



## Summary Information

**Title:** Robert E. Minton Papers

**Collection Number:** 2004:014d

**Creator:** Robert E. Minton

**Collection Dates:** c. 1920-1949, bulk 1925-1930

**Extent:** 4 cubic feet (4 boxes)

**Language:** English

## Collection Abstract:

Robert E. Minton was an Angelina County lawyer and general counsel for the Southern Pine Lumber Company of Diboll, Texas, later called Temple Industries. This collection contains legal case files concerning East Texas timber rights and land ownership involving Temple Lumber Company, Southern Pine Lumber Company, Houston Oil Company, Knox Lumber Company, Kirby Lumber Company, and others.

## Repository:

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## Biographical/Historical Note:

Robert Elmer Minton was born October 8, 1878 in Geneva, Texas. He married Lucy Kenley, born on September 23, 1883, on February 11, 1905 in Trinity County, Texas. Minton attended Baylor University and the University of Texas School of Law. Upon graduation, he began practicing law in 1913. He was employed as the general counsel for the Southern Pine Lumber Company in Diboll, Texas, later called Temple Industries. He served Southern Pine and Temple Industries from the early twentieth century to the 1960s. In February of 1963, Minton was honored by the Angelina County Bar Association for over 50 years of service to the legal profession and his community. Minton died on October 15, 1968 and his wife died on January 6, 1969.

## **Collection Scope and Content:**

The Robert E. Minton Papers consist of legal case files containing correspondence, notes, hearings, deed records, and legal documents concerning timber rights and land ownership in East Texas counties. The records date from 1920-1940s with the bulk of the material dating from 1925-1928 and 1930. Many of the lawsuits involve lumber companies such as the Southern Pine Lumber Company, Temple Lumber Company, Knox Lumber Company, and Kirby Lumber Company. Several cases document Temple Lumber Company's acquisition of timber and mineral rights, and right of way, to Knox Lumber Company land. Some cases such as No. 613 King v. Houston Oil Company contain copies of land grants to original settlers like Lorenzo de Zavala and provide a record of early land ownership. Records of early land patents and transfers from 1846-1859 for Jasper County are also included.

**Arrangement:** This collection has been arranged and described at the collection level. The records are maintained in original order by case file number.

## **Subject Terms:**

### **Topics**

- Forestry law and legislation -- Texas
- Forests and forestry -- Texas
- Land grants -- Texas
- Land tenure -- Law and legislation -- Texas
- Timber -- Texas

### **Corporate Names**

- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Temple Lumber Company
- Houston Oil Company
- Kirby Lumber Company
- Knox Lumber Company
- Trout Creek Lumber Company
- Southwestern Lumber Company of New Jersey
- Pineland Naval Stores Company

### **Personal Names**

- Minton, Robert E., 1878-1968
- Temple, Thomas Lewis Latane, 1859-1935
- Temple, Arthur, 1894-1951
- Knox, Lillian Marshall, 1891-1966
- Zavala, Lorenzo de, 1788-1836

### **Genres**

- Legal documents
- Court records

### **Occupations**

- Lawyers -- Texas, East

### **Locations**

- Jasper County (Tex.)
- Travis County (Tex.)
- Sabine County (Tex.)
- Angelina County (Tex.)

- Nacogdoches (Tex.)
- East Mayfield (Tex.)
- Texas

## Access and Use

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

**Acquisition Information:** The Robert E. Minton Papers are a part of the 2004:014 accession that was transferred to the History Center from the Southern Pine Lumber Company commissary building from the mid 1990s to 2004. This accession was divided into separate collections by creator.

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### Related Materials:

Arthur Temple, Jr. Business Papers, 1943-2006, 2004:014a, The History Center, Diboll, TX

W. Temple Webber Papers, 1950-1974, 2004:014b, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Clyde Thompson Papers, 1934-1978, 2004:014c, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Jake Durham Papers, 1919-1950, 2004:014e, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Paul Durham Papers, 1962-1978, 2004:014f, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Lottie Wimp Temple Papers, 1930s-1995, 2004:014g, The History Center, Diboll, TX

H. Spencer Knutson Papers, 1968-1975, 2004:014h, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Joe C. Denman, Jr. Papers, 1969-1977, 2004:014i, The History Center, Diboll, TX

David H. Dolben Papers, 1971-1974, 2004:014j, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Henry Holubec Papers, 1973-1978, 2004:014k, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Robert Weston Papers, 1965, 2004:014l, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Lee Zeagler Papers, 1951-1970, 2004:014m, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Temple Company Records, 1911-1992, 2004:014n, The History Center, Diboll, TX

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## Collection Inventory

### Box 1

Folder 1          No. 601 Defee vs Pickering Lumber Company et al (Temple Lbr. Co.)

Folder 2 Temple Lumber Company vs Sturgis Lumber Company  
Folder 3 State vs Temple Lumber Company  
Unemployment Comp. Contributions  
64411/126 D.C. Travis Co.  
Folder 4 M. Delano Survey Jasper Co.  
Folder 5 No. 602 Temple Lumber Company vs A. Ferguson  
Folder 6 Lewis Harper vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 7 Temple Lumber Company vs Lewis Harper  
Folder 8 Temple Lumber Company vs Lewis Harper  
Folder 9 No. 602 Temple vs J.J. Lee  
Folder 10 T.L.L. Temple vs J.J. Lee  
Folder 11 T.L.L. Temple vs J.J. Lee  
Folder 12 No. 602 Temple et al vs J.J. Lee et al  
Folder 13 T.L.L. Temple vs J.J. Lee (Depositions)  
Folder 14 T.L.L. Temple vs J.J. Lee  
Folder 15 T.L.L. Temple vs J.J. Lee  
Folder 16 Temple vs Lee  
Folder 17 No. 603 Temple Lumber Co. vs Gilmer Lumber Co.  
Folder 18 No. 604 Gibbs Bros. & Co. Purchase  
Folder 19 No. 605 Hamilton vs Temple Lumber Co.  
Folder 20 A.D. Hamilton vs Temple Lumber Co.  
Folder 21 No. 605 Hamilton vs Temple Lumber Co.  
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Folder 23 No. 605 Hamilton vs Temple Lumber Co. (2 of 2)  
Folder 24 No. 606 Hemphill Light Matter  
Folder 25 No. 607 Insurance Policies Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 26 No. 608 King vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 27 No. 609 Nan Kimmey vs Kirby Lumber Company  
Folder 28 No. 610 Kennerly, Williams, Lee Hill, & Sears Contract & Correspondence  
Folder 29 No. 611 Temple Lumber Co. & Kirby Lumber Co. (Exchange)  
Folder 30 No. 612 Lilian N. Knox to Temple Lumber Co. (Deed to timber about 5700 A 15-5 years to cut)  
Folder 31 No. 613 J.E. King vs Houston Oil Co. (1 of 2)  
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Folder 33 No. 614 M.S. Morris vs Temple Lumber Company (B.F. Morris, Sabine)  
Folder 34 No. 615 L.P. McFarland vs Henry Blackman et al (Daird Blackmon, Sabine)  
Folder 35 No. 616 Pickering Lumber Co. Exchange  
Folder 36 No. 617 Powell Lumber Company vs G.W. Brown et al  
Folder 37 No. 618 Scarbrough vs Temple Lumber Company (1 of 2)  
Folder 38 No. 618 Scarbrough vs Temple Lumber Company (2 of 2)  
Folder 39 No. 619 Frances H. Strother vs Temple Lumber Company (Gustatus Hart, Sabine)  
Folder 40 No. 620 L.R. Spears vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 41 No. 621 Temple Lumber Company Tariff Matters

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Folder 1 No. 622 Trout Creek Lumber Co. vs Fuller (1 of 2)  
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Folder 3 No. 623 Emma E. Walker vs Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank

Folder 4 No. 623 Emma E. Walker  
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Folder 7 No. 625 Temple vs J.M Ball  
Folder 8 No. 626 J.C. Chance vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 9 No. 628 Gusta Ann Grace vs Temple Lumber Co. (Henry Canfield, Sabine)  
Folder 10 No. 631 M.W. McDaniel et al vs Temple Lumber Company (1 of 2)  
Folder 11 No. 631 M.W. McDaniel vs Temple Lumber Company (2 of 2)  
Folder 12 No. 632 McKechney vs Temple Lumber Co. (A.W. Canfield League)  
Folder 13 No. 634 Temple Lumber Company vs A.L. McGown (A.M. Bevil League, Newton)  
Folder 14 T.S. Ridge, Jr. vs Mrs. Joe Hiram Miller  
Folder 15 No. 637 Southwestern Lumber Company of New Jersey vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 16 Temple Lumber Company & Kirby Lumber Company vs Webb Smith et al (Joseph Conn, Jasper County)  
Folder 17 No. 642 Vickers vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 18 No. 643 Mary Ella Vickers vs Temple Lumber Company (G.A. Norford, Sabine)  
Folder 19 No. 644 Partition Suit  
Folder 20 No. 645 State vs L.M. Knox (1 of 2)  
Folder 21 No. 645 State vs L.M. Knox (2 of 2)  
Folder 22 No. 645 State vs L.M. Knox (1 of 2)  
Folder 23 No. 645 State vs L.M. Knox (2 of 2)  
Folder 24 No. 646 W.T. Arnold vs Temple Lumber Company (1 of 2)  
Folder 25 No. 646 W.T. Arnold vs Temple Lumber Company (2 of 2)  
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Folder 28 No. 646 Arnold vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 29 No. 672 Hemphill Ice Company Charter  
Folder 30 No. 697 Temple Lumber Company vs Pineland Naval Stores (1 of 2)  
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Folder 32 No. 697 Temple Lumber Company vs Pineland Naval Stores  
Folder 33 No. 697 Temple Lumber Company vs Pineland Naval Stores  
Folder 34 No. 697 Temple Lumber Company vs Pineland Naval Stores (Pleading)  
Folder 35 No. 698 S.P.R. Co. vs Pineland Naval Stores  
Folder 36 No. 699 Temple Lumber Company vs Pickering Lumber Company (D. Renfro, Sabine)  
Folder 37 No. 701 Ellen Bond vs J.W. Mintow (Gaines League, Sabine County)  
Folder 38 No. 702 Henry Canfield-Contract of Sale (Sabine County)  
Folder 39 No. 702 James Barker to Temple Lumber Company (Contract)

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Folder 3 No. 703 Barker vs Temple Lumber Company (1 of 2)  
Folder 4 No. 703 Barker vs Temple Lumber Company (2 of 2)  
Folder 5 No. 703 J.G. Barker vs Temple Lumber Company (1 of 2)  
Folder 6 No. 703 J.G. Barker vs Temple Lumber Company (2 of 2)  
Folder 7 No. 721 Frank Bonner vs Temple Lumber Company  
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Folder 11 No. 728 Temple Lumber Company vs Henry Brooks (2 of 2)  
Folder 12 No. 728 Temple Lumber Company vs Henry Brooks  
Folder 13 No. 729 L.M. Knox Sale Under Deed of Trust (1 of 2)  
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Folder 15 No. 730 Amos Richardson et al vs Temple Lumber Company (1 of 2)  
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Folder 17 No. 730 Amos Richardson vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 18 No. 731 Temple Lumber Company vs Sarah Webb  
Folder 19 No. 731 Temple Lumber Company vs Sarah Webb  
Folder 20 No. 733 Hancock vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 21 No. 733 Hancock vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 22 No. 737 Obe & Carrie Smith vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 23 No. 737 Obe Smith vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 24 No. 739 T.L.L. Temple vs J.A. Davis  
Folder 25 No. 741 Temple Lumber Company vs Elmer Reese  
Folder 26 No. 742 Temple Lumber Company vs John Robbins  
Folder 27 No. 742 Temple Lumber Company vs John Robbins & Pete Robbins (Pleadings)  
Folder 28 No. 742 Temple Lumber Company vs John Robbins  
Folder 29 No. 743 F.A. Rhodes vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 30 No. 743 Rhodes vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 31 No. 805 A.J. Crouch vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 32 No. 805 Temple Lumber Company vs A.J. Crouch  
Folder 33 No. 805 Temple Lumber Company vs A.J. Crouch  
Folder 34 No. 806 Beauchamp vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 35 No. 809 S.P. Gray vs Kirby Lumber Company  
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Folder 37 No. 831A Temple Lumber Company By-Laws  
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Folder 40 No. 843 Temple Lumber Company vs Lewis Mitchell  
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Folder 42 No. 859 Federal Land Bank vs Temple Lumber Company  
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Folder 4 No. 876 Kirby Lumber Company vs Temple Lumber Company Pleadings & Briefs  
Folder 5 No. 876 Kirby Lumber Company vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 6 No. 876 Kirby Lumber Company vs Temple Lumber Company  
Folder 7 No. 876 Kirby Lumber Company vs Temple Lumber Company (Warranty)  
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Folder 10 No. 876 Kirby Lumber Company Briefs & Memos  
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Folder 31 No. 963 United States vs 1369 Acres of Land in Sabine & Shelby County, Texas, Temple Lumber Company  
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Folder 35 No. 1038 Temple Lumber Company vs Drew A. Bell  
Folder 36 No. 1051 Temple Lumber Company vs W.H. Murrah