



Summary Information

Title: Humason Family Collection

Collection Number: 2018:035

Creator: Unknown

Collection Dates: 1890s-1940s

Extent: 2 cubic feet

Language: English

Collection Abstract: The Humason Family Collection covers the approximate years 1890-1945, with the majority of the collection covering the decades of 1900-1930. It includes photographs, correspondence, newspapers, newspaper clippings, four scrapbooks, and miscellaneous memorabilia.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

The Humason family moved to Lufkin, Texas from Mississippi some time after 1877. Patriarch Thomas N. Humason, Sr. was born in 1848 in Mississippi. He married Fannie E. Humason and they had four children. The oldest son, C. N. (Norris) Humason, was born in 1871. Their middle son, William P. Humason, was born in 1874, and their youngest son, Tom, Jr. was born in 1877. Fannie and Thomas also had one daughter, Ruth, whose birth date is unknown. In 1895 Ruth Humason married John W. Vineyard and moved to Nacogdoches where they raised one daughter. C. N. Humason married Ola Kettingham and they had no children. William Humason married Rose Green and they had two sons, John Norris Humason born in in 1895 and Lawrence W. Humason born in 1900. Tom, Jr. married Frances Humason and they had one daughter, Doris V. Humason who was born in 1899.

When the family moved to Lufkin, the four men opened different businesses in the area. Tom, Sr. owned a steam bottling works. Will Humason opened an ice cream factory that was known for its brick ice cream with hidden designs that were visible once the brick was cut. Will also played violin and directed the six-piece orchestra at the Lufkin Opera House. Tom, Jr. owned a cigar factory, took over his father's

steam bottling works, and conducted the famous Hoo Hoo Band. The oldest son, C. N. was a man with many hats. He served as one of Lufkin's early mayors (1909-1911), was city manager (1911-1927), managed the famous Hoo Hoo Band, owned orchards, was a mortician and owner of a funeral home, co-founded the Glendale Cemetery, and served as Lufkin's first Fire Chief for about ten years at the beginning of the 20th century. It is also notable that Mrs. C. N. Humason was chairwoman of the Lufkin Red Cross during World War I. The Humasons also were some of Lufkin's earliest Episcopalians and aided in the creation of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church.

Tom, Sr. passed away in 1923, three years after his wife, Fannie, died in 1920. C. N. died in 1941, his wife surviving him until 1964. Will died in 1947 in Arizona and his wife, Rose, died in 1967 in Houston. The death dates of many members of the Humason family are unknown, but it is recorded that John Norris Humason, son of Will and Rose Humason, was the last of the Humasons and he passed away in 1973.

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged and described at the folder level.

Subject Terms

Corporate Names

- Hoo Hoo Band
- Glendale Cemetery (Lufkin, Tex.)

Personal Names

- Humason, C. N.
- Humason, Will
- Humason, Thomas N., Sr.
- Humason, Thomas N., Jr.

Family Names

- Humason

Genres

- Photographs
- Correspondence

Locations

- Lufkin (Tex.)
- Angelina County (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: None

Acquisition Information: Accession 2018:035 was donated in November 2018 by the Angelina County Historical Commission

Custodial History: Collection was found in the home of Ruth Brandenburg in Lufkin, Texas by her son Bill. Mr. Brandenburg donated the collection to the Angelina County Historical Commission, who donated it to The History Center in October 2018.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

- Folder 1 Hoo-Hoo Band Event Programs
- Folder 2 Hoo-Hoo Band Newspaper Clippings
- Folder 3 Hoo-Hoo Band Photographs and Memorabilia
- Folder 4 Newspapers, April 1917, 1918
- Folder 5 Newspaper Clippings
- Folder 6 Cartoons and Humorous Stories
- Folder 7 Correspondence
- Folder 8 Banquet Programs
- Folder 9 World War 1 Red Cross Seals
- Folder 10 World War II Mileage Ration Paperwork
- Folder 11 Vital Records
- Folder 12 Family Baptism Certificates
- Folder 13 Photographs
- Folder 14 Miscellaneous
- Folder 15 Blank Postcards
- Folder 16 Scrapbook # 3
- Folder 17 Scrapbook # 4

Box 2 (Oversize)

- Item 1 Scrapbook # 1
- Item 2 Scrapbook # 2