



Summary Information

Title: Nineteenth Century Land Documents

Collection Number: 2007:041

Creator: Temple-Inland

Collection Dates: 1835-1979, bulk 1835-1860

Extent: .1 cubic feet (14 documents in 5 folders)

Language: English and Spanish

Collection Abstract:

The Nineteenth Century Land Documents show a history of land ownership pertaining to lands once owned by Temple-Inland in East Texas and Georgia. Included are a State of Texas Land Patent signed by Sam Houston, an 1846 Republic of Texas Land Grant signed by Anson Jones, a series of documents (mostly in Spanish) regarding the transfer of the Candido Sanchez League in Trinity County, Texas (1835), and 1846 Georgia Land Grants signed by the Georgia governor George W. Crawford.

Repository:

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Collection Scope and Content:

The Nineteenth Century Land Documents pertain to lands once owned by Temple-Inland and were kept with legal files necessary for each tract of land. Possibly around the time of a 1979 memorandum, Temple land department employees felt it necessary to remove these documents from their original files in order to preserve them. These fourteen records cover a wide range of dates and locations, from 1835 Texas to 1846 Georgia, to 1905 Texas and a 1979 Temple-Eastex internal memorandum. Included are a State of Texas Land Patent signed by Sam Houston, an 1846 Republic of Texas Land Grant signed by Anson Jones, a series of documents (mostly in Spanish) regarding the transfer of the Candido Sanchez

League in Trinity County, Texas (1835), and 1846 Georgia Land Grants signed by the Governor of Georgia. The documents vary in size and are in moderately good to poor condition. Preservation concerns include creasing, instances of ink bleeding through the paper, and penciled identification numbers written by the previous owner.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Land grants -- Georgia -- History -- 19th century
- Land grants -- Texas -- History -- 19th century
- Land tenure -- Georgia -- History -- 19th century
- Land tenure -- Texas -- History -- 19th century

Corporate Names

- Temple-Eastex, Inc.
- Texas. General Land Office

Personal Names

- Crawford, George Washington, 1798-1872
- Jones, Anson, 1798-1858
- Nixon, George A. (George Antonio), 1781-1843
- Houston, Sam, 1793-1863

Genres

- Land grants

Locations

- Anderson County (Tex.)
- Cherokee County (Ga.)
- Georgia
- Groveton (Tex.)
- Houston County (Tex.)
- Mexico
- Newton County (Tex.)
- Paulding County (Ga.)
- Sabine County (Tex.)
- Texas
- Trinity County (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: Donated by Temple-Inland on November 27, 2007.

Custodial History: The exact provenance of each document cannot be certified, but there are several generalizations that can be made. As lumber companies acquired land, through purchase or grant, they found it necessary to collect all of the pertinent documents attached to each piece of land. If the land had been claimed since the 1830's, then there would most likely be Spanish, Mexican, or Texan documents attached to it. In some cases they were able to obtain originals or extant copies of these documents. In theory, as a land is sold from one owner to the next, the documents accompany the land. As Southern Pine Lumber Company, and later Temple Industries, Temple Eastex, and Temple-Inland acquired land, their Land and

Timber department kept the legal files for each tract. Some of these files included 19th century land documents. At some point around the time of the 1979 memo described in the inventory, company lawyers and land department personnel pulled these documents from the files and began to keep them separately in an effort to preserve them as historical documents in addition to legal documents. When Temple-Inland sold much of its lands to The Campbell Group in 2007, these documents were transferred to The History Center along with several other collections of land documents so that Temple's land ownership history could be preserved.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Item 1 1860 Land Patent Signed by Sam Houston

Scope and Content:

This document is a land grant from August 21, 1860, granting 319 9/10 acres of land in Anderson County to James C. Ross. It was filed at the County Clerk's office in an unknown county (possibly Anderson) in March 1881. Document is notable because it contains the signature of then Governor Sam Houston, 6 months before the state voted to secede from the Union.

Physical Description:

Document measures 14.75x12.5 and is in an acceptable condition. It shows signs of iron gall ink bleeding through from the reverse, a common problem in documents of this vintage. The document has been folded, and the middle crease is especially deep. There are several stains on the document. On the reverse side of the document, 42 001 0782 100001 is stamped in modern ink.

Item 2 1856 Land Sale Document, Sabine County

Scope and Content:

Document dates from 1856 and contains statements from Martin J. Brown, administrator of the estate of Albert Emmanuel concerning the disposition of 1166 acres at public auction. John H. Smith bid \$92.50 for the land located in Sabine and Newton Counties on August 5, 1856. The sale was finalized on August 10, 1856. This document was filed with the county clerk (Sabine) on October 16, 1886.

Physical Description:

Document measures 12.5x15.5 and is made of blue/gray paper. It is in poor condition, with stains, creases, tears, and torn creases.

Item 3 1846 Georgia Land Grant, Plat 604

Scope and Content:

Document grants 40 acres of land (plat 604) in the former Cherokee County, Georgia to James W. Horne of Baldwin County, Georgia under the land grant law passed in 1843. The document was signed by the governor of Georgia, George W. Crawford, on March 11, 1846. The Secretary of State's office dated the document on March 12, 1846.

Physical Description:

Document is actually two documents tied together with twine. The documents are a plat map and physical description of the land on top, and the official proclamation signed by the governor on the bottom. Together, they measure 11.25x8.5 and are in fair condition, showing signs of dirt. The deep creases in the document are beginning to tear, and the edges are frayed. The seal is dirty and faded and unreadable except for "State of Georgia" on one side.

*A modern document indicated that the county is currently known as Paulding County.

Item 4

1846 Georgia Land Grant, Plat 122

Scope and Content:

Document grants 40 acres of land (plat 122) in the former Cherokee County, Georgia to James W. Horne of Baldwin County, Georgia under the land grant law passed in 1843. The document was signed by the governor of Georgia, George W. Crawford, on March 11, 1846. The Secretary of State's office dated the document on March 12, 1846.

Physical Description:

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*A modern document indicated that the county is currently known as Paulding County.

Item 5

1905 General Land Office Envelope

Scope and Content:

1 envelope from the General Land Office of Texas is postmarked January 6, 1905 and has a .02 stamp affixed to the top right corner. There were 3 items in the envelope: 2 cards accepting an application for land purchase and 1 vellum map.

The cards are dated January 5, 1905 and advise Alexander Gilmer that the GLO has accepted his application for land purchases in Newton County. The land sale was dated December 20, 1904 and granted the T&NO 640, 507, and 342 acres and 525 4/10, 640, 640 acres.

The map is undated and labeled Brookland and Surroundings, showing disputed land areas.

Physical Description:

The envelopes and cards are in excellent condition. The envelope measures 6.5x3.75 and the cards measure 6x3.5. The map is in an acceptable condition, although the creases are deep and the edges are uneven. It measures 12.25x7.5 at the top and 12.25x9 at the bottom.

Item 6

1835(?) Candido Sanchez League Transfer Document

Scope and Content:

Document dates from 1834 or 1835 and is signed by Jorge Antonio Nixon (George Anthony Nixon) and concerns lands granted to Candido Sanchez in Trinity County originally in the Joseph Vehlein Colony. Document is in Spanish.

Physical Description:

Document is 8 folio pages measuring 8.5x12.25 and is in poor condition. The creases are torn and the edges are frayed, there are stains, and signs of ink bleeding through. A modern stamp marks the document with the numbers 42 455 0039 100001.

- Item 7 Translation/Transcription of Various Documents concerning the Candido Sanchez League
Scope and Content:
Document is undated and contains lengthy translations and transcriptions of land transfer documents from Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the State of Texas.
Physical Description:
The 11-page document measures 8x10.25. The paper shows signs of yellowing with age and there is a metal fastener in the top left corner. There are also pencil notations and corrections within the text in red ink. There is a stamp reading 42 455 0039.
- Item 8 Stevenson & Stevenson Letterhead
Scope and Content:
Document is one sheet of letterhead from Stevenson and Stevenson, Attorneys in Groveton, Trinity County, Texas. There are handwritten notations on each side.
Physical Description:
Document is in poor condition, showing signs of paper yellowing. The edges are frayed and torn, and the deep creases throughout the paper are beginning to tear. The document measures 8.5x11. There is a stamp reading 42 455 0039.
- Item 9 1915 General Land Office Title Transfer Invoice
Scope and Content:
Document is a title transfer invoice dated February 2, 1915 directed to R.E. Minton in Groveton, Texas.
Physical Description:
Document is in acceptable condition. The right edge is torn and folded and 42 455 0039 is stamped along the right side.
- Item 10 Cover to Candido Sanchez Title, 1835
Scope and Content:
Document appears to be the cover sheet to a title transfer from George Antonio Nixon to Candido Sanchez concerning a league of land in Trinity County, Texas, Vehleins Colony. The Document is dated July 30, 1835.
Physical Description:
Document measures 13x8 and is faded, brown, and has tears, stains, and deep creases that are tearing.
- Item 11 1979 Temple-EasTex Internal Memo
Scope and Content:
Document is an internal memo from Ward Burke to Kenneth Nelson dated May 2, 1979. Burke writes to Nelson that he has pulled several historic land documents from their files, replaced them with copies, and is sending the originals with this memo. He urges Nelson to protect these originals and keep them safe because of their historic value.
Physical Description:
Document measures 8.5x11 and is in excellent condition.

- Item 12 1835(?) Mexican Land Document
Scope and Content:
Similar to the previous Mexican document, this folio concerns lands in the Zavalla Colony and is signed by George Antonio Nixon.
Physical Description:
6-page document measures 12.25x8.75 and is in poor condition, with frayed and torn edges, stains, deep creases, and tears. There are pencil notation on the first page and a modern stamp that reads 42 403 0017.
- Item 13 1846 Republic of Texas Land Grant
Scope and Content:
Document grants land in Houston County to Richard Duty and is signed by Republic of Texas President Anson Jones, dated February 10, 1846, 9 days before Texas officially transferred its governance to the United States.
Physical Description:
Document is in an acceptable condition and measures 14.75x12.25. There is evidence of water damage, stains, and fading. Anson Jones' signature is quite faded. The seal of the Republic is attached with green ribbon and is also quite faded.
- Item 14 1850 Land Sale Document
Scope and Content:
This document records the sale of land originally in the Zavalla Colony from Chandler Johnson to James Lansing. The document was filed with F.B. Brown, Clerk of the Angelina County Court on September 12, 1850.
Physical Description:
Document measures 15.5x12.5 and is in poor condition. The ink is bleeding through, the creases are torn, and someone has taped the two halves together using heavy gray tape. A red stamp records that it is for ST 42 CTY 005 ABST 0019.