



Summary Information

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Collection Abstract:

The Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company was founded by T. L. L. Temple in 1900 in Diboll, Texas to serve Temple's East Texas lumber operations. From 1900-1996, it was primarily used to transport forest products to and from the Diboll mill, connecting to the mainline St. Louis & Southwestern Railway in Lufkin. This collection consists of photographs depicting TSE's locomotives, freight cars, employees, constructing track of the Lufkin Z&OO zoo railroad, and transporting Engine 22 to the Texas State Railroad, as well as business papers providing histories of TSE's locomotives, the *Pineywoods Special*, and records from the company's last year hauling freight from Diboll to Lufkin.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

The Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company was founded by T. L. L. Temple in 1900 in Diboll to serve Southern Pine Lumber Company logging operations in Angelina, Trinity, Houston, and Cherokee counties. In 1906 TSE constructed its mainline northwestward from Diboll, reaching into Trinity and Houston counties, a distance of about eighteen miles, and added a ten mile spur from Blix to Lufkin in 1908. By 1922 the mainline track extended to the logging camp known as Fastrill, in Cherokee County. TSE leased the Texas State Railroad between Palestine and Rusk from November 1962 through

December 1969 and operated the line as its Northern Division. The railroad abandoned most of its track mileage beginning in the 1940s, following Southern Pine Lumber Company's abandonment of large scale railroad based logging camps. Passenger service was discontinued in 1942. In 1996 Temple-Inland sold TSE's spur into Lufkin and TSE then became only a switching railroad at Diboll, in addition to storing cars for Union Pacific.

Collection Scope and Content:

The Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Photographs and Records collection is an artificial collection comprised of four donations by TSE employees. The bulk of the collection consists of photographs of TSE steam and diesel locomotives, TSE employees, TSE freight cars, and rolling stock of numerous railroad companies listed under the Corporate Names subject terms. Some photographs document events such as building the track and bridge for the Lufkin Zoo Z&OO Railroad, transporting TSE Engine 22 to Rusk for operation by the Texas State Railroad, and the *Pineywoods Special* Diboll Day fundraiser. The collection also contains a small amount of business records including a 1925 TSE time table, a 1941 St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company time table, and 1915 and 1937 TSE passenger tariffs. Also highlighted are histories of TSE's locomotives, and several business records from 1996 documenting the company's last year transporting freight from Diboll to Lufkin. Folder level scope and content notes are provided for further information when necessary.

Arrangement:

- Series I: Records, 1915-2002
- Series II: Photographs, 1911-1996

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Baldwin locomotives
- Diesel locomotives
- Railroads -- Texas, East -- History
- Railroads -- Texas, East -- Photographs
- Railroads -- Texas, East -- Employees
- Railroads -- Texas, East -- Timetables
- Railroad accidents -- Texas, East
- Railroad bridges -- Texas, East -- Design and construction
- Railroad cars -- Texas, East
- Railroad construction workers -- Texas, East
- Steam locomotives

Corporate Names

- Angelina and Neches River Railroad Company
- Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company
- Baldwin Locomotive Works
- Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company
- Boston and Maine Railroad
- Burlington Northern Railroad Company
- Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad Company
- Delaware and Hudson Railway Company

- General Electric Company
- Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company
- Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company
- Louisiana and Arkansas Railway Co.
- Lufkin, Hemphill and Gulf Railway Company
- Missouri Pacific Railroad Company
- Norfolk and Western Railway Company
- Reading Company
- Seaboard Coast Line Railroad
- St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company
- St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company
- Southern Pacific Railroad Company
- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Southern Railway (U.S.)
- Tex-Lam, Inc.
- Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company
- Texas State Railroad
- Union Pacific Railroad Company

Personal Names

- Brown, A. J.
- Foster, Charles
- Jackson, R. A.
- Keeling, R. W.
- Hale, Leon
- Honea, George
- Patrick, Fate
- Smith, Gary Mike
- Temple, Arthur, Jr., 1920-2006
- Thompson, Clyde
- Womack, Odair

Genres

- Photographs
- Postcards
- Time-tables

Locations

- Angelina County (Tex.)
- Diboll (Tex.)
- Echo (Tex.)
- Lufkin (Tex.)
- Texas, East

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.

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Custodial History: This collection was compiled artificially by The History Center Staff to consolidate several small Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company related donations. The records and photographs were donated by George Honea, former TSE general manager, and Gary Mike Smith, current TSE general manager. Some of the photographs were taken by George Honea, but the bulk of the materials had been compiled by Honea and Smith throughout the course of their employment at TSE. The 2000:078 accession was originally loaned to The History Center on July 19, 2000 for use in the September 2000 TSE Railroad centennial special issue. In August 2000 the collection was officially acquired by The History Center and formally accessioned in 2011.

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Related Materials:

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Bibliography:

- T.L.L. Temple Memorial Archives. *Texas Southeastern (TSE) Railroad: 100 Years, 1900-2000*. Diboll, Tex: T.L.L. Temple Memorial Archives, 2000.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Records, 1915-2002

Box 1

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| Folder 2 | Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Time Table No. 20, August 30, 1925 |
| Folder 3 | Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Local Passenger Tarriff No. 2, February 15, 1915 |
| Folder 4 | Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Local Passenger Tariff No. 7, October 31, 1937 |
| Folder 5 | St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, Texas Division Time Table No. 4, May 11, 1941 |
| Folder 6 | Correspondence File 8-I-490, 1941-1953
Scope and Content: Correspondence with Barney Franklin of the Lufkin Coca Cola Bottling Company and the Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company concerning shipping bottles for the bottling company. |

- Folder 7 Photocopy of Southern Pine Lumber Company Envelope showing Pine Bough Restaurant Advertisement Stamp, June 22, 1957
- Folder 8 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Proposed Operation over the Texas State Railroad Map, c. 1962
- Folder 9 George Honea and R. W. Keeling Correspondence, 1962
Scope and Content: Correspondence from railroad enthusiast R. W. Keeling to Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company employee George Honea. Keeling expresses interest in writing a history of East Texas logging railroads. He is interested in the status of TSE Engine 13, and describes the current status of engines 20, 1140, 28, and 17. Keeling includes photographs of engines 20, 28, and 17.
- Folder 10 Histories of Southern Pine Lumber Company, Temple Lumber Company, and Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Locomotives, 1915-1962
Scope and Content: Includes a list of all locomotives, type, builder, date, const. number, and remarks compiled by C. W. Witbeck and R. W. Keeling. Also includes photocopies of Baldwin Locomotive Works builder specifications for Engine 13, Engine 11, and Engine 10.
- Folder 11 Diboll Day 1966 and 1968 *Pineywoods Special* Passenger Train Fundraiser with Photographs
Scope and Content: Photographs, slides, and clippings documenting the Texas South-Eastern Railroad *Pineywoods Special* passenger train fundraiser for Diboll Day queen candidate Linda Pounds (1966). This tourist train ran from Diboll to Lufkin. The TSE had ceased passenger service in 1942. Includes a photograph of the Kansas City Southern Railway car that became TSE business car 100.
- Folder 12 Diboll Day Programs and “Shave Permit” Buttons, 1974, 1978
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- Folder 14 Texas South-Eastern Railroad *Safety and Operating Rules*
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- Folder 2 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Derailment Reports, 1996
- Folder 3 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Time Sheets, 1996
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Folder 5 *The Railway Newsletter* Published by the Angelina and Neches River Railroad, Featuring Article on the Lufkin, Hemphill and Gulf Railway Company, June 2002

Folder 6 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Patches

Series II: Photographs, 1911-1996

Folder 7 Baldwin Locomotive Works Builders Photographs for Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engines 9, 10, and 12
Scope and Content: The back of photographs for engines 9 and 12 have the locomotive specifications. There is no information on the back of the engine 10 photograph.

Folder 8 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 9
Scope and Content: Engine 9, a 65-ton 4-6-0, was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1911. Purchased new by the TSE. Scrapped in 1948.

Folder 9 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 11
Scope and Content: Engine 11, a 60-ton 2-6-2, was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1912. Purchased new by the TSE, and served the Southern Pine Lumber Company. Scrapped in Houston in February 1957. Some photographs by Fox Photo in Houston.

Folder 10 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 13
Scope and Content: Engine 13, a 68-ton 4-6-0, was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1920. Purchased new by the TSE and also served Southern Pine Lumber Company. In operation from 1920-1964. Primary runs were hauling raw timber from San Augustine County to Diboll over the Cotton Belt and TSE tracks. Later served mainline logging operations between Fastrill (Cherokee County) and Diboll. On exhibit at The History Center since 2003. Some photographs by A. E. Brown of Leesville, LA.

Folder 11 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 14, 1955
Scope and Content: A 2-6-2 engine built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1919. Purchased new by Southern Pine Lumber Company, also serving the TSE. Scrapped in 1957.

Folder 12 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 504, c. 1950
Scope and Content: Engine 504, a 97-ton 4-6-0, was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1920. Purchased from the Louisiana and Arkansas Railway Co. in 1950. Scrapped in 1957. These photographs document TSE's research into purchasing the 504. Also pictured in Louisiana and Arkansas caboose 20. Some photographs taken by A. E. Brown of Leesville, LA.

Folder 13 Texas South-Eastern Engine 301, c. 1962-1963, 1966, 1970
Scope and Content: A 99 ½-ton diesel locomotive built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1950 for Weyerhaeuser and rebuilt in 1956. Purchased by TSE in 1962. Some photographs show the early green, yellow, and white paint scheme before the diesel engines were painted solid green circa 1966.

Folder 14 Texas South-Eastern Engine 22, 1990

Scope and Content: A 70-ton General Electric diesel-electric switcher built in 1956. The only diesel-electric purchased new by TSE. In 1996, the engine was donated to the Texas State Railroad where it operates today, the third Temple locomotive donated to the TSR. This photograph is from Thomas Lawson of Birmingham, AL.

- Folder 15 Texas South-Eastern Engines 301, 1007, and 22, 1981
Scope and Content: Photographs taken by George Honea outside of the TSE engine house in Diboll. Includes a picture of engineer Odair Womack in the cab of Engine 301. Two 1000 horsepower 0-4-4-0 Baldwin diesel locomotives, Engines 1007 and 1008 were purchased from the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company on March 8, 1963. Engine 1007 was built in 1944.
- Folder 16 Engines 301 and 1007 Public Relations Photographs, 1984
Scope and Content: Two photographs of Engines 301 and 1007 pulling Temple-Inland freight cars in March 1984. These photographs were used for public relations purposes.
- Folder 17 Southern Pacific and Texas South-Eastern Trains, c. 1951
Scope and Content: Photographs of Southern Pacific Engine 967 and train 216 in Diboll, some with the Diboll Depot and commissary in the background. Other photographs are of TSE Engine 504 operating in Diboll and Angelina County, taken by Russ Allan in 1951.
- Folder 18 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Caboose 4, October 13, 1962
- Folder 19 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Car 5087
- Folder 20 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Car 161
- Folder 21 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 1007 Pulling Illinois Central lumber car, 1970
Scope and Content: Photographs of Engine 1007 pulling a loaded Illinois Central lumber car in December 1970. This was a new A-frame type car.
- Folder 22 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Caboose 6, 1972
Scope and Content: Photographs of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company Caboose 2246 interior in March 1972. Built by the ATSF in 1948, one of 100 cars series 2201-2300, it was purchased by the TSE in July 1972 for \$2,500. The number was then changed to 6. The caboose is on exhibit at The History Center.
- Folder 23 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Business Car 100
Scope and Content: This passenger car was built in August 1899 for the Kansas City, Pittsburgh and Gulf Railway, part of the Kansas City Southern Railway system. Used as an office and business car by top railroad management, it was purchased by Temple interestes in 1963. The car had been rebuilt in 1916, 1930, and 1948. It also wore a variety of identification markings including car 200, car 100, car Geraldyne, car 102, and car 99. The car was transferred to Union Station in Kansas City in 2007.
- Folder 24 Plymouth Diesel Locomotive, 25 tons, Standard Gauge
- Folder 25 Bicentennial Locomotives, 1976

Scope and Content: Postcards depicting various diesel locomotives from around the United State painted in red, white, and blue themes celebrating the bicentennial. Railroad companies include the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad; Illinois Central Gulf Railroad; Boston and Maine Railroad; Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company; Norfolk and Western Railway Company; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company; Burlington Northern Railroad Company; Delaware and Hudson Railway Company; Southern Pacific Railroad Company; Reading Railroad; Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company; Union Pacific Railroad Company; Southern Railway; St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company; and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad Company.

- Folder 26 Sabine River and Northern Railroad, 1966
Scope and Content: Photographs of Engines 8638 and 408, and caboose 1 at a sawmill north of Echo, Texas, 1966. The railroad was incorporated in 1965 to provide service to Owens-Illinois Inc.'s linerboard mill near Mulford in northeast Orange County. In 1986 it was acquired by Temple-Inland Inc. subsidiary Inland-Orange Inc. The line connects Echo to Mulford, and by 1988 extended to Evadale.
- Folder 27 Train Wreck Photographs, 1966
- Folder 28 Photograph of R. A. "Boots" Jackson, Arthur Temple, Jr., George Honea, and Unknowns, Early 1960s
- Folder 29 Tex-Lam, Inc. Shipping V-arches Photographs, 1961-1962
Scope and Content: Photographs showing the modifications made to railroad freight cars allowing shipment of Tex-Lam V-arches. The cars shown are Missouri Pacific 11765, Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company 75132, and Southern Pacific cars. The back of the photographs state destination and car specifications.
- Folder 30 Bridge Rebuilding Photographs, 1975
Scope and Content: Photographs documenting bridge rebuilding, concrete replacing wood, taken by George Honea in 1975.
- Folder 31 Lufkin Zoo Park Train Construction, 1976
Scope and Content: Photographs of Texas South-Eastern Railroad and Temple employees building the right of way for the Lufkin Zoo Z&OO Railroad.
- Folder 32 Odair Womack Retirement Party Photographs, 1976
Scope and Content: Odair Womack began working for the Temple Lumber Company in 1927 as a water boy, also driving a slip team building the mainline grade and gathering wood to fire a steam loader. Here he learned how to fire the steam engines at the Pineland sawmill. Temple transferred Womack to Hemphill in 1936 to fire the steam loader before he left the Temple lumber businesses in 1942. Womack returned in 1959 to work at the machine shop in Diboll and be a Texas South-Eastern Railroad engineer.
- Folder 33 Fate Patrick Retirement Party, 1980
Scope and Content: Includes photographs of John Ray Baxter.
- Folder 34 Leon Hale Visitation Photographs, 1985

Scope and Content: Photographs of George Honea, Gary Mike Smith, Leon Hale, and Jerry Goins when Hale visited Diboll on August 18, 1985. Leon Hale was a columnist for the Houston Chronicle. Also contains a photograph of Hale with Paul Durham, Jr. and a Diboll Free Press article about the event. Other photographs include George Honea and Clyde Thompson in 1961 and the TSE offices.

Folder 35 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Near Highway 94 and Loop 287, 1982
Scope and Content: Photographs of the TSE pulling cars into Lufkin on a rare snowy day.

Folder 36 Pictures of a Snowy Day in Diboll, 1982

Folder 37 Photograph of Gary Mike Smith, Robert Brannon of the Georgetown Railroad, and Charles Foster, 1990
Scope and Content: This photograph was used in a October 11, 1990 Diboll Free Press article about a dump train for crushed rock.

Folder 38 Texas South-Eastern Engine 22 Being Transported to Rusk, 1996
Scope and Content: Photographs documenting transporting Engine 22 to the Texas State Railroad in Rusk.

Folder 39 Ashley Lenderman and Family in a 1996 Diboll Day Skit

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Folder 1 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Engine 13
Scope and Content: Engine 13 shown in service of the Southern Pine Lumber Company. Fireman Jim Rushing in the cab and conductor Dixon Waller standing on the ground.

Folder 2 *Pineywoods Special* Train Ride Poster and Article, 1966, 1969

Folder 3 Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company Employees, 1981
Scope and Content: Depicted is George Honea, Gary Mike Smith, John Ray Baxter, Ed Steed, Jerry Goins, Everitt Hicks, Sammy Paul Tucker, Charles Foster, Larry Minyard, Don Harrison, Fred Barkley, Jim Shurley, Carroll Dover, and Buddy Mills at Ed Steed's retirement party. February 26, 1981.