



Summary Information

Title: J. C. Brashears Family Collection

Collection Number: 1999:013

Creator: Brashears Family

Collection Dates: 1883-1975, bulk 1883-1940

Extent: 1 cubic foot (2 boxes)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

John Clisby Brashears, born in 1859, was a farmer, school teacher, lumber worker, and elections official in Angelina County, Texas. This collection contains correspondence, poll lists and tally lists for Burke, TX Precinct No. 3 Angelina County, state and county tax receipts, poll tax receipts, school tax receipts, newspapers and clippings, bank receipts, and undated photographs, legal documents, envelopes, notepad, and a manuscript. The records document Brashears' courtship with Mollie Clayton, early 20th century Burke residents, and daily life in Angelina County.

Repository:

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Revision History: Revised by Emily E. Hyatt February 20, 2007 and later by Matt Gorzalski on February 1, 2011.

Biographical/Historical Note:

John Clisby Brashears was born in Texas in 1859, the son of J. M. and Nancy Clementine Brashears and made his living as a farmer and schoolteacher in Burke, Texas. He also worked at a lumber yard likely in Keltys, Texas, now a part of Lufkin, built by Charles Louis Keltly. Brashears was additionally the presiding officer or judge of Angelina County's Precinct 3 in Burke during the late 1910s and into the 1920s. After a courtship in the late 1880s he married Mollie Clayton of Homer on January 27, 1889. Mollie died in childbirth soon after, and John married her cousin, Rosie McClendon (1872-1960) four years later.

Collection Scope and Content:

The J. C. Brashears Family Collection consists of correspondence (1888-1945), poll lists and tally lists for Burke, TX Precinct No. 3 Angelina County (1917-1926), state and county tax receipts (1883-1928, 1946), poll tax receipts (1904-1928), school tax receipts (1920-1930), newspapers and clippings (1891-1975), bank receipts (1896-1910), and undated photographs, legal documents, envelopes, notepad, and a manuscript.

Correspondence comprises the bulk of the collection and documents Brashears' and Clayton's courtship, as well as his experiences working at a lumber yard. Tax, legal, and other documents dating prior to 1892 reflect the time when Homer was the Angelina County seat. The poll lists provide a record of early 20th century Burke residents. Among the family tax receipts is Rosie Brashears' poll tax receipt for 1921, shortly after the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Various school districts are represented in the tax receipts as well, particularly now-defunct area schools such as Bowles, Burke, Fairview, and Salem. The manuscript is by John Calvin Box (1871-1941), a United States Congressman representing East Texas from 1919 to 1930. It dates from his campaign for his third term in 1922 and describes his service and accomplishments in Congress. The clippings include Nancy C. Brashears' obituary.

Arrangement: Collection was arranged chronologically within type of material, with the correspondence also being in alphabetical.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Elections -- Texas -- Burke
- Families -- Texas -- Burke
- Lumber-yards -- Texas -- Angelina County

Corporate Names

- Democratic Party (U.S.)

Personal Names

- Box, John C. (John Calvin), 1871-1941
- Brashears, John Clisby
- Brashears, Mollie Clayton
- Brashears, Rosie McClendon

Family Names

- Brashears family

Genres

- American letters -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Love-letters -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Photographs
- Voting registers -- Texas -- Angelina County

Occupations

- Lumbermen

Locations

- Angelina County (Tex.)
- Angelina County (Tex.) -- Social life and customs

- Burke (Tex.)
- Burke (Tex.) -- Social life and customs
- Homer (Tex.)
- Lufkin (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: Donated by Charlie Foster on March 15, 1999.

Custodial History: The various parts of this collection were assembled by the original owners and passed down through the family. Charlie Foster, J. C. Brashears' grandson, kept these items together in a trunk at the family house until March 1999 when he contacted Jonathan Gerland, who transferred the collection to the T.L.L. Temple Memorial Library and Archives as a gift. An article entitled "Local Man Finds History In Trunk," appearing in the *Diboll Free Press*, March 25, 1999 issue, page 7A, tells more of the donation and the collection of papers.

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Bibliography:

- "Local man discovers history in trunk." *Diboll Free Press*. March 25, 1999.

Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Correspondence Sent Miss Mollie Clayton Aug. 7, 1888 Miss Mollie Clayton Sept. 10, 1888 Miss Mollie Clayton Oct. 28, 1888 Miss Mollie Clayton Nov. 11, 1888 Miss Casie McClendon Oct. 28, 1893
Folder 2	Correspondence Received B.R. Brashears (cousin) Nov. 07, 1888 Claud Brashears (sister) Sept. 1892 Claud Brashears (sister) Dec. 20, 1914 Dasia Brashears (date unreadable - possibly 1892) J.M. Brashears (brother) Oct. 10, 1929 N.C. Brashear (mother) Aug 26, 1888 R.F. Brashears (son) Jan. 24, 1929 R.R. Brashears (cousin) Feb 21, 1889 Rosa Brashears April 18, 1914 S.L. Brashears (brother) Oct. 18, 1897 Tom Brashears Aug 16, 1914 A.B. Carpenter (nephew) Jan 22, 1917 A.B. Carpenter (nephew) Sept. 16, 1919 M.C. Clayton Nov. 02, 1888 Cattie Fortenberry (aunt) March 31, 1901

- F.L. Gray April 21, 1934
 J.M. Keen Jan 15, 1914
 Mollie (daughter) Oct. 20, 1929
 Catherine Redding (sister) Nov. 15, 1906
 Secretary of Agriculture, Owen W. Sherrill April 12, 1932
 Correspondence Received by Mrs. Rosie Brashears
 Claud Brashears May 8, 1917
 Annie Clayton April 15, 1943
 Mrs. W. A. Clayton Jan 13, 1943
 Miss Lillie McClendon Feb 22, 1942
 O. B. McClendon July 6, 1924
 H. W. Rodgers July 4, 1900
 Pink Rodgers April 11, 1900
- Folder 3
- Other Correspondence
 Mrs. Clem Brashears Nov 9, 1886
 Miss Virgie Brashears from Butler Graham (cousin) Jan 3, 1911
 Mr. Gillmore Brashears from Ester Brashears Dec 20, 1914
 Aunt Lillie from Nettie McClendon Aug 29, 1928
 Folks from Carmen May 17, 1935
 Mrs. J.C. Brashears from Ruby Brashears Nov. 7, 1940
 Mrs. J.C. Brashears from R.F. Brashears Nov. 5, 1940
 Bud n.d.
 Mrs. Lilly McClendon from Marie Walker Jan 19, 1945
- Folder 4
- Folder 5
- Folder 6
- Folder 7
- Folder 8
- Manuscript - *Box's Service in Congress*, 6 pages
 Tax Receipts – State and County
 Mrs. Ruby Bennett 1925-1929
 J.C. Brashears 1883, 1885, 1887-1889, 1892, 1894-1896,
 1898-1900, 1902-1903, 1905-1910, 1913, 1915-1916, 1918-1919,
 1922, 1924-1929, 1933
 J.M. Brashears 1899-1903, 1908-1910, 1913, 1915-1920
 R.F. Brashears 1922
 Mrs. R.L. Brashears 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924-1929, 1946
 Rosie Brashears 1960
 O.B. McClendon 1926-1929
 Wm. McClendon 1916
 T.L. Spencer 1892
 Poll Tax
 J.C. Brashears 1904 - 1917
 Mrs. J.C. Brashears 1924
 Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Brashears 1921

- Folder 9 Mrs. R.L. Brashears 1923, 1925, 1927, 1928
 Folder 10 School Tax: Bowles School District No. 36
 Folder 11 School Tax: Burke Independent School District, 1920 - 1930
 Folder 12 School Tax: Fairview School District No. 37, 1920 - 1921
 Folder 12 School Tax: Salem School District No. 14, 1920 - 1921
- Folder 13 Newspapers & Clippings
 The Lufkin Daily News October 12, 1941 Pg.5
 The Lufkin Daily News July 30, 1975 Sec.1 pg 5
 Obituary of Nancy C. Brashears, Lufkin Mar 22nd 1891
 picture of Charlie Outlaw n.d.
- Folder 14 Receipts
 Lufkin National Bank to Southern Pine Lumber Co. \$5.00
 The Guaranty State Bank \$30.00 Oct. 01, 1910
 Note for \$46.50 for payment of 40 acres of land Dec 22, 1896
 \$3.00 receipt
 \$1.00 receipt Aug. 21, 1913
 received from timber 1904
- Folder 15 Legal Document
 Unsigned judgment in cause of Eula Hoskin et al vs. Mary Clark
 Tom Brashears appoints J.C. Brashears as attorney
- Folder 16 Ephemera
 Envelopes
 Blue Notepad (notepad contains some poetry)
 War Dept. notice for physical exam of Richard F. Brashear
 Poem - 11-cent cotton and forty-cent meat
- Box 2** **Photographs**
 6 tintypes
 50 other vintage photographs of various sizes
 Many of the photographs are not identified, but the names mentioned on those
 that are identified include:
 Francis Virginia Ellis
 Rosie McClendon Brashears
 Lillie McClendon
 Willie McClendon
 Oscar McClendon
 Richard Filmore Brashears
 Mollie Brashears Foster
 Virginia Brashears
 R.F. Brashears
 Lee Stewart
 Jewel Brown
 W.M. McClendon
 Carlton Stewart
 Estes Brashears
 Jay Brashears
 J.C. Brashears

Clyde Brashears
Jack Brashears
Prairie Grove Cemetery Working, ca. 1930
Lonzo C. Havard
Anna Squires Havard
W. M. "Bill" Watson
Crickett Brashears Douglas
Presely Douglas
Mollie Douglas
Katie Spencer
Pauline Burrows
Edna Hopson Watson
Terry Watson
Cliffie McClendon
Billie McClendon
Andrew Burns
Virginia Clementine Brashears Stewart
Lee Stewart
Carlton Stewart
Mary Lois Foster Eaves Hill
Ruby Tatum
Patricia Louing
Louronzie McClendon Jackson
Ollie Brashears
Rosa Brashears