

Lila Coley Colleyville History Collection

History

The documents and photographs in this collection were compiled in the mid-1980s as research material for *Colleyville 1855-1956*, a book on the history of the Tarrant County, Texas community of Colleyville. The project was inspired by the 1986 sesquicentennial of Texas' independence from Mexico. Lila Coley was a member of the Colleyville Sesquicentennial Book Committee. Coley and others on the Committee collected the research material and edited and published the book. After the book was published in 1986, Mrs. Coley collected and preserved the research material and other records of the book project. In June of 2013 she donated her collection to the Tarrant County College District Archives.

Provenance

The records and photographs in this collection are part of the Heritage Room Archival Collections and are the property of the Tarrant County College District.

Scope and Content Notes

These documents and photographs comprise a record of the history of Colleyville from the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century. These records include photographs, surveys of historic Colleyville buildings, oral history interviews, family history and genealogy records, maps, and records relating to Colleyville schools and churches. Of particular interest are records relating to the history of Bransford, and early Northeast Tarrant County community that was absorbed by Colleyville by the mid-20th century. Records pertaining to Bransford include documents relating to the Webb family, town maps, and some ledger books containing the records of the Webb grocery store and the local Knights of the Maccabees lodge.

Series I

Colleyville History Resources

Material relating to Colleyville history: photographs, maps, documents, family histories, oral histories; other material relating to the history and development to the city.

Box 1

Community history resources; research data on Colleyville schools, neighborhoods, buildings and houses

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1. Notes on Colleyville history. Research notes; short narrative manuscripts; notes on Colleyville families; photocopies of documents.
2. "Colleyville Then and Now" photocopy of a draft for a short book of photographs and text on Colleyville history
3. Colleyville Historical Sites Inventory. Forms with data on historic buildings and homes in and around Colleyville.

4. Colleyville Historical Sites Inventory. Forms with data on historic buildings and homes in and around Colleyville – continued from 3.
5. Colleyville houses – information on historical homes and buildings; supporting correspondence and documentation for the Colleyville Historical Sites Inventory.
6. Photocopies of the documents for the incorporation of Colleyville in 1956
7. Lists of Colleyville street names
8. Pamphlets, flyers, brochures advertising events celebrating Colleyville history, 1987-2005
9. Pleasant Run School – a short narrative history of Pleasant Run school
10. Pleasant Run School – lists of students, 1854-1905.
11. Pleasant Run School – application for historical marker, with documentation
12. Pleasant Run School 1990
13. Colleyville schools – various schools in Colleyville
14. Maps – maps of Texas, Colleyville and Bransford
15. Rail roads – pamphlets on the St. Louis Southern Railroad and the Tarantula railroad.

Box 2

Publications

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1. Dedication Service for the Community Civil War Veterans Memorial, June 11 2005
2. Dedication Service for the Colleyville World War II Memorial, June 8 2002
3. *Colleyville* business directory published by the Chamber of Commerce 1987-1988
4. *Colleyville* business directory published by the Chamber of Commerce 1988-1989
5. *Colleyville* business directory published by the Chamber of Commerce 1989-1990
6. *The Communicator*, City of Colleyville newsletter, with article on the restoration of the Webb house.

Box 3

Biographical sketches, family histories and oral history interview transcripts.

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1. Calvin and Betty Hubbard Biles – transcript of an oral history interview.
2. Bideault family history. Jim and Dulce Moore oral history interview; Bideault family history narrative; 2 5X7 black and white photographs of the Bideault home in Colleyville.
3. Bransford, Felix G. Biographical notes; photocopy of a handwritten manuscript.
4. Connelly and related families. Narratives, clippings, genealogical notes; notes on Czechoslovakian genealogy.
5. Crow family. Biographical sketch of Erskine Monroe Crow; correspondence; photographs.

6. Kyle Reynolds – transcript of an oral history interview.
7. Webb family. Biographical and genealogical notes; clippings on Webb family history; CD with photos and documents relating to the Webb house and Webb family.
8. Rehabilitation Master Plan for the Webb House; historic landmark application papers; miscellaneous Webb family documents.

Box 4

Colleyville 1855-1956 Colleyville: Colleyville Sesquicentennial Book Committee. 1986. Unbound copy in a three ring binder.

Box 5

Records relating to the township of Bransford. Bransford was an unincorporated town absorbed by the expansion of Colleyville.

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1. A History of Bransford Texas, Researched and Compiled by Lila Coley; maps and photocopies of documents relating to Bransford.
2. Documents relating to the history of the Bransford Post Office
3. Records collected to support a Texas State Historical Marker for Bransford.

Box 6

Records relating to the township of Bransford. Five ledger books, records of the Webb Grocery Store, 1914-1924.

Box 7

Records relating to the township of Bransford. Records of the Knights of the Maccabees Lodge. Four volumes, 1913-1919.

Box 8

Photographs of Colleyville, Bransford, Pleasant Run and related communities

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1. Early photographs of Colleyville and Bransford, 1900-1950s. 10 B&W prints, various sizes.
2. Colleyville houses, 1980s – 1990s. 14 B&W prints; 2 color prints, various sizes.
3. Unidentified Colleyville houses, 1950s (?). 5 3.5X3.5 color prints
4. Colleyville people and places. 1980s and 1990s. 21 color and B&W prints, various sizes.
5. Bransford historical marker dedication. 8 color prints, undated
6. Colleyville photographs. Photocopy pages with text; photographs Colleyville people and places. Draft of a publication on the history of Colleyville.
7. Whitten Cemetery, 1984-1985. 4 3X5 B&W prints

8. Unidentified portrait photograph of a young girl, 1940s
9. Mounted 8X10 B&W photograph of a watermelon wagon, captioned "Grown at Bedford Texas by Felps"
10. Conductor on the steps of a Fort Worth street car, ca. 1920s. 2X3 black and white print
11. Miscellaneous Colleyville photographs. 9 black and white photocopies, one 8X10 color print.
12. 35 B&W 35mm negatives

Box 9

Old Colleyville homes identified by Jim Reynolds. 31 5X7 B&W prints; 1 audio cassette with information on the photographs.

Box 10

Tarrant County phone book, 1954

Box 11

Newspapers and Clippings relating to Colleyville. Fort Worth Star-Telegram Northeast Metro sections, 2001-2002; Northeast Tarrant Morning News, 2001-2002; miscellaneous clippings, 1980s – 2000s.

Box 12

Oversized material: photographs of Colleyville homes; maps of Bransford and Colleyville; Tarantula railroad poster.

Box 13

Crocheted decorative pillowcase

Series II
Colleyville Sesquicentennial Book Project

Box 1

Alphabetical Files – research files for Colleyville history book project

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1. Arts: Colleyville Arts and Crafts Guild
2. Bab Family History
3. Buildings
4. Bransford Community

5. Colley, Dr. L. H. biographical and genealogical records on Dr. Colley and the Colley family
6. Colleyville City Council and Chamber of Commerce. Clippings; economic and business conditions in Colleyville. 1990s
7. Colleyville Community Center and Library Association 1987
8. *Colleyville 1855-1956* Draft 1: Photographs with notes 2005
9. *Colleyville 1855-1956* Draft 2: Photographs with text and notes; biographical and genealogical data. 2005
10. *Colleyville 1855-1956* Draft 3: Photographs printed captions; handwritten notes for revisions. 2005
11. *Colleyville 1855-1956* Book proposal and notes on projects development; research notes.
12. Colleyville Hometown Heroes Parade July 2005
13. Donor records: donation and permission-to-use forms for photographs and other material used in *Colleyville 1855-1956*.
14. Florence Eudaly: portrait photograph and notes relating to Mrs. Eudaly, a former president of the Colleyville Garden Club and wife of first Colleyville Mayor.
15. Colleyville family history notes: Calvin Bass and Betty Hubbard; Batson family; Witten family; Pilgrim family; Bogart family; John and Nelda Thompson
16. Junior and Evelyne Laney. Photographs and family history notes
17. Land records: Surveys within Colleyville city limits, from Texas general Land Office.
18. Lions Club: clippings, membership lists, and other information
19. Mason Family history: clippings and family history documents
20. Nash Farm fundraising brochure, ca 1990s: a farm in grapevine, now a living history museum. Established by Thomas Jefferson Nash in 1859
21. Notes on schools, churches and cemeteries.
22. Notes on Texas maps used in *Colleyville 1855-1956*
23. Parks: Colleyville City parks, and Colleyville Parks Department.
24. Race Track: material on the history of the Colleyville racetrack
25. Red Barn Bar-B-Que
26. Scouting

Box 2

Various drafts for sections of *Colleyville 1855-1956*; research notes; various documents relating to Colleyville History; family histories edited for the book; documents gathered by the Colleyville Historical Preservation committee.

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1. Proofs with miscellaneous photographs
2. Proofs, mock-up pages with text; Sprager family material including clippings and photographs
3. Colleyville maps – 7 8X10 transparencies
4. Material for 50th anniversary of Colleyville's incorporation
5. Proof sheets with photos and text
6. Proof sheets with photos and text
7. Proof sheets with photos and text

8. Colleyville Historical Preservation Committee. Photocopies of city ordinances and founding documents
9. Colleyville Historical Preservation committee. Meeting minutes and notes 2004-2005
10. Colleyville Historical Preservation committee. Plans for the Colleyville Veterans Memorial, 1990
11. Research notes and related documents
12. City of Colleyville Master Plan 1987

Box 3

Photographs

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1. Kidsville Playground 1994 7 3X5 color prints
2. City parks and other municipal projects 1991-2000 28 3.5X5 black and white prints; 3 4X6 color prints
3. Colleyville Day 1995 12 3.5X5 black and white prints; 1 4X6 color photograph of the Colleyville Day parade
4. Colleyville City hall 1999-2000 4 3.5X5 black and white prints; 1 4X6 color print
5. Colleyville nature Center 1999 1 4X6 color print
6. Burrus Super Market 1971 4 4X6 color prints
7. Colleyville Water Tower 4 4X6 color prints; and McPherson's dairy 2 3.5X5 color prints
8. Historical Markers: Riley Cemetery; Pleasant Run School; Garden Springs community; Witten Cemetery; Bransford; Parker Memorial Cemetery; The Peters Colony. 7 5X6 color prints; 3 5X7 color prints
9. Colleyville mayors. 25 5X7 color prints. Photographs of Colleyville mayors
10. Colleyville City government. Buildings and people, 1991-1997
 - 23 3.5X5 black and white prints
 - 9 3.5X5 color prints
 - 2 5X6 color prints
11. Colleyville schools and businesses 11 5X6 color prints
12. Webb family 4 black and white prints, various sizes
13. Bass Grocery 3 5X7 black and white prints

Box 4

Scrapbooks, research data, and drafts for of *Colleyville 1855-1956*

1. *Colleyville 1855-1956* galley proofs
2. *Colleyville 1855-1956* research data
3. Texas sesquicentennial scrapbook