



## Ruth Grant's Homer Research Collection

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### **Historical/Biographical Sketch**

Ruth Grant was born in Center, Texas on October 27, 1922. She died in Lufkin, Texas on August 23, 2008. A 1940 graduate of Lufkin High School, Mrs. Grant remained an active citizen of Angelina County her entire life. She was particularly interested in Angelina County history and genealogy and wrote the book *Lufkin Street Stories* in 2001. She planned to write a book on Homer, the former Angelina county seat, and collected many research materials to that end. She was, however, unable to write the book.

Angelina County has been served by four different county seats since it was carved out of Nacogdoches County in 1846. Marion was the county seat until 1854 when the residents chose Jonesville. Homer followed as the county seat from 1858-1892 when the railroad and a courthouse fire forced the change to Lufkin. Although Homer's population was always relatively small, it was still considered to be the economic, cultural, and political seat of the county for many years. The county's first organized church and many major businesses were established in Homer during its height. Some of the families who settled Homer remained leaders in county affairs for generations.

In addition to its former status as a county seat, Homer was known from the 1860's to the early 1900's for its feuding families. Resentments and slights dating back to the days of the Civil War and its immediate aftermath would periodically flare up. Much of Mrs. Grant's research documents several of these incidents and the families involved.

## Scope and Content Note

This collection was compiled by a local historian in preparation for writing a book on Homer, Texas. There are a few original documents within the collection, but the bulk of the collection consists of photocopies of documents and secondary sources and handwritten notes made from research materials. The subjects covered range from Homer's founding and beginning as county seat in 1858 to accounts of the Civil War in Homer to genealogical information on Homer's prominent families to modern correspondence with descendants of Homer settlers.

## Physical Description

.75 ft<sup>3</sup> of notes and photocopies collected by local historian Ruth Grant as she prepared to write a book on the former Angelina County seat of Homer.

## Arrangement Note

The archivist made an effort to retain Mrs. Grant's original subject oriented filing scheme. These subjects are arranged alphabetically.

## Provenance Note

Mrs. Grant collected the research materials through the 1980's – 2000's. After her death, her family donated the collection to The History Center in December 2008.

## Inventory

### Box 1

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| Folder 1  | Angelina County Facts  |
| Folder 2  | Borden Family (see also Civil War and Feuds and Trouble After the Civil War)             |
| Folder 3  | Brown Family   |
| Folder 4  | Business-Homer   |
| Folder 5  | Cemeteries-Homer   |
| Folder 6  | Chapman Family   |
| Folder 7  | Churches-Homer   |
| Folder 8  | Gilly Family (see also Civil War and Feuds and Trouble After the Civil War)              |
| Folder 9  | Civil War-Homer  |
| Folder 10 | Fowler and Glenn Families (see also Civil War and Feuds and Trouble After the Civil War) |
| Folder 11 | Feuds and trouble after Civil War  |
| Folder 12 | Genealogy notes-Homer  |
| Folder 13 | Homer-Facts, Beginnings, County Seat   |
| Folder 14 | Land Records-Homer   |
| Folder 15 | Manning Family   |
| Folder 16 | Mantooth Family  |
| Folder 17 | Marriages-Homer  |
| Folder 18 | Masonic Lodge-Homer  |
| Folder 19 | Muller Family (see also Civil War and Feuds and Trouble After the                        |

Civil War)  
Folder 20 Newspaper Clippings  
Folder 21 Newspapers-Homer  
Folder 22 Obituaries-Homer

**Box 2**

Folder 1 Photographs  
Folder 2 Post Offices-Lufkin and Homer  
Folder 3 Research Correspondence  
Folder 4: S and B Feed-Homer  
Folder 5 Schools-Homer  
Folder 6 Scroggins Family  
Folder 7 Selman Family(see also Civil War and Feuds and Trouble After the Civil War)  
Folder 8 Thompson Family  
Folder 9 Veterans-Homer  
Folder 10 Windham Family (see also Civil War and Feuds and Trouble After the Civil War)