Landrey's notes on newspapers n.d.

Folder 17: Magazine article, "How the Vice Lords Took over Beaumont," *Tempo* [c. 1962?]

Papers related to Rita Ainsworth and other personalities

Folder 18: Newspaper clipping documenting Charlie Ainsworth 1903

Folder 19: Nat Ainsworth's divorce papers 1927, 1936

Folder 20: Nathaniel Ainsworth's estate records 1947

Folder 21: Play written by Rita Ainsworth n.d.

Folder 22: Photocopy of play written by Rita Ainsworth n.d.

Folder 23: Information about Rita Ainsworth taken from city directories 1933-1962

Folder 24: Rita Ainsworth divorce filings 1943-1944

Folder 25: Rita Ainsworth deed 1946

Folder 26: Photocopy of Rita Ainsworth's card from Saint Anthony's Guild 1948

Folder 27: Photocopy of Rita Ainsworth's business card c. 1950

Folder 28: Photocopy of Rita Ainsworth's application for a Social Security card 1952

Folder 29: Rita Ainsworth's cancelled checks 1955

Folder 30: Rita Ainsworth's receipts 1960

Folder 31: Rita Ainsworth biographical information 1978

Folder 32: Correspondence from Mary Lou Ainsworth [daughter of Rita Ainsworth] 2001, Mary Lou Ainsworth's diary 1947

Folder 33: Newspaper articles on the Dixie Hotel 1980-2001

Folder 34: History of site of Dixie Hotel, [Beaumont Heritage Society? 1980?]

Folder 35: "Remembering the Dixie" article by Wanda Landrey 2001

Folder 36: M.C. "Blue Buddy" Carter 1978

Folder 37: Marcella Chadwell n.d.

Folder 38: Harold Clayton 1977, 1983

Folder 39: Harold Engstrom 1996

Folder 40: Jake and Robert Giles' photos from high school yearbooks 1913, 1926

Folder 41: Estate of Jake Giles 1919

Folder 42: Robert Giles' death certificate 1942

Folder 43: Jake Giles' criminal case papers 1942

Folder 44: Todail Godeaux 1985

Folder 45: "The Jefferson County Parade," poem about the James Commission c. 1962

Folder 46: Lee Wesley Marshall 1958

Folder 47: Charley Meyer 1989

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Folder 1: Police in Beaumont newspaper clippings, and papers [c. 1980?]

Folder 2: Jim Stafford 1962

Folder 3: Jim Stafford 1979

Folder 4: Sam "Buster" Telle 1963

Folder 5: United Citizens for Law Enforcement (UCLE) n.d.

Folder 6-7. UCLE 1961

Folder 8-9. UCLE 1962

Folder 10: UCLE 1963

Folder 11: UCLE c. 1972

Folder 12: W.G. Walley 1975

Folder 13: David Witts photocopy of correspondence from Robert Kennedy 1961, correspondence to Landrey 1997

Folder 14: Correspondence regarding Grace Woodyard 2006

Folder 15: Wanda's notes on Betting, Booze, and Brothels

Folder 16: Wanda's notes on the James Commission and vice in Jefferson County c. 2000

Folder 17: Wanda's notes about the book c. 2000

Folder 18: "Purging a Corrupt Government: The Clean-Up of Jefferson County," Honors Thesis, By Laura Kathleen Cerniglia [O'Toole] Presented to Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas, in partial fulfillment for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, May 1988, pages 1-34

Folder 19: Cerniglia thesis 35-53

Folder 20: Cerniglia thesis pages 54-83

Folder 21: [Draft of Cerniglia thesis 1-14?]

Folder 22: Laura Cerniglia's presentation, "Purging a Corrupt Government: the Clean-Up of Jefferson County," Beaumont History Conference 1993

Folder 23: Laura Cerniglia O'Toole correspondence 1989-2005

Folder 24: Questions Laura O'Toole raised regarding research of the book c. 2000

Folder 25: Typescript, "The Law West of the Neches: Illegal Booze, Brothels, and Betting in Jefferson County, Texas and the 1960's Clean-Up," pages 1-21

Folder 26: Typescript, "How the Law West of the Neches Was Lost: Betting, Booze, and Brothels in Jefferson County, Texas and the 1960's Purging of a Corrupt government," no correct page numbers given

Folder 27: CD of different versions of the Betting, Booze, and Brothels typescript c. 2002

Folder 28: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels in Jefferson County, Texas and the 1960's Purging of a Corrupt Government* typescript i-37 pages

Folder 29: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* typescript pages 38-55

Folder 30: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* typescript 56-87

Folder 31: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* typescript 88-102

Folder 32 *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* typescript 104-128

Folder 33: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* typescript 129-147

Folder 34: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* typescript endnotes 143- 147

Folder 35: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* slightly different typescript i-49

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Folder 1: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 50-89

Folder 2: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 90-112

Folder 3: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 113-133

Folder 4: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 134-150

Folder 5: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* yet another version i-4A

Folder 6: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 5-33E

Folder 7: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 34-48C

Folder 8. *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* another version 48-52

Folder 9: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* yet another version 102-115G

Folder 10: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* pages 1-92

Folder 11: *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* corrections to book

Folder 12: "Sex, Booze, Cards, and the Political Dixie Mafia," [an article written by Landrey after the publication of *Betting, Booze, and Brothels?*]

Folder 13: Correspondence with a publisher about a book about the James Commission 1999

Folder 14: Correspondence with the University of North Texas regarding the publication of *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* 2003-2005

Folder 15-23: Presentations to groups promoting *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* 2006-2009



Folder 24. "Remembering the Dixie" by Wanda Landrey c. 2001

Folder 25: Promotional materials for *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* 2006

Folder 26: Publicity on *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* 2005-2006

Folder 27: Permission to use illustrations for *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* 2002-2006

Folder 28: Manuscript of book with photocopies of photos 53-69B

Folder 29: Photocopies of photos 72-98

Folder 30: Photocopies of photos used in the book 98A-114

Folder 31: Photocopies of photos used in the book 115-133

Folder 32: Photocopies of photos used in the book 132-169

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1-2. *Betting, Booze, Brothels* photos

Folder 3: Photos of Rita Ainsworth and prostitutes

Folder 4: Photos of Grace Woodyard

Folder 5-6: Photos Savannah Godeaux's in Port Arthur

Folder 7: UCLE 1962

Folder 8: [Law enforcement officer?] c. 1960

Folder 9: Chuck Little at an arrest c. 1970

Folder 10: Photos and negatives of the Dixie Hotel c. 1960-2000

Folder 11: [James Commission hearing? c. 1962]

Folder 12: Negatives and 2CDs of photos used in *Betting, Booze, and Brothels* c. 2006

Folder 13: Illustration of sites of illegal activities in Beaumont c. 1960

Folder 14: Wanda Landrey in madam costume c. 2006

Folder 15. Photos of event, those pictured include Evelyn Lord and Mamie Bogue c. 2000

Folder 16: Photos of promotional activities for the book 2006

Folder 17-20. Slides used at presentations to promote the book used c. 2006

**Box 14 (.3 cu. ft.)**

Framed photograph of Rita Ainsworth in her youth

**Box 15 (.75 cu. ft.)**

Oversize papers on the James Commission and related topics

Folder 1: Copies of newspapers documenting the excerpt, on the deaths of Robert and Jake Giles, July 26, 1942 and July 3, 1958

Folder 2: Newspaper clippings January 1959

Folder 3: Bound newspaper clippings 1960-1961

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings January 1961

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings August- September 1961

Folder 6: Newspaper September [1961?]

Folder 7-8: Newspaper clippings October 1961

Folder 9: Newspaper clipping, "America's Sin Cities," [Corruption of a City] *American Weekly*, insert in *Houston Chronicle* October 8, 1961

Folder 10-11. Newspaper clippings December 1961

Folder 12: Newspaper clippings January 1962

Folder 13: Newspaper clippings March 1963

Folder 14: Newspaper clippings May 1964

Folder 15: Newspaper clippings October 1964

Folder 16: Newspaper clipping, "What Lies Ahead for the Triangle," *Texas Magazine* October 31, 1965

Folder 17: Newspaper clippings, document the death of Judge Owen Lord, 1967

Folder 18: Newspaper clippings January 1971

Folder 19: Newspaper clippings, "Ten Years Ago a Leader of the city Predicted Great Progress There," *Texas* August 3, 1975

Folder 20: Newspaper clipping, article on Port Arthur madam, Marcella Chadwell, February 19, 1989

Folder 21: Newspaper clippings on “sex clubs” 1996-1997

Folder 22: Newspaper clippings on history of the James Commission, “James Commission Aired Corruption,” November 1999, “James Panel Took Big Bite Out of Crime,” September 5, 2001, “100 Years of Justice,” February 3, 2003

Folder 23: Newspaper clippings, on Dixie Hotel 2001-2004

Folder 24: Papers documenting the work of the United Citizens for Law Enforcement 1962

Folder 25: Newspaper clippings about Landrey’s publicity for the book 2005

Folder 26: Newspaper clippings about Landrey and O’Toole’s book 2004-2006

Folder 27: Full-color book jackets, *Betting, Booze, and Brothels: Vice, Corruption, and Justice in Jefferson County, Texas from Spindletop to the 1960s*

**Box 16 (.5 cu. ft.)**

Cassette tapes of interviews conducted by Landrey

**Batson**

1. Jude Hart, April 9, 1985. Topics: early days in Batson, Aunt Doll’s boarding house
2. Eda Johnson, circa 1980. Topics: Caldona Hotel, smokes for mosquitos, way men washed clothes, meals and gravy
3. Leon Kindle, October 16, 1990. Topics: Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Beaumont, six man football, hog hunting, Irish stew, Judge J.D. Hughes, L.L. Singleton, Perricone Quads, Larry Jene Fisher
- 4-5 (2 cassette tapes) Ethel McCreight, May 1, 1985. Topics: Aunt Doll’s Boarding house, Daisetta, Texas, Ada Belle Oil Company, East Batson Oil Company, food served at a boarding house. Tape #4 includes an interview with Lon Wright who discusses his work on the railroad
6. Walter McCreight and Bessie Wells (niece and nephew of “Aunt Doll”) March 15, 1985. Topics: “Aunt Doll” ’s Boarding House, Bragg Road, Gulf Oil Field, McCreight’s song about the Big Thicket, Miss Duty, Miss Palmer
7. Ben Richey, April 29, 1985. Topics: Fet Caruthers, shackle lines, Gulf Oil Company, Ada Belle Oil Companies, tripe, Pearl Hotel at Daisetta Texas, trains
8. C.C. “Pete” Landolt, August 27, 1998. Topics: reinstating bears into the Big Thicket, “fire huntin’”, “Tex”, the bear

9-10. Buck Hobbs and Minnie West, April 27, 1985. Topics: life in the oil fields around Batson, town near Batson named Gusher, dangers of living near an oil field, boarding houses, divorce, Prohibition, bootleg liquor, "corduroy" roads.

### **Beaumont**

11. Mary Anna Crary Anderson, January 13, 2000. Topics: Sabine Pass, boarding houses in Beaumont, women working in offices, women wearing make-up, cisterns, Tyrrell Public Library, opinions of library directors, Hotel Dieu, a Roman Catholic hospital in Beaumont

12. Sue Boyt, cassette tape is badly distorted, October 23, 1984. Topics: Clairemont Hotel

13. Ted Erickson, cassette tape is badly distorted, January 21, 1985. Topics: Clairemont Hotel

14. David Hoffman, 2006? Topics: Adding an addition to the Tyrrell Historical Library which would be appropriate to the historical character of the building. Tape is marked that it includes an interview with Helen Locke and Jeanette Greer regarding KFDM [television and radio stations], April 17, 2003, but there was no discernible audio from this interview

### **Bessmay**

15. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holland, December 14, 1983. Topics: December 14, 1983. Topics: Bessmay Mill; Aunt Duck - Mrs. Lizzie Collins ran a boarding house in Bessmay?, life in sawmill towns

16-17. Ed Reichelt, October 24, 1984. Topics: Bessmay, Texas; and Ginger Rogers and kidnapping by mother as a child; Tiny Scurlock; worked for the *Beaumont Enterprise*; Kirby Company Commissary; Halloween pranks

18. Duplicate created by Media Preserve of Ed Reichelt interview.

### **Big Thicket**

19. Walter McCreight, date unknown. Topics: piano music played by McCreight including his composition, *The Big Thicket Song*

### **Box 17 (.5 cu. ft.)**

1-2. Amber Eason, March 25, 1992. Topics: conversion experience; husband becomes a preacher; Votaw, Texas; Apostolic - Assembly of God - Pentecostal; story tellin'; quilting; josie songs and parties; Baptist beliefs; swimming at Honey Island; songs sung at church; testimony service; altar call; baptism in the river

3-4. Sue Marcontell (and husband?), no date. Topics: railroad routes, Bragg Hotel, Ghost Road legends and explanations, sawmill workers, hog killing time, pranks, providing water for trains, race relations, White Oak, Texas, walking to school

### **Buna**

5-6. Alma Hargrove and Kate Hargrove, January 23, 1984. Topics: John Henry Phelan, race relations, segregation, Evadale Ferry, boarding house at Buna, logging, Bessmay, Texas, cost at boarding house, squirrel hunting, “tramps” marking boarding house as a place to get a handout, one-room schools, women operating businesses John Henry Kirby, lumber business, eating wild game

7. Robert Scurlock, April 18, 1985. Topics: Scurlock Hotel, Buna, Texas Revolution, Ginger Rogers, Bonnie and Clyde, poaching cattle, women working outside the home, sawmill, rules for boardinghouse guests,

### **Burkeville**

Bess Childers, summer 1978, [see Box 21 tape 1]. Topics: food served at boarding house, Latitias boarding house at Burkeville, Texas, sweet milk, school teachers’ character, Bonnie and Clyde, This interview is on Side B of Mr. and Mrs. Cariker, Cariker Hotel, Kountze

8-9. Beatrice Maddox, Virginia Mattox Lee, February 27, 1985. Topics: “drummers” (salesmen), Roundtable Inn, meals served at boarding house, timber estimators, fort Polk,

10. Jesse Watson, no date. Topics: Letitia’s boarding house, food served at the boarding house, cavalry training at Burkeville

Mrs. Earl Hines, no date. Topics: East Texas inns, boarding houses, sawmill cottages for teachers, millponds, [See Box 17: Tape 14 with Mrs. Russell Watts]

11. Earl Hines, February 7, 1985. Topics: Round Table Inn, history of the Round Table Inn, drummers, fire at the Round Table Inn, Gulf and Northern Railway

### **Camden**

12. Mr. Joe Nerrin and Mrs. Jack Watts, January 25, 1985. Topics: boarding house at Camden, Moscow, Texas, trains, bootlegger being tricked by a cowbell, Percy Foreman, Office of Price Administration (OPA), bedbugs, sand fleas, sawmills

13. Mrs. Russell Watts, March 1, 1978. Topics: Camden sawmill, Camden Hotel, Office of Price Administration rules, railroad line from Moscow to Camden, wood stove

### **Canary Islanders**

14-15. Gilbert Carvahal, February 26, 1991. Carvahal is a descendant from a Canary Island and Spanish family. Topics: family’s migration to Texas

### **Castroville**

16. Earl Tschirhart, no date. Topics: Henri Castro, ethnic history, hauling freight, Fort McKavitt, Geronimo, blacksmithing, Alsatians in Texas, race relations, learning English, Prohibition, food of Alsatians,

### **Chester**

17. Bascom Barnes and Mary Lou Barnes, c. 1985. Topics: early days in Chester, Josie parties, bell for church, Josie party songs, bank in Chester, work at the bank in Chester,

18. Bascom Barnes and Mary Lou Barnes, no date. Topics: Riley Hotel, early days in Chester and Betty Enloe, circa 1985. Topics: traveling salesmen - "drummers", race relations

**Box 18 (.5 cu. ft.)**

**Chester (continued)**

1. Lewis Bush, March 28, 1985. Topics: Riley hotel, road building, dumpling recipe, death of George Enloe while testifying at a trial,

2. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seamans, Irene Lewis, Inez Thornton. Topics: Riley Hotel, light plant, physical description of the boarding house, food served at the boarding house, recreation, transporting ice, opposition to church, Josie parties.

Side B: Mrs. Lorene Sorey, Livingston, September 10, 1991. Topics: Keyes Hotel, witnessing a hanging, recreation on the courthouse square, planting pecan trees,

Note: noise of cars passing by on the highway

3. Jack Donald Enloe, June 16, 1985. Topics: Riley Hotel; condition of roads; lumber from hotel used to build a house in Chester; Grandfather Riley was county commissioner in the 1930s.

4. John Leggett, [and Mrs. John Leggett?] ca. 1985. Topics: mercantile store, George Enloe, bank in Chester, floods, mud at Chester, race relations, football, bad behavior of boarders, laying pipelines, hygiene habits, early electricity in Chester

5. Lou Ella Mosley, February 5, 1985. Topics: murder at Colmesneil, going to a party at the Lewis home in Chester

6. Clarence Seamans, 1985. Topics: pipelines, poor roads, Riley Hotel, muddy roads.

**Colmesneil**

7. Alvin and Ruth Crews, Betty Enloe, October 8, 1978. Side B has speaking but is unintelligible. Topics: East Texas Hotel at Colmesneil, closing of the Rockland sawmill, beginning of Colmesneil, railroad routes, bedbugs.

8. Bob Mann and his mother, Winnie Mann, February 4, 1985. Topics: shoot out and death,

9. Mayo McBride, no date. Topics: early days of Colmesneil and Woodville, story of the Commercial Hotel in Kountze

10. Easter Mann and Lou Ella Mosley, no date. Topics: East Texas Hotel, boarding house prepared lunch for people on the train, blocks of ice came on train, ice boxes

11. Aaron Durham, [unknown month], 25, 1985. Topics: East Texas Boarding House, bargaining over price for farm produce, African-American boarding house operated by "Aunt Cab" in Doucette. Roosters are heard frequently through the interview.

### **Daisetta**

12. Mr. Pat Abshire, April 13, 1984. Topics: Abshire Hotel history, Greenwood, South Carolina; Smith Chapel Church; Park Hotel, pot belly stove, ambrosia and fruit cakes, a dollar a day for meals at the hotel, amenities for the hotel

13. Abshire Hotel. Unknown interviewee

14. Eda Belle Boyd, no date. Topics: Spring Hotel, Sour Lake, Texas; baths at the lake, sulfur mud, Nome, Texas; hack rides from the train at Grayburg to the hotel at Sour Lake

15. Mrs. Jo Brundt, October 28, 1985. Topics: chicken pot pie; Park Hotel

### **Doucette**

16. Mr. Wood Fain, no date. Topics: sawmill town; company store; ice plant, doctor in a sawmill town, segregation, businesses in Doucette, African-American businesses, pay-scale for sawmill workers, demand for lumber during World War I, violence in Doucette, recreation in Doucette, lumber camps.

17-18. Fay Dell Greenwood, March 14, 1985. Topics: description of the hotel at Doucette, mother's desire for her daughters to be educated, women as entrepreneurs, problems of artificial limbs, description of Babe Zaharias.

### **Box 19 (. 5 cu. ft.)**

1. Henry Hendrix, 1985. Topics: description of lumber companies' company houses, living conditions in Doucette, end of sawmill in Doucette, description of hotel in Doucette, grain door builders, musical entertainment, recreation of teenagers and adults, meals served at Baskin Café, popularity of baseball in community, old-time cooking, John Tower's family.

2. Henry Hendrix, Fay Dell Greenwood, Doucette Homecoming, May 19, 1985. Side A only, Near the end of the tape Wanda speaks briefly with a woman whose parents, Susan and Edgar Myron Sutton, operated a boarding house in Doucette in the early 1900s. Topics: Senator John Tower's origins, playing with Babe Zaharias in sports, popularity of food at the boarding house, migration of sawmill workers from town to town, characteristics of sawmill workers, soda fountain in Doucette, J.H. Kenneson and his concern for the well-being of the company.

### **Dick Dowling**

3-4. Joe Collerain and Ann Ivins, (relatives of Dowling) November 14, 1990. Topics: Dick Dowling, arrival of Dick Dowling in New Orleans, discrimination against Irish, Dowling's business in Houston, Dowling's command of Sabine Pass, Dowling's life after the Civil War and death from yellow fever. First tape is on sides A and B. Second tape is only on side A.

### **Larry Jene Fisher**

5. Juanita Martin, June 13, 1991. Topics: Martin's early life, production of Fisher's play, "The Kaiser Burnout," Jayhawkers, death of Larry Jene Fisher, description of Larry Jene Fisher's personality, accusations of Fisher being a Nazi, Fisher's status as an outsider, Fisher's education, Fisher's musical training.

6. [James] Elmo Rosier, October 1989. Topics: biographical information on Larry Jene Fisher, personal appearance of Fisher, plays written by Fisher, accusation of Fisher being a Nazi spy, friendship between Fisher and Lance Rosier, R.E. Jackson, movement to save the Big Thicket, accusation of Richard Noark being a Nazi spy, bear hunts in the Big Thicket, Lance Rosier's knowledge of plants, Lance Rosier's poverty, German attacks on merchant ships, German submarine activity in the Gulf of Mexico,

### **Folk Medicine**

7. R.A. Parker, Elton Parker, and Louis [Sam?] Hendrix, November 5, 1985. Topics: folk remedies used in the Big Thicket including the toothache tree.

### **Grayburg**

8. "Smooth" King, no date, lots of background noise. Topics: origins of nickname "Smooth", women of ill repute, shooting incident with a member of the Sapp family, character of the Sapp family, King Hotel, going off to World War I, tithing to the church.

9. Mrs. Ada Wright, no date, quality of tape poor. Topics: piano and fiddle players for dances at the hotel, demolition of the hotel and use of lumber to make tourist cabins at Anahuac, guests at hotels work as tie makers, woodsmen, and planers, use of persimmons in different foods, how Grayburg got its name.

### **Honey Island**

10. Minnie Cruse, February 9, 1984. Topics: working as a principal for the Honey Island School, discipline of students.

11. C.W. Hendrix, Henry Hendrix, Lester Holmes, May 9, 1985. Topics: how Honey Island got its name, Jayhawkers evading the draft, sawmills at Honey Island, primitive conditions of boarding houses.

12-13. George H. McMillan, September 10, 1991. Topics: discovery of oil at Saratoga, learning to play the fiddle, Josie parties, Jayhawkers in the Civil War, religious prohibitions against dancing, square dances, courtship, White Oak, Texas, harvesting of white oak trees

14. W.H. Neuhold, February 6, 1984. Topics: mother's work in managing boarding houses, end of sawmill at Honey Island, transport of lumber to mills in Beaumont, description of the hotel, poor roads, John Richardson and his work as a deputy sheriff, race relations, company houses



15. Albert Parker, May 13, 1985. Topics: Kirby Lumber Company moving 163 company houses to Honey Island, closing of Kirby sawmills in Hardin County, living conditions in boarding houses

16-17. Albert Parker, Nelda Johnson, and Geraldine Hooks (boardinghouse owner Bertie Parker's children), May 16, 1985. Topics: destruction of the hotel by fire, children's labor at the hotel, rat's theft of false teeth, eating wild game, sausage recipes, customs of setting a table, cats' mischief in boarding houses, courting customs, Bragg Lights.

18. Mary Sells, May 13, 1985, Topics: working as a maid in the boarding house, prostitution at the boarding house, sawmill closing.

### **Box 20 (.5 cu. ft.)**

#### **Hull**

1. Two interviews on the tape, Bill Brett, October 20, 1985. Topics: oil boom at Batson, Daisetta oil boom, board walks in oil towns, fire at Daisetta, Clyde Barrow, coffee produced by old time methods, Jews in Southeast Texas, Ku Klux Klan in Southeast Texas. Second interview is with Cadillac Thompson, [October 20, 1985?] Topics: bootlegging.

2. Pickney Smith, October 20, 1985. Topics: Layton Boarding House in Hull, Texas.

#### **Jasper**

3. Judy Adams, June 4, 1985. Topics: Swann Hotel at Jasper, Swann hotel's food drawing Beaumonters to the hotel

4-5. Carl Bledsoe and Ann Bledsoe Hancock, March 20, 1985. Topics: biographical information on owners of Belle-Jim Hotel, clock on the courthouse, sawmill in Jasper, women as entrepreneurs,

6-7. Dr. Joe Dickerson, January 27, 1996. Topics: Army personnel staying at the Belle-Jim Hotel, war exercises, war maneuvers.

8. Faye Seale Hancock, [1985?]. Topics: popularity of the Swann Hotel's food, women as entrepreneurs.

9. James Houlihan, March 12, 1985, Topics: description of the Belle-Jim Hotel, prices paid for lodging, Jasper County Courthouse clock.

10. Continuation of James Houlihan interview is on Side B, Lola Ingram, March 12, 1985. Side A. Topics: construction of the Belle-Jim Hotel, Swann Hotel, description of the college at Jasper, women entrepreneurs, women's suffrage.

11. Helen Jackson, Side A, November 19, 1984. Topics: working at, Dallas Matthews, [November 19, 1984]. Bum Winfrow, [November 19, 1984] Side B Bum Winfrow continuation and Floyd Addington [November 19, 1984] Topics: families who

operated Belle-Jim and Swann Hotels in Jasper, working at Swann Hotel, race relations, women as entrepreneurs, Jasper Bottling Works.

12. Ira Ralph, March 20, 1985, Topics: working at Swann Hotel, race relations, women as entrepreneurs, Jasper Bottling Works

13. Ben Williamson, June 4, 1985. Topics: bathing facilities at the hotel, traveling salesmen, lumber industry, Ginger Rogers at Bessmay, turpentine production, cleaning outhouses, cyclone, board walks, life in Jasper, Texas teens-1940s, men conscripted for road construction, cisterns, recreation at the hotel, explosion making home brew, life on the home front during World War I, treatment for bedbugs, early automobiles and accidents and maintenance.

### **Kirbyville**

14. Lexie Herndon, no date. Topics: Round Table Hotel, Burkeville, hacks bringing people to the hotel.

15-16. Frank and Faye Powell, March 21, 1985. Topics: Cooper's Café, rooms over the Opry House picture show, famous chili at Cooper's Café, turpentine camp, early businesses in Kirbyville, rough reputation that Cooper's café had.

17. Ferrelle Richard, George Wynne, no date. Topics: operating a boarding house above the Old Opera House", Bonnie and Clyde's visit to the boarding house.

### **Box 21**

#### **Kountze**

1. See cassette 26: "Bad tape" (note: see also interview with Bess Childers on side A) Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Cariker, August 1978. Topics: snow in southeast Texas, transporting people from depot, sawmills, food served at the boarding house, photo of hotel.

2. Hettie Crews Crosley, May 9, 1985. Topics: operating a boarding house, Commercial Hotel, father's role in the family, hotel's popularity with attorneys and jurors

3. Ruby Harrington, 1985, Topics: construction of the boarding house, description of the boarding house, methods to keep food from insects or spoiling.

4. Thomas Sydney Hooks, October 16, 1985. Topics: biographical information on Dr. John Roberts, bears in the Big Thicket.

5. Versie Johnston, May 13, 1985. Topics: Cariker Hotel, deer hunting, Hooks' family and hunting, Kountze Baptist College, African-American college, relationships with servants and employers.

6. Minnie McKim and Mary Francis Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson's daughter, January 17, 1985. Topics: Long Station, Texas; Village Mills, sawmills, Kountze at the

turn of the century, bank in Kountze, serving as county judge, businesses in early Kountze, courthouse at Kountze.

7. Ila Sanders, November 9, 1977. Topics: Old Commercial Hotel, prices for boarding, traveling salesmen, description of boarding house, working to attend Lamar College, telephone operator at Lamar, biscuits and gravy, Side B Joe Combs, reforestation, Ye Olde Round Inn, East Texas boarding houses, ephemeral quality of sawmill towns, violence at Bessmay.

8. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt [Roy Edward and Peggy J.?), April 12, 1985. Topics: Williford Store, businesses in Kountze, appearance of Kountze, fires in Kountze, putting out fires, railroad round houses.

### **Liberty**

9. Mrs. Jack [Artesmia] Echols, Topics: use of African-American servants, boarding houses in Liberty, family history

10. Virgie Reviere, no date. Topics: family history, French ancestry, traveling salesmen, good quality of food served in the hotel, cousins marrying, importance of work of African-American servants, Judge Hightower, people attending court for entertainment, disputed elections, gumbo recipes, play parties, an establishment owned successively by the LaCour's, the Cameron's and the Norman's.

11-12. Nita Van Deventer, [sister of Virgie Reviere], November 16, 1984, Topics: family history, rice farming, [Cameron Hotel, now known as the Norman House on the grounds of the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center], boarding houses in Beaumont, description of the Cameron Hotel, burial and funeral customs, Sabbath observance, entertainment before television, Partlow family, school bullies, Moss Bluff, Texas, cures for bedbugs, Judge Hightower

### **Livingston**

Mrs. Lorene Sorey, Livingston, September 10, 1991. [See Box 18, Tape 2-Side B, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seamens] Topics: Keyes Hotel, witnessing a hanging, recreation on the courthouse square, planting pecan trees. (Note: noise of cars passing by on the highway)

### **Nederland**

13. Marie Fleming, October 3, 1990. Topics: immigrants from Holland in Southeast Texas, differences between Dutch in Texas and Holland, Dutch in other parts of the United States, objection to monarchy in Holland, Pella, Iowa, traditional Dutch food, rice production in Southeast Texas, differences between Dutch and American food, magic lantern shows

14. Marion Rienstra, September 25, 1990. Topics: Dutch settlement in Southeast Texas, financing of Dutch businessmen with Dutch capital, father's immigration to America, travel from Galveston to Nederland, magic lantern shows, rice industry in Southeast Texas, destruction of the rice crop due to salt water, reasons for

immigration from Holland, Interurban railroad, differences between Frieslanders and other Dutch,

### **Newton**

15. Fay Gilchrist Duncan, no date. Topics: race relations, African-American prisoners' escape from jail, death of sheriff in Newton in 1932, boarding house in Newton.

16. Eula Cain/Kain?, April 18, 1985. Topics: Norton Hotel, bear hunts, importance of the fair in Beaumont, Goodwill Train that advertised the fair in Beaumont.

### **Nicknames**

17. Juanita Martin, July 1991. Topics: nicknames, depiction of handicapped, Wanda Landrey, short address to Big Thicket Day

### **Railroads**

18. Lon Wright, [1979?] Topics: history of the Santa Fe Railroad, routes of railroads in Southeast Texas, nickname for the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad, appearance of train interiors, work as a railroad agent, John Henry Kirby and railroads, ethics of railroad passes, amenities for railroad passengers, advertising the fair at Beaumont, food at boarding houses, influenza epidemic, railroad employee working while deathly ill.

### **Box 22 (.5 cu. ft.)**

#### **Sabine Pass**

1. Jennie Watts, February 15, 1989, Topics: family history, first child born at Sabine Pass, history of Sabine Pass, lighthouse at Sabine Pass, Brad Johnson's two families and life of crime, construction of a channel

#### **E.E. Sapp**

2. Charles Sapp (son of E.E. Sapp) and Mrs. Charles Sapp, August 5, 1994. Topics: corruption of Texas prisons, biographical information on Sapp, curiously nice furnishings of Sapp family home, family's reaction to Sapp returning to live with family after prison, Sapp's carrying of gun, Sapp's wads of currency, Sapp's story that family had been killed in the Galveston Storm of 1900.

3. Clarence Sapp, (son of E.E. Sapp), March 2, 1995. Topics: death of E.E. Sapp, Sapp's characteristics as a father, Sapp's religious conversion, Sapp's close connections to important people in East Tennessee, Mrs. Sapp's hard work to provide for her family, Sapp's first marriage, children from first marriage, Sapp's status as a Mason, Sapp genealogy

#### **Saratoga**

4. Harriette Bonner Coley, April 25, 1985, Topics: description of the boarding house, laundering guests clothing, death from hook worms, suffering in Great Depression, labor of a child, sightings of bears, poor roads, josie parties, Bonner Boarding House.

5. Mamie Belle Smith Loftin, April 9, 1985. Topics: oil boom in Saratoga, amenities in Saratoga during the oil boom, discovery of oil at Saratoga, biography of "Daddy"

Skaggs, description of “Aunt Matt” Evans, Robert “Bobby” Evans, food eaten in early Saratoga, amenities of the Rio Bravo oil field, violence during strike, labor unions in oil business, hardships of striking workers.

6. Juanita Martin, April 3, 1985. Topics: family history, sawmills, location of Dearborn, Texas, living in tents during oil boom,

7. Walter Nickells, April 9, 1985. Topics: Rio Bravo oil field, boarding house operated by Rio Bravo Oil Company, housing for oil field workers, oil field strike, ownership of the Rio Bravo Oil Company, health resort at Saratoga, labor unions among oil workers, labor unionizer Robert E. Evans, “black balling” union members from jobs in the oil industry, opposition to “scabs” in the community, Ku Klux Klan and violence, saloons and opposition to saloons

8. James Elmo Rosier, March 19, 1984. Topics: biographical information on “Aunt Matt” Jordan Evans, who operated the Vines Hotel, genealogy of Jordan family, Robert Evans and oil field workers labor organization, race relations, lynching, violence against African-Americans, biographical information on Lance Rosier, Lance Rosier’s tours of the Big Thicket, description of the Vines Hotel, Lance Rosier’s finances, Lance Rosier’s knowledge of plant life, Rosier’s honors from universities, Geraldine Watson’s knowledge of the Big Thicket, Larry Jene Fisher, suspicion of outsiders in the Big Thicket, famous people given tours of the Big Thicket, attitudes toward the Big Thicket National Preserve, demolition of the Vines Hotel.

9-10. [Allie] “Granny” Ryan, and unidentified woman, April 24, 1985, Topics: slave woman’s long tenure with family, African-American’s servants care of white children, casino at Saratoga, treatment of orphans, shooting in Saratoga in 1907, violence in boomtown Saratoga,

11. Jack Stalsley and Margaret Williams, April 3, 1985 Topics: Saratoga history, Bingville, Texas, [includes a photocopy of a letter written to Mattie Jordan by her first husband], social life based around church, violence in oil boom towns, boarding houses at Saratoga, strictness of father, Josie parties, Side B Buelah Skinner, Margaret Williams, Topics: description of Saratoga in the Teens, Dearborn, Texas, hardwood sawmill, wealthy oil barons’ origins in Saratoga, Rothwell family, health resort at Saratoga, teenagers’ entertainment.

12. Ida Walton, May 23, 1990. Topics: Ghost Light, Ghost Road, young people’s entertainment, causes of the Ghost Light, josie parties.

### **Silsbee**

13-15. Mrs. [Eugenia ] Nixon, and Marie Fregia, no audio, Topics: condition of hotel, work of hotel keeper, hours worked, wife abuse, prices charged by the hotel, duties of workers at the hotel, robbery by Bonnie and Clyde, bedbugs

16-17. A.S. Norrid, January 18, 1985, [other dates listed are February 17, 1981 and November 13, 1990] Three different interviews? Topics: description of parents who operated hotel, description of hotel, Huey Long’s family, description of Huey Long,

learning he was adopted, description of hotel, bargaining for produce for hotel, African-American servants, experiences with a parrot, Huey Long's contributions to Louisiana, Bonnie and Clyde in Silsbee and Beaumont

18. Erie May Overland, no date, Topics: family history, John Henry Kirby's dominance of Silsbee, descriptions of John Henry Kirby's family, boarding prisoners at family home, description of Harvey House, Kirby-Hill House in Kountze, courtship, elopement, segregation, prostitution, character of women who worked in the Harvey House, E.E. Sapp's being a "scab", union activity, support for the Ku Klux Klan.

**Box 23 (.5 cu. ft.)**

1-2. Otis Thomas, May 10, 1984, Topics: Harvey Houses, destruction of the Harvey House in Silsbee by fire, amenities of the Harvey House, causes for the end of the Harvey Houses, dress of Harvey house employees, qualities of Harvey House employees, perks of Harvey House employees, Kirby Lumber Company's connections to the Santa Fe Railroad, animals running loose in Silsbee, descriptions of Silsbee in the Teens and Twenties, training to work in a Harvey House, biographical information on Fred Harvey,

**Sour Lake**

3-4. Margarite Graham, David Payne, Mildred Payne, Ann Payne, and Vivian Payne, no date. Topics: bird dogs, family history, slavery, white man's sexual advances to a black woman, transport of logs to mill via train, descriptions of amenities on trains, description of children's clothing and dress, lunches eaten on trains, descriptions of sawmills, descriptions of work in sawmills, sawmills' whistle, josie party.

5. Mrs. Hardage-Malavansos, Harold Carpenter, [c. 1985?] Topics: parent's reaction to a child punished at school, deaths in a hotel fire, man killed by bull, suspicion of Germans during World War I, Christmas celebrations, sawmill, oil boom in Sour Lake, violence during the oil boom

**Trinity**

6-7. Hortense Callahan, Alfreda Foster, no date. Topics: cleaning lamps, self-sufficiency, remedies for bedbugs, African-American boarding houses, perfectionism of boarding house owner, race relations, self-image of African-Americans, evicting unmarried couples from hotel, making lye soap, sanctified religion, foot washing in churches, African-American churches, feeding African-American troops heading to World War I, experiences at Houston College for Negroes, funeral customs

8. Dollie Dunn, date unknown, Topics: Sequoia, Texas, Camden, Texas sawmill towns, elopement

9. Doris Lucas, Ruby Sutton, date unknown. There is also a telephone interview with Ruby Sutton. Topics: Sawmill Boarding House, widow's need to earn a living, description of the boarding house, sawmill whistles, end of sawmill, family history, labor of children at boarding house, dress of women, African-American servants, lunches of lumber workers, getting around Prohibition.

### **Village Mills**

10. James Neushafer, no date. Side 1. Topics: life in a sawmill town, segregation, African-American's entertainment, description of felling wood for sawmill, description of a log skidder, description of a log skidder accident, Alice Keith and her family's involvement in Village Mills and the lumber industry, Baptist and Methodist churches sharing ministers, lumber company commissaries, home remedies, medical care. Side 2 of Tape is Vera Reichelt who discusses Wiergate

### **Wiergate**

11. Calvin Smith, Massie Rae Smith, [1985?] Topics: Letitia's boarding house, drummers (traveling salesmen), segregation, sawmill's bell, requirements for teachers, end of sawmilling, violence among sawmill workers, African-American owned businesses, log scaling, mill ponds

### **Woodville**

12-13. Emma Busby April 15, 1985. Topics: self-sufficient lifestyle, production and slaughtering of chickens, entertainment at the boarding house, food served at the boarding house, fire at the boarding house, women as entrepreneurs, fighting bedbugs, childcare

14. Don Crain, [1985?]. Topics: Pickett House's operations, use of hog fat in cooking, end of boarding houses in East Texas, apparel worn by boarding house workers, transportation to boarding houses, family feuds

15-16. H.L. Rainey, [1985?]. Topics: hotels in Woodville, bed bugs, fires at boarding houses, automobiles' effect on boarding houses, importance of trains to daily life, isolation of area, introduction to grapefruit, work at the shipyard in Beaumont during World War II, lifestyle of Native Americans, dangers of fires, difficulties of moves, lumber industry, introduction of mechanization to cotton farming

### **Box 24 (.5 cu. ft.)**

#### **World War II**

1. Dr. Joe Dickerson, December 2, 1996, Topic: death of Tojo

#### **Big Thicket**

2-4. Tales of the Big Thicket" a ten-part series on the nature, history, folk, and folklore of the unique part of Texas: The Big Thicket by KFDM Radio.

#### **Pattillo Higgins**

5. Recording from a video, "American Stories," speaker who recreates Pattillo Higgins' role in Spindletop. Topics: Higgins' determination to drill for oil at Beaumont, collaboration with Anthony F. Lucas

6. Unknown choral group signing popular Josie song, "Old Joe Clark," no date

7. Messages to Wanda from Virginia Eakin regarding a book Wanda was working on, no date

8. Duplicate tape of Easter Mann interview
9. Dr. Joe Dickerson duplicate of interview
10. Duplicate of unknown choral group singing "Old Joe Clark,"

**Box 25 (.5 cu. ft.)**

Folder 1: I.V. Eason interview agreement

Folder 2: Connie [Riln?] on interview release on Texas Ethnic Culture, 1991.

Folder 3: Generic Oral History Release

**Batson**

Folder 4: Jude Hart, April 9, 1985. Topics: early days in Batson; Aunt Doll's Boarding House, Batson during the second oil boom, no stock law in Batson, Saratoga Ghost Light, race relations in the oil boom, violence against African-Americans

Folder 5: Eda Johnson, circa 1980. Topics: Caldonga Hotel; smokes for mosquitoes; way men washed clothes; meals and gravy, oil boom town, description of Batson, doing laundry, mosquitos, remedies

Folder 6: Leon Kindle, October 16, 1990. Topics: six man football; hog hunting; Irish stew; Judge J.D. Hughes; L.L. Singleton; Perricone Quads; Larry Jene Fisher

Folder 7: Ethel McCreight, May 1, 1985. Topics: Aunt Doll's Barding House; Uncle Fete; Daisetta, Texas; Ada Belle Oil Company; East Batson Oil Company; food served at the boarding house, Uncle Fete, Daisetta, Texas, Ada Belle Oil Company, East Batson Oil Company,

Folder 8: Walter McCreight, Bessie Wells (niece and nephew of Aunt Doll), March 15, 1985. Topics: Aunt Doll's in Batson; Bragg Road; Gulf Oil Field; McCreight's song about the Big Thicket; Miss Duty; Miss Palmer

Folder 9: Ben Richey, April 29, 1985. Topics: Fete Caruthers; shackle lines; Gulf and Ada Belle Oil Companies; tripe; Daisetta, Texas - Pearl Hotel; train

Folder 10: C.C. "Pete" Landolt, August 27, 1998. Topics: Reinstating bears into the Big Thicket; "Fire Huntin'"; "Tex" the bear.

Folder 11: Buck Hobbs and Minnie West, April 27, 1985. Topics: life in the oil fields around Batson, town near Batson named Gusher, dangers of living near an oil field, boarding houses, divorce, Prohibition, bootleg liquor, "corduroy" roads

**Beaumont**

Folder 12: Mary Anna Crary Anderson, January 13, 2000. Topics: Sabine Pass; boarding houses in Beaumont; women working in offices; women wearing make-up,



cisterns, Tyrrell Public Library, opinions of library directors; Hotel Dieu, a Roman Catholic hospital in Beaumont

### **Bessmay, Texas**

Folder 13: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holland, December 14, 1983. Topics: Bessmay Mill; Aunt Duck - Mrs. Lizzie Collins ran a boarding house in Bessmay?; life in mill towns

Folder 14: Ed Reichelt, No date. Topics: Bessmay (Bessie May), Texas; and Ginger Rogers and kidnapping by mother as a child; Tiny Scurlock; worked for the Beaumont, Enterprise; Kirby Company Commissary; Halloween pranks.

### **Big Thicket, Texas**

15. Walter McCreight, date unknown. Topics: piano music played by McCreight including his composition, *The Big Thicket Song*

Folder 16: George Moye (92 years old), October 11, 1990. Topics: large family (15 children); square dancing; candy drawing game; slave - Aunt Mandy; Josie parties

Folder 17: Amber Eason, March 25, 1992. Topics: conversion experience; husband becomes a preacher; Votaw, Texas; Apostolic - Assembly of God- Pentecostal; story tellin'; quilting; Josie songs and parties; Baptist beliefs; swimming at Honey Island; songs sung at church; testimony service; altar call; baptism in the river.

### **Buna**

Folder 18: Mrs. Alma Hargrove, Mrs. Kate Hargrove, January 23, 1984. Topics: Evadale Ferry owned by the Kirkpatrick's; boarding house at Buna; logging; Bessmay, Texas; cost at boarding house; squirrel hunting; "tramps" marked boarding house as a place to get a handout.

Folder 19: Mrs. Alma Hargrove, Mrs. Kate Hargrove, January 23, 1984. Topics: Evadale Ferry owned by the Kirkpatrick's; boarding house at Buna; logging; Bessmay, Texas; cost at boarding house; squirrel hunting; "tramps" marked boarding house as a place to get a handout

Folder 20: Mr. Robert Scurlock, Scurlock Hotel, Buna, Texas, April 18, 1985. Topics: Bessmay, Texas, sawmills, boarding houses, William Scurlock in the Battle of Goliad and the Battle of San Jacinto, Browndale, rules at the boarding house, occupancy of the boarding house

### **Burkeville**

Folder 21: Mrs. Beatrice Mattox, no date. Topics: "drummers" (salesmen); Roundtable Inn or Windom Hotel; meals served at boarding house; timber estimators; Fort Polk

Folder 22: Jesse Watson, [c.1985]. Topics: Letitia's Boarding House; food served at the boarding house; cavalry training at Burkeville.

Folder 23: Mrs. Earl Hines, no date. Topics: East Texas inns; boarding houses; sawmill cottages for teachers; millponds.

Folder 24: Earl Hines, February 7, 1985. Topics: Round Table Inn; history of round Table Inn a/k/a Harold House early on; “drummers” (salesmen) fire at Round Table Inn; Gulf and Northern Railway, sawmill cottages for teachers, mill ponds

### **Camden**

Folder 25: Mr. Joe Nerrin and Mrs. Jack Watts, [circa 1985]. Topics: Camden Boarding House; Moscow, Texas; trains; bootlegger tricked by cowbell; Percy Foreman; Office of Price Administration (O.P.A.); bedbugs; sand fleas; sawmills

Folder 26: Mrs. Russell Watts, March 1, 1978. Topics: Camden sawmill; Camden Hotel; Office of Price Administration rules; railroad line from Moscow to Camden; wood stove.

### **Canary Islander**

Folder 27: Gilbert Carvahal, - (a descendant from a Canary Island family and a Spanish family) February 26, 1991, Topics: tells about original families and how they came to Texas.

### **Castroville**

Folder 28: Carl Tschirhart, no date. Topics: Henri Castro; ethnic history; hauling freight, Fort McKavitt; Geronimo, Indian/white relations, blacksmithing, African-American/white relations, speaking Alsatian, children’s entertainment, World War I and the end of German language in schools, Alsatians volunteering for military service, bootlegging in Castroville, food in Castroville, Alsatians in Castroville, visiting Alsace-Lorraine

### **Chester**

Folder 29: Mr. Bascum Barnes, Mrs. Mary Lou Barnes, no date. Topics: early days of Chester, Texas; deer hunting; first business in Chester: Josie parties; bell for church; Josie party songs

Folder 30: Mr. Lewis Bush, March 28, 1985. Topics: Riley Hotel; road building; dumpling recipe; death of George Enloe while testifying at trial;

Folder 31: Betty Enloe, circa 1985. Topics: traveling salesmen - “drummers”.

Folder 32: Jack Donald Enloe, June 16, 1985. Topics: Riley Hotel; condition of roads; lumber from hotel used to build a house in Chester; Grandfather Riley was county commissioner in the 1930s.

Folder 33: John Leggett, 1985. Topics: mercantile store; Saturday night tradition; social status of African-Americans; tobacco use; Riley Hotel; boarding house description; domestic work; misbehavior of boarding house guests; traveling store on a truck

Box 26

**Chester (continued)**

Folder 1: Mrs. Moody, circa 1985. Topics: shooting at Chester, Texas

Folder 2: Clarence Seamans, 1985. Topics: pipelines, poor roads, Riley Hotel, muddy roads.

Folder 3: Clarence Seamans, Mrs. Irene Lewis, Mrs. Inez Thornton, no date. Topics: Riley Hotel, light plant, physical description of the boarding house, food served at the boarding house, recreation, transporting ice, opposition to church, josie parties.

### **Colmesneil**

Folder 4: Ruth Crews, Alvin Crews and Ann Crews, no date. Topics: meal prices, closing of the sawmill, Ogden, Texas; railroads routes.

Folder 5: Bob Mann, February 4, 1985. Topics: shootout and death at railroad station.

Folder 6: Mayo McBride, no date. Topics: early days of Colmesneil and Woodville, story of Commercial Hotel in Kountze;

Folder 7: Easter Mann and Lou Ella Moseley, no date. Topics: East Texas Hotel; boarding house prepared lunch for people on the train; blocks of ice came on the train; ice boxes;

### **Daisetta**

Folder 8: Mr. Pat Abshire, April 13, 1984. Abshire Hotel history Topics: Greenwood, South Carolina; Smith Chapel Church; Park Hotel; pot belly stove; ambrosia and fruit cakes; a dollar a day for meals at hotel; amenities at hotel

Folder 9: Eda Belle Boyd, no date. Topics: Spring Hotel; Sour Lake, Texas; baths at the lake; sulfur mud; Nome, Texas; hack rides from train at Grayburg to hotel in Sour Lake.

Folder 10: Mrs. Jo Brundt, October 28, 1985. Topics: chicken pot pie; Park Hotel.

### **Doucette**

Folder 11: Mr. Wood Fain, no date. Topics: sawmill town; company store, ice plant, doctor in a sawmill town, segregation, businesses in Doucette, African-American businesses, pay-scale for sawmill workers, demand for lumber during World War I, violence in Doucette, recreation in Doucette, lumber camps.

Folder 12: Fay Dell Greenwood, March 1985. Topics: description of the hotel at Doucette, mother's desire for her daughters to be educated, women as entrepreneurs, problems of artificial limbs, description of Babe Zaharias.

Folder 13: Henry Hendrix and Fay Dell Greenwood, Doucette Homecoming, May 19, 1985. Side A only, Near the end of the tape Wanda speaks briefly with a woman whose parents, Susan and Edgar Myron Sutton, operated a boarding house in

Doucette in the early 1900s. Topics: Senator John Tower's origins, playing with Babe Zaharias in sports, popularity of food at the boarding house, migration of sawmill workers from town to town, characteristics of sawmill workers, soda fountain in Doucette, J.H. Kenneson and his concern for the well-being of the company.

Folder 14: Henry Hendrix, 1985. Topics: description of lumber companies' company houses, living conditions in Doucette, end of sawmill in Doucette, description of hotel in Doucette, grain door builders, musical entertainment, recreation of teenagers and adults, meals served at Baskin Café, popularity of baseball in community, old-time cooking, John Tower's family.

### **Dick Dowling**

Folder 15: Joe Collerain and Ann Ivins, November 14, 1990. Topics: biographical information on Dick Dowling, anti-Irish prejudice, Battle of Sabine Pass

### **Debbie Gore Ennis**

Folder 16: Debbie Gore Ennis, April 29, 1999. Topics: childhood experiences.

### **Larry Jene Fisher**

Folder 17: Juanita Martin, June 13, 1991. Topics: Martin's early life, production of Fisher's play, "The Kaiser Burnout," Jayhawkers, death of Larry Jene Fisher, description of Larry Jene Fisher's personality, accusations of Fisher being a Nazi, Fisher's status as an outsider, Fisher's education, Fisher's musical training

Folder 18: James Elmo Rosier, March 19, 1984. Topics: biographical information on "Aunt Matt" Jordan Evans, who operated the Vines Hotel, genealogy of Jordan family, Robert Evans and oil field workers labor organization, race relations, lynching, violence against African-Americans, biographical information on Lance Rosier, Lance Rosier's tours of the Big Thicket, description of the Vines Hotel, Lance Rosier's finances, Lance Rosier's knowledge of plant life, Rosier's honors from universities, Geraldine Watson's knowledge of the Big Thicket, Larry Jene Fisher, suspicion of outsiders in the Big Thicket, famous people given tours of the Big Thicket, attitudes toward the Big Thicket National Preserve, demolition of the Vines Hotel

### **Folk Medicine**

Folder 19: R.A. Parker, Elbert Parker, Sam Hendrix, November 5, 1998. Folk medicine. Topics: making soap, folk remedies, utilizing phases of the moon.

### **Grayburg**

Folder 20: "Smooth" King, no date. Lots of background noise. Topics: origins of nickname "Smooth", women of ill repute, shooting incident with a member of the Sapp family, character of the Sapp family, King Hotel, going off to World War I, tithing to the church.

Folder 21: Ada Wright, no date. Topics: piano and fiddle players for dances at the hotel, demolition of the hotel and use of lumber to make tourist cabins at Anahuac, guests at hotels work as tie makers, woodsmen, and planers, use of persimmons in different foods, how Grayburg got its name

## **Honey Island**

Folder 22: Mrs. Minnie Cruse, February 9, 1984. Topics: working as a principal for the Honey Island School, discipline of students.

Folder 23: C.W. Hendrix, Lester Holmes, May 9, 1985. Topics: how Honey Island got its name, Jayhawkers evading the draft, sawmills at Honey Island, primitive conditions of boarding houses.

Folder 24: George Henson McMillan, September 10, 1991. Topics: discovery of oil at Saratoga, learning to play the fiddle, Josie parties, Jayhawkers in the Civil War, religious prohibitions against dancing, square dances, courtship, White Oak, Texas, harvesting of white oak trees

Folder 25: Albert Parker, May 13, 1985. Topics: Kirby Lumber Company moving 163 company houses to Honey Island, closing of Kirby sawmills in Hardin County, living conditions in boarding houses

Folder 26: Albert Parker, Nelda Johnson, and Geraldine Hooks (boardinghouse owner Bertie Parker's children), May 16, 1985. Topics: destruction of the hotel by fire, children's labor at the hotel, rat's theft of false teeth, eating wild game, sausage recipes, customs of setting a table, cats' mischief in boarding houses, courting customs, Bragg Lights.

Folder 27: Mary Sells, May 13, 1985. Topics: working as a maid in the boarding house, prostitution at the boarding house, sawmill closing

## **Hull**

Folder 28: Bill Brett, October 20, 1985. Topics: oil boom at Batson, Daisetta oil boom, board walks in oil towns, fire at Daisetta, Clyde Barrow, coffee produced by old time methods, Jews in Southeast Texas, Ku Klux Klan in Southeast Texas.

Folder 29: Mr. Pickney Smith, October 20, 1985. Topics: Layton Hotel, eccentric behavior, eating bananas peel and all, Patton Hotel.

## **Box 27**

### **Jasper**

Folder 1: Judy Adams, June 4, 1985. Topics: Topics: Swann Hotel at Jasper, Swann hotel's food drawing Beaumonters to the hotel.

Folder 2: Dr. Joe Dickerson, January 27, 1996. Topics: Army personnel staying at the Belle-Jim Hotel, war exercises, war maneuvers.

Folder 3: Mrs. Faye Seale Hancock, no date. Topics: popularity of the Swann Hotel's food, women as entrepreneurs

Folder 4: James Houlihan, March 12, 1985. Topics: Topics: description of the Belle-Jim Hotel, prices paid for lodging, Jasper County Courthouse clock.

Folder 5: Lola Ingram, March 12, 1985. Topics: , Topics: construction of the Belle-Jim Hotel, Swann Hotel, description of the college at Jasper, women entrepreneurs, women's suffrage.

Folder 6. Helen Jackson, Bum Winfrow, and Floyd Addington, [November 19, 1984]. Topics: families who operated Belle-Jim and Swann Hotels in Jasper.

Folder 7. Ira Ralph, March 20, 1985, Topics: working at Swann Hotel, race relations, women as entrepreneurs, Jasper Bottling Works

Folder 8: Ben Williamson, June 4, 1985. Topics: bathing facilities at the hotel, traveling salesmen, lumber industry, Ginger Rogers at Bessmay, turpentine production, cleaning outhouses, cyclone, board walks, life in Jasper, Texas Teens-1940s, men conscripted for road construction, cisterns, recreation at the hotel, explosion making home brew, life on the home front during World War I, treatment for bedbugs, early automobiles and accidents and maintenance.

### **Kirbyville**

Folder 9: Lexie Herndon, no date. Topics: Round Table Hotel, Burkeville; hacks bringing people to the hotel.

Folder 10: Frank Powell, March 21, 1985. Topics: Cooper Café's famous chili, turpentine camps, rough reputation of Kirbyville, businesses in Kirbyville.

Folder 11: Ferrelle Richard, no date. Topics: operating a boarding house above the old Opera House, Bonnie and Clyde's visit to the boarding house.

Folder 12: George Wynne, no date. Topics: novelty soft drink machine, performers at the opera house, punch boards.

### **Kountze**

Folder 13: (note: see also interview with Bess Childers on side A) Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Cariker. August 1978. Topics: snow in southeast Texas, transporting people from depot, sawmills, food served at the boarding house, photo of hotel

Folder 14: Hettie Crews Crosley, May 9, 1985. Topics: operating a boarding house, Commercial Hotel, father's role in the family, hotel's popularity with attorneys and jurors

Folder 15: Ruby Harrington, no date. Topics: construction of the boarding house, description of the boarding house, methods to keep food from insects or spoiling.

Folder 16: Thomas Sydney Hooks, October 16, 1985. Topics: biographical information on Dr. John Roberts, bears in the Big Thicket.

Folder 17: Versie Johnson, May 13, 1985. Topics: deer hunting, Hooks' family and hunting, Kountze Baptist College, African-American college, relationships with servants and employers.

Folder 18: Minnie McKim and her daughter, Mary Frances Richardson. January 17, 1985. Topics: sawmills, Long Station, Texas; businesses in Kountze around 1900, courthouse at Kountze.

Folder 19: Ila Sanders, November 9, 1977. Topics: Old Commercial Hotel, prices for boarding, traveling salesmen, description of boarding house, working to attend Lamar College, telephone operator at Lamar, biscuits and gravy

Folder 20. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt, [Roy Edward and Peggy J.], April 12, 1985. Topics: Williford Store, businesses in Kountze, appearance of Kountze, fires in Kountze, putting out fires, railroad round houses,

Folder 21: Esther Hooks Walker, April 12, 1985. Topics: correspondence regarding boarding houses in Kountze and other Southeast Texas towns.

### **Liberty**

Folder 22: Mrs. Virgie Riviere [1985?] Topics: family history, French ancestry, traveling salesmen, good quality of food served in the hotel, cousins marrying, importance of work of African-American servants, Judge Hightower, people attending court for entertainment, disputed elections, gumbo recipes, play parties.

Folder 23: Nita Van Deventer, November 16, 1984. Topics: family history, rice farming, [Cameron Hotel, now known as the Norman House on the grounds of the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center], boarding houses in Beaumont, description of the Cameron Hotel, burial and funeral customs, Sabbath observance, entertainment before television, Partlow family, school bullies, Moss Bluff, Texas, cures for bedbugs, Judge Hightower.

### **Livingston**

Folder 24: Lorene Sorey, n.d. Topics: Keyes Hotel, witnessing a hanging, recreation on the courthouse square, planting pecan trees, Note: noise of cars passing by on the highway.

### **Nederland**

Folder 25: Marie Fleming, October 3, 1990. Topics: immigrants from Holland in Southeast Texas, differences between Dutch in Texas and Holland, Dutch in other parts of the United States, objection to monarchy in Holland, Pella, Iowa, traditional Dutch food, rice production in Southeast Texas, differences between Dutch and American food, magic lantern shows.

Folder 26: Marion Reinstra, September 25, 1990. Topics: Dutch settlement in Southeast Texas, financing of Dutch businessmen with Dutch capital, father's immigration to America, travel from Galveston to Nederland, magic lantern shows, rice industry in Southeast Texas, destruction of the rice crop due to salt water,

reasons for immigration from Holland, Interurban railroad, differences between Frieslanders and other Dutch.

### **Newton**

Folder 27: Eula Cain/Kain?, April 18, 1985. Topics: Norton Hotel, bear hunts, importance of the fair in Beaumont, Goodwill Train that advertised the fair in Beaumont.

Folder 28: Fay Gilchrist Duncan, no date. Topics: race relations, African-American prisoners' escape from jail, death of sheriff in Newton in 1932, boarding house in Newton.

### **Nicknames**

29. Juanita Martin, July 1991. Topics: nicknames, depiction of handicapped, Wanda Landrey, short address to Big Thicket Day

### **Railroads**

Folder 30: Lon Wright, [c. 1980] Topics: history of the Santa Fe Railroad, routes of railroads in Southeast Texas, nickname for the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad, appearance of train interiors, work as a railroad agent, John Henry Kirby and railroads, ethics of railroad passes, amenities for railroad passengers, advertising the fair at Beaumont, food at boarding houses, influenza epidemic, railroad employee working while deathly ill

### **Sabine Pass**

Folder 31: Jennie Watts, February 15, 1989. Topics: family history, first child born at Sabine Pass, history of Sabine Pass, lighthouse at Sabine Pass, Brad Johnson's two families and life of crime, construction of a channel

### **Emory E. Sapp**

Folder 32. Charles Sapp (son of E.E. Sapp) and Mrs. Charles Sapp, August 5, 1994. File contains only two interview agreements, one with Charles Sapp and one with Clarence Sapp. Topics listed come from the tapes of the interviews. Topics: corruption of Texas prisons, biographical information on Sapp, curiously nice furnishings of Sapp family home, family's reaction to Sapp returning to live with family after prison, Sapp's carrying of gun, Sapp's wads of currency, Sapp's story that family had been killed in the Galveston Storm of 1900.

Clarence Sapp, (son of E.E. Sapp), March 2, 1995. Topics: death of E.E. Sapp, Sapp's characteristics as a father, Sapp's religious conversion, Sapp's close connections to important people in East Tennessee, Mrs. Sapp's hard work to provide for her family, Sapp's first marriage, children from first marriage, Sapp's status as a Mason, Sapp genealogy

### **Saratoga**



Folder 33: Harriette Bonner Coley, April 25, 1985. Topics: description of the boarding house, laundering guests clothing, death from hook worms, suffering in Great Depression, labor of a child, sightings of bears, poor roads, Josie parties

Folder 34: Mamie Belle Smith Loftin, April 9, 1985. Topics: oil boom in Saratoga, amenities in Saratoga during the oil boom, discovery of oil at Saratoga, biography of "Daddy" Skaggs, description of "Aunt Matt" Evans, Robert "Bobby" Evans, food eaten in early Saratoga, amenities of the Rio Bravo oil field, violence during strike, labor unions in oil business, hardships of striking workers,

Folder 35: Juanita Martin, April 3, 1985. Topics: family history, sawmills, location of Dearborn, Texas, living in tents during oil boom.

Folder 36: Walter Nickells, April 9, 1985. Topics: Rio Bravo oil field, boarding house operated by Rio Bravo Oil Company, housing for oil field workers, oil field strike, ownership of the Rio Bravo Oil Company, health resort at Saratoga, labor unions among oil workers, labor unionizer Robert E. Evans, "black balling" union members from jobs in the oil industry, opposition to "scabs" in the community, Ku Klux Klan and violence, saloons and opposition to saloons.

Folder 37: James Elmo Rosier, March 19, 1984. Topics: Vines Hotel, biographical information on "Aunt Matt" Jordan Evans, who operated the Vines Hotel, genealogy of Jordan family, Robert Evans and oil field workers labor organization, race relations, lynching, violence against African-Americans, biographical information on Lance Rosier, Lance Rosier's tours of the Big Thicket, description of the Vines Hotel, Lance Rosier's finances, Lance Rosier's knowledge of plant life, Rosier's honors from universities, Geraldine Watson's knowledge of the Big Thicket, Larry Jene Fisher, suspicion of outsiders in the Big Thicket, famous people given tours of the Big Thicket, attitudes toward the Big Thicket National Preserve, demolition of the Vines Hotel.

Folder 38: [Allie] "Granny" Ryan, and unidentified woman, April 24, 1985, Topics: slave woman's long tenure with family, African-American's servants care of white children, casino at Saratoga, treatment of orphans, shooting in Saratoga in 1907, violence in boomtown Saratoga.

#### Box 28

Folder 1: Jack Stalsley, Buelah Skinner, and Margaret Williams, April 3, 1985. Topics: Saratoga history, Bingville, Texas, [includes a photocopy of a letter written to Mattie Jordan by her first husband], social life based around church, violence in oil boom towns, boarding houses at Saratoga, strictness of father, josie parties, Side B Buelah Skinner, Margaret Williams. Topics: description of Saratoga in the Teens, Dearborn, Texas, hardwood sawmill, wealthy oil barons' origins in Saratoga, Rothwell family, health resort at Saratoga, teenagers' entertainment.

Folder 2: Ida Walton, May 23 [1985?], Topics: Ghost Light, Ghost Road, young people's entertainment, causes of the Ghost Light, josie parties.

### **Silsbee**

Folder 3: Mrs. [Eugenia] Nixon, and Marie Fregia, [1985?], Topics: condition of hotel, work of hotel keeper, hours worked, wife abuse, prices charged by the hotel, duties of workers at the hotel, robbery by Bonnie and Clyde, bedbugs,

Folder 4: A. S. Norrid, January 18, 1985. January 18, 1985, [other dates listed are February 17, 1981 and November 13, 1990] Three different interviews? Topics: description of parents who operated hotel, description of hotel, Huey Long's family, description of Huey Long, learning he was adopted, description of hotel, bargaining for produce for hotel, African-American servants, experiences with a parrot, Huey Long's contributions to Louisiana, Bonnie and Clyde in Silsbee and Beaumont.

Folder 5: Erie May Overland, [c. 1980?] Topics: family history, John Henry Kirby's dominance of Silsbee, descriptions of John Henry Kirby's family, boarding prisoners at family home, description of Harvey House, Kirby-Hill House in Kountze, courtship, elopement, segregation, prostitution, character of women who worked in the Harvey House, E.E. Sapp's being a "scab", union activity, support for the Ku Klux Klan.

Folder 6: Otis Thomas, May 10, 1984, Topics: Harvey Houses, destruction of the Harvey House in Silsbee by fire, amenities of the Harvey House, causes for the end of the Harvey Houses, dress of Harvey house employees, qualities of Harvey House employees, perks of Harvey House employees, Kirby Lumber Company's connections to the Santa Fe Railroad, animals running loose in Silsbee, descriptions of Silsbee in the Teens and Twenties, training to work in a Harvey House, biographical information on Fred Harvey, a photocopy of recipe from 1930 and newspaper articles on Harvey Houses.

### **Sour Lake**

Folder 7: David Payne, Mildred Payne, Ann Payne, Vivian Payne, and Margarite Graham, no date. Topics: bird dogs, family history, slavery, white man's sexual advances to a black woman, transport of logs to mill via train, descriptions of amenities on trains, description of children's clothing and dress, lunches eaten on trains, descriptions of sawmills, descriptions of work in sawmills, sawmills whistle, Josie Party

Folder 8: Mrs. Hardage-Malavansos and Harold Carpenter, no date. Topics: parent's reaction to a child punished at school, deaths in a hotel fire, man killed by bull, suspicion of Germans during World War I, Christmas celebrations, sawmill, oil boom in Sour Lake, violence during the oil boom. File also contains a newspaper obituary of Harold Carpenter

### **Trinity**

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American troops heading to World War I, experiences at Houston College for Negroes, funeral customs

Folder 10: Mrs. Doris Lucas and Ruby Sutton, [c. 1985?] telephone interview with Ruby Sutton. Topics: Sawmill Boarding House, widow's need to earn a living, description of the boarding house, sawmill whistles, end of sawmill, family history, labor of children at boarding house, dress of women, African-American servants, lunches of lumber workers, getting around Prohibition.

### **Village Mills**

Folder 11: James Neushafer, no date. Topics: : life in a sawmill town, segregation, African-American's entertainment, description of felling wood for sawmill, description of a log skidder, description of a log skidder accident, Alice Keith and her family's involvement in Village Mills and the lumber industry, Baptist and Methodist churches sharing ministers, lumber company commissaries, home remedies, medical care. ,

### **Wiergate**

Folder 12: Vera Reichelt, 1979. Topics: traveling salesmen, African-American employees, entertainment of African-Americans, African-American churches, segregation, sawmill towns, company towns, and Depression's effect on lumber industry.

Folder 13: Calvin Smith and Massie Rae Smith, [1985?]. Topics: Letitia's boarding house, drummers (traveling salesmen), segregation, sawmill's bell, requirements for teachers, end of sawmilling, violence among sawmill workers, African-American owned businesses, log scaling, mill ponds.

### **Woodville**

Folder 14: Emma Busby, April 15, 1985. Topics: self-sufficient lifestyle, production and slaughtering of chickens, entertainment at the boarding house, food served at the boarding house, fire at the boarding house, women as entrepreneurs, fighting bedbugs, childcare

Folder 15: Don Crain, [c. 1985?] Topics: Pickett House's operations, use of hog fat in cooking, end of boarding houses in East Texas, apparel worn by boarding house workers, transportation to boarding houses, family feuds.

Folder 16: Mr. "H.L." Rainey, [c. 1985?] Topics: hotels in Woodville, bed bugs, fires at boarding houses, automobiles' effect on boarding houses, importance of trains to daily life, isolation of area, introduction to grapefruit, work at the shipyard in Beaumont during World War II, lifestyle of Native Americans, dangers of fires, difficulties of moves, lumber industry, introduction of mechanization to cotton farming.

Folder 17: Dr. Joe Dickerson, December 2, 1996 Topics: discussion of Dr. Theo Wiesbach's military service and death of Tojo at the end of World War II.

**Oral Histories not conducted by Wanda A. Landrey**

Folder 18. Recording from a video, "American Stories," in which a great-grandchild of Pattillo Higgins is interviewed about Higgins and his determination to drill for oil at Beaumont, and his collaboration with Anthony F. Lucas.

Folder 19: typescript, "My Life Remembered," by Rosario Charles Maceo with Josephine Fertitta Maceo as told to Frank G. and Molly Messina, 1982. Topics: Sicilian immigration to Beaumont, conditions aboard ship bound for America, prejudice against Italians, cousins marrying.

Box 29

**Subject files on Big Thicket and Texas History**

Folder 1: African American History, transcript of an interview with Edison Neely on segregation and race relations, for a sociology class at Lamar University, 2001.

Folder 2: African-American History, photocopy, *Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro*, by Newbell Niles Puckett, 1926 beginning through page 127.

Folder 3: African-American History, *Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro*, 128-261.

Folder 4: African-American History, *Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro*, 262-371.

Folder 5: African-American History, *Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro*, 372-451.

Folder 6: African-American History, *Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro*, 452-537.

Folder 7: African-American History, *Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro*, 538-582.

Folders 8: Alabama-Coushatta Indian Tribe

Folder 9-10: Batson, Texas

Folder 11: Bears in the Big Thicket

Folder 12: Newspaper clippings on Beaumont in 1850s-1860s

Folder 13: Beaumont during Spindletop, newspaper article, 1976

Folder 14: Beaumont, Port of, 1988

Folder 15: Beaumont Sesquicentennial celebration, 1987

Folder 16: Bessmay, Texas

Folder 17: Big Sandy, Texas

Folder 18: Big Thicket, copies of articles written by Buddy Moore, c. 1990

Folder 19: Typescript, "The Big Thicket," by Mrs. Carl James, P.W.

Folder 20: Big Thicket Association, information about the museum, 1980

Folder 21: Big Thicket Association, 1990

Folder 22: Big Thicket hotels, notes by Landrey c. 1985

Folder 23: Big Thicket map, c. 1975

Folder 24: Article on the Big Thicket in the *National Geographic*, October 1974

Folder 25: Big Thicket National Preserve, 1973

Folder 26: Boarding houses, critique of by W.E. Merrin, January 1975

Folder 27: Boarding house recipes, 1985

Folder 28: Bouton Lake ghost stories, 1988

Folder 29: Uncle Bud Bracken's house, c. 1965

Folder 30: Bragg, Texas, 1985

Folder 31: Branch Davidians, 1993

Folder 32: Brown, Danny 1973

Folder 33: Buna, Texas, 1984

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Folder 1: Captain James and Mary Sabinal Campbell, 1990

Folder 2: Castroville, 1982-1990

Folder 3: Cattle drives, 1998

Folder 4: Center, Texas 1979

Folder 5: Chambers County, 1937

Folder 6-7: Chester, Texas, 1979

Folder 8: Cleveland, Texas, 2000

Folder 9: Civil Air Patrol, 1944

Folder 10: Coastal Prairie Corridor of Southeast Texas, 1981

Folder 11: Colmesneil, Texas, 1973

Folder 12: Concord, Texas, 1933

Folder 13: The Confederacy, 1990

Folder 14: Cold Spring, Texas, c. 1970

Folder 15: Cruse, Squire, 1930

Folder 16: Daisetta, Texas, 1983

Folder 17: Dearborn, Texas, c. 1975

Folder 18: Doucette, Texas, c. 1985

Folder 19: Dowling, Dick, 1951-1993

Folder 20: Fisher, Larry Jene, 1924-1984

Folder 21: Folk Medicine, c. 1985

Folder 22: Frazer, Harmon, 1933

Folder 23: The French in Texas, c. 1985

Folder 24: French, John J., c. 1980

Folder 25-26: Galveston, 1986, 1994

Folder 27: Ghosts, 1998

Folder 28: Gillard-Duncan House, 1932

Folder 29: Goleman, Red, 1940-2006

Folder 30: Grayburg, 1985

Folder 31: Greeks in Texas, 1990

Folder 32: The Green Inn, west of Beaumont, Texas, 1932

Folder 33: Hardin County, 1936-1973

Folder 34: Hardin County cemeteries, 1973

Folder 35: Hardin County petroleum, 1970-1974

Folder 36: Hardin County poll-tax list, 1927

Folder 37: Hardin family, c. 1980

Folder 38: Hardin, Texas, 1963

Folder 39: Harvey Houses, 1951

Folder 40: Harvey Houses, c. 1982

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Folder 1-6: Harvey Houses, 1911-1989

Folder 7: Hightower, Judge L. B., c. 1970

Folder 8: Honey Island, c. 1970

Folder 9: Hooks, Ben, c. 1965

Folder 10: Houston, c. 1980

Folder 11: Indians in Texas, c. 1965

Folder 12: Japanese in Texas, 1990

Folder 13: Jasper, 1975

Folder 14-18: Jasper - The Swann Hotel, 1930-1995

Folder 19: Jayhawkers, 1963

Folder 20: Jeff Davis Rifles, 1931

Folder 21: Jefferson County history, c. 1980

Folder 22: Kinard, Texas, 1971

Folder 23-24: Kirbyville, 1956-1980

Folder 25-26: Kountze, c. 1985

Folder 27: Lamar, Mirabeau B., 1985

Folder 28: LaSalle Community, c. 1985

Folder 29: Liberty County, c. 1980

Folder 30: Liberty, Texas, c. 1985

Folder 31: Lindsey, "Red", Hardin County Sheriff, c. 1975

Folder 32: Livingston, Texas, 1979

Folder 33: Lumber industry, 1972

Folder 34: Lumber industry - "*Spies in the Piney Woods: John Henry Kirby's Agents Provocateurs and the Brotherhood of Timber Workers in East Texas, 1910-1912.*" c.1982 [by Marilyn Rhinehart].

Folder 35: Glenn McCarthy obituary 1988

Folder 36: McFaddin-Ward House, 1985

Folder 37: Murrel, John A., 1853

Folder 38: Nederland, 1986

Folder 39: Newton, Texas n.d.

Folder 40: O'Brien, Capt. George W., 1905

Folder 41: Origins of Names of East Texas Towns, c. 1975

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Folder 1: Orange, Texas, 1987-1988

Folder 2: Parker, Lois, c. 1975

Folder 3: Pompeiian Villa, 1973-1979

Folder 4-5: Port Arthur history, 1937-1946

Folder 6: Potter, Robert, c. 1975

Folder 7: Railroads, 1988

Folder 8-10: Recipes, n.d.

Folder 11: Red-eye gravy, c. 1985

Folder 12: The Republic of Texas, 1934



Folder 13: Rockland, Texas, 1962-1968

Folder 14-15: Sabine Pass, 1933-1984

Folder 16: Sabine Pass, Battle of, c. 1970

Folder 17: Sam Houston Regional Library, 1989

Folder 18: "Sandy Creek: A Study of an Isolated Community", M.A. thesis, Irvin Thompson, submitted to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, 1942

Folder 19: Sapp, Emory, 1907-c. 1950

Folder 20: Saratoga Lights, 2012

Folder 21: Saratoga, Texas, 1952

Folder 22-24: Sawmills, 1878-1990

Folder 25: Scottish in Texas, 1990

Folder 26-28: Silsbee, 1956-1984

Folder 29: Slovaks in Texas, c. 1985

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Folder 8: Spanish in Texas, 1932

Folder 9: Steamboats, 1936

Folder 10: Syrup mills, 1981

Folder 11: Texas Forest Association, 1946

Folder 12: Thicket, Texas, c. 1965

Folder 13-16: Trinity, Texas, c. 1950-1979

Folder 17: Tyler County, Century Farms, 1936

Folder 18: Village Mills, Texas c. 1985

Folder 19: The Wendish in Texas, c. 1985

Folder 20: Wiergate, Texas, 1979

Folder 21: Woodville, Texas, c. 1975

Folder 22: Yoakum House, Henderson, c. 1980

Folder 23: Yocum, Thomas D., c. 1975

Folder 24: Yokum Gang, 1897-1952

Articles by Wanda Landrey

Folder 25-27: "Christmas in the Big Thicket" by Bill Vandiver and Wanda Landrey, c. 1980

Folder 28: "Christmas Memories", 1973

Folder 29: "How Far Have We Come in the Field of Prejudice?", 1998

Folder 30: "'Tex', the Last Bear in the Big Thicket", c. 2000

Folder 31: "The Trials and Tribulations of a Duck Hunter's Mother", 2002

Article by Bill Vandiver

Folder 32: "Clarence Jacob and the Elf's Pie", c. 1975

Papers about Wanda Landrey's books on the Big Thicket

Folder 33: Correspondence on Landrey's thesis, "Lawlessness in the Big Thicket" 1970-974

Folder 34: Correspondence regarding publication of Landrey's book, *Outlaws in the Big Thicket*, 1975

Folder 35: Correspondence regarding *Boardin' in the Big Thicket*, 1988

Folder 36: Correspondence regarding *Lost in the Big Thicket*, 1997

Folder 37: Manuscript of *Outlaws in the Big Thicket*, c. 1975

Folder 38: Manuscript of *Boardin' in the Big Thicket*, c. 1988

Folder 39: Manuscript of *Lost in the Big Thicket*, 1994

Folder 40: Manuscript of *Ghosts of Spindletop Hill*, c. 2001

Folder 41: Manuscript of *The Historic Belle-Jim Hotel*, 2005?

Folder 42: Publicity for *Boardin' in the Big Thicket*, c. 1980s-2000s

Folder 43: Publicity for *Ghosts of Spindletop Hill*, 2000

Folder 44: Publicity for *Lost in the Big Thicket* 1997

Presentations

Folder 45-50: Presentation, *Outlaws in the Big Thicket*, c. 1975-1999

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Folder 13-16: Presentation, *Lost in the Big Thicket*, c. 1997

Folder 17: Presentation, *Ghosts of Spindletop Hill*, c. 2001

Folder 18: Presentation, *The Historic Belle-Jim Hotel*, c. 2005

Folder 19-22: Presentations regarding Landrey's writing career and other topics, ca. 1981-2005

Personal Papers

Folder 23: Jefferson County Bar Association Auxiliary, 1981-1992

Folder 24: Correspondence with Lamar University president Rex Cottle, 1996

Folder 25: Marriage program of Ricca Landrey, 1998

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Photographs of Big Thicket and Texas history topics

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Folder 21: Daisetta, Texas

Folder 22: Dark, Major J. N.

Folder 23: Dowling, Dick

Folder 24: Doucette, Texas

Folder 25: Fisher, Larry Jene

Folder 26: Galveston, Texas

Folder 27-29: Goleman, Red

Folder 30: Gore, Velma Baker and Debbie Gore

Folder 31: Grayburg, Texas

Folder 32: Hadley, Ida and Paul

Folder 33: Honey Island, Texas

Folder 34: Hull, Texas

Folder 35-36: Jasper, Texas - The Belle-Jim Hotel

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Folder 38: Kirby, John Henry

Folder 39: Kirbyville, Texas

Folder 40: Kountze, Texas - Cariker Hotel

Folder 41: Kountze, Texas - Commercial Hotel

Folder 42: Liberty, Texas

Folder 43: Livingston, Texas

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Folder 45: Nederland, Texas

Folder 46: Newton, Texas

Folder 47: Palmetto huts

Folder 48: PHS [Pineland?, Texas] basketball team, 1922-1923

Folder 49: Port Arthur, Texas

Folder 50: Rockland, Texas

Folder 51: Sabine Pass, Texas

Folder 52: Sapp family

Folder 53-56: Saratoga, Texas

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Folder 58-60: Sour Lake, Texas

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Photographs, negatives, slides and drawings

Folder 1-3: Unidentified photographs and negatives

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Folder 5: Slides used for Big Thicket presentations

Folder 6-9: *Outlaws in the Big Thicket* images

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Folder 17: *Lost in the Big Thicket* images

Folder 18: *The Ghosts of Spindletop Hill* slides

Folder 19: Book signing at the Sam Houston Regional Library photographs, c. 2003

Folder 20: Wanda Landrey photographs at a South Park school as a child and of South Park Class of 1952 Reunions (45<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>)

Folder 21: Wanda Landrey family photos

Folder 22: Floyd Landrey

Box 37 (.75 cu. ft.) Scrapbook containing photographs and a guest register for a book signing and autograph party, April 1, 1990, *Lost in the Big Thicket* autograph party, September 21, 1997, guest roster

Box 38 (.75 cu. Ft.)

Scrapbook containing school and church documents from Wanda Landrey's childhood in South Park 1937-1951

Scrapbook (dark blue cover with a depiction of a Viking ship) containing material compiled by Minnie Cruse, mother of Wanda Landrey documenting her leadership in the South Park Elementary P.T.A. and the Order of the Eastern Star, 1940-1943

Box 39 (.75 cu. ft.) promotional posters for Landrey's book sales events

Box 40 (.75 cu. ft.) oversized illustrations from Landrey's book

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Oversize Papers

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File 2: Aldridge, Texas 1979

File 3: Bear hunting 1977

File 4: Belgrade, Texas 1974

File 5: Big Thicket 1978-2005

File 6: Big Thicket Association 1979

File 7: Branch Davidians 1996-2000

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Folder 15: Major J.N. Dark murder 1975

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Folder 18: French in Texas

Folder 19: Ghost Light, Saratoga 1970

Folder 20: Commodore Basil Muse Hatfield 1977

Folder 21 Hillister, Texas 1974

Folder 22: Hispanics in Texas 1990

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Folder 24: Humble Oil and Refining Company 1987

Folder 25: Indians in Texas 1990

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Folder 28: John F. Kennedy Assassination 2003

Folder 29: Kountze, Texas 1970, 1979

Folder 30: Lumber industry 1978 (see also sawmilling)

Folder 31: Magness Baygall in the Big Thicket 1975

Folder 32: Middle Easterners in Southeast Texas 1990

Folder 33: Milvid, Texas 1973

Folder 34: Parker's Fort 1975

Folder 35: Petroleum Production 1991, 1995

Folder 36: Port Arthur 1965

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Folder 37: Emory Sapp 2009

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Folder 42: Vietnamese in Texas 1990-1991

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Folder 46: World War II veterans in Southeast Texas 1994

Folder 47: Historic documents

Original newspapers documenting the John F. Kennedy Assassination November 22 (Beaumont Journal), November 23(Beaumont Enterprise and Journal), November 25 (Beaumont Enterprise) 1963

Box 42

Bottle of Spindletop commemorative oil probably purchased at the Spindletop/Gladys City/Boomtown Museum