



Summary Information

Title: Franklin Weeks Ryan Chapel Scrapbook

Collection Number: 2005:071

Creator: Franklin Weeks

Collection Dates: 1885-1986, undated

Extent: .3 cubic feet (1 box)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

On November 1, 1986, Franklin Weeks and his wife Norma Ryan Weeks gave a program entitled "Ryan Chapel as a Public School" as part of the Ryan Chapel United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial program. This scrapbook commemorates the program, containing photographs and texts documenting Ryan Chapel Methodist Church as a public school, the Weeks family, Ryan family, early Angelina County school history, and Franklin Weeks' retirement party.

Repository:

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Franklin Weeks, a native of Burke, Texas attended the Burke School through fifth grade before transferring to the Diboll School. He graduated from Diboll High School in 1932 and attended Stephen F. Austin State University from 1932 to 1937, graduating with a bachelor of science in agriculture. He then taught at Redland School from 1938-1941, and later worked at Lufkin Industries in beginning in 1941, retiring on December 30, 1982.

The original Ryan Chapel Church was constructed in 1866 in the Pine Valley area, roughly two miles southwest of present day Burke. The founding resulted from a revival in the home of early settler

Reverend Isaac Ryan. The church was the first in the area and was the social epicenter of the region. Henry Dawson Wright (1829-1877) served as the first pastor. The current building was built in 1937 on the same site. Weeks became a member of Ryan Chapel Methodist Church at nine years old, becoming a fifth-generation member. The church also served as a school from roughly 1870 to 1907. On November 1, 1986, Franklin Weeks and his wife Norma Ryan Weeks gave a program entitled "Ryan Chapel as a Public School" as part of the Ryan Chapel United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial program.

Collection Scope and Content:

Franklin Weeks' Ryan Chapel Church scrapbook documents the history of Ryan Chapel Church as a school from 1870-1907. It contains sixty-six pages of photographs and text and an eleven page speech given by Weeks at the Ryan Chapel United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial on November 1, 1986. The photographs depict members of the Weeks family, Ryan family, and numerous individuals involved with the school throughout its history. The accompanying texts include photograph captions, a list of officers from the Office of the County School Superintendent, a list of Angelina County schools in 1885 and 1902-1911, a list of registered pupils, and the judicial order establishing Ryan Chapel as a school. It also contains various photographs of Franklin Weeks at sesquicentennial events and at his retirement party. The speech and reproductions date from November 1986; the sesquicentennial photos date from January 1986; the retirement party photos date from December 1982. The majority of the records are reproductions, dating from circa 1885 to 1986. Many documents are undated.

Arrangement: The scrapbook pages are in their original order. The only changes concern foldering the loose speech and removing photos from sticky photo pages.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Church buildings -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Methodists -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Schools -- Texas -- Angelina County

Corporate Names

- Ryan Chapel Methodist Church

Personal Names

- Agee, Will
- Arrington, Florence
- Ashworth, Wesley
- Ashworth, Cinthia
- Bourrous, John Dearburn
- Brannen, Mamie Weeks
- Buffalo, Lou
- Crager, Robert
- Crager, Zula Williams
- Crager, Wiley
- Crager, Mattie Stanaland
- Crager, Cruso
- Dunn, W. A.
- Fairchild, Monroe

- Forsythe, W. A.
- Forsythe, Alice Darendra Landrum
- Gipson, Ella Waller
- Henry, Callie Weeks
- Kingsolving, Mattie McCall
- Knight, Ben
- McMickle, W. D.
- O'Quinn, W. A.
- Read, Sadie Ryan
- Ritchie, J. R.
- Ryan, Morris
- Ryan, Cecil
- Ryan, Mary Frances
- Ryan, John
- Ryan, Rebecca Squyres
- Ryan, William Charles
- Ryan, Ira
- Ryan, Frank
- Ryan, Neva
- Sanders, Vernon
- Sanders, Emma
- Sproul, Emma
- Stanaland, Belle Waller
- Stanaland, Arnett
- Stanaland, Eula
- Stanaland, Ruth
- Stanaland, James
- Stegal, H. G.
- Stovall, Tom
- Stovall, Nancey Warner
- Tull, Annie Waller
- Waller, William
- Waller, Robert
- Waller, David
- Walker, Howard
- Waltman, Walter
- Warner, George Washington
- Warner, Jane Perkins
- Warner, Nancy
- Weeks, Mary Frances Warner
- Weeks, Franklin
- Weeks, Felix
- Weeks, Jack
- Weeks, John
- Weeks, James Monroe
- Weeks, George F., Sr.

- Weeks, Rayford
- Weeks, Robert L.
- Weeks, Wiley F., Jr.
- Weeks, Neva Ryan
- Weeks, Sally
- Weeks, Charles Emory
- Weisinger, Emma
- Williams, Willie
- Williams, Ed
- Williams, Viola Sanders
- Williams, Ausbon
- Williams, Ollie
- Williams, Lillie
- Williams, Irm Lee
- Williams, Evie Crager
- Willis, J. P.
- Wright, Floyd
- Wright, Joe
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Family Names

- Ryan family
- Weeks family

Genres

- Scrapbooks

Locations

- Angelina County (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: Donated by Franklin Weeks on October 13, 2005.

Custodial History: Franklin Weeks and his wife Norma Ryan Weeks assembled the photos and documents in this scrapbook to commemorate their speech on November 1, 1986. Mr. Weeks kept the scrapbook in his home until donating it to The History Center in 2005.

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Related Materials:

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