



Summary Information

Title: Henry Procella Collection

Collection Number: 2019:010

Creator: Henry Procella

Collection Dates: 1910-1975

Extent: 1 cubic foot

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

The Henry Procella Collection contains lumber grading books, Southern Pine Lumber Company employee memos and sales information, correspondence, and newspapers all belonging or pertaining to longtime company employee, Henry Procella. Most of the materials related to his work at Southern Pine Lumber Company include an actuary, grading books, correspondence, and company memos from the 1910s to the 1950s. The rest of collection is composed of newspapers and magazine related to Henry Procella's life at home, at Southern Pine Lumber Company, and in the Army during World War II.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Henry Procella, Jr was born July 3, 1925 to Marcelina Parrie Procella and Henry Procella, Sr in Hemphill, Texas. He was the oldest of 6 boys. Henry joined the Army in 1943 and became a Staff Sergeant in Company F in the 259th Infantry. Henry served during World War II in the Rhineland and Central Europe from January 1945 to April 1946. During his time in Europe, he received the World War II Victory Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Service Ribbon, and two Bronze Stars.

After leaving the Army, Henry began working for Southern Pine Lumber company (later, Temple Industries). He worked for the company for 30 years, spending time at both the Diboll and Pineland mills. He started as a salesman and worked his way up to Superintendent of the Planner Mill in Diboll.

Henry married Jewel Marie Evans on November 25, 1952 and they remained married until his death on July 3, 1976. He and Jewel raised 4 daughters: Jean, Wanda, Betty, and Charlotte.

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

Subject Terms

Topics

- World War, 1939-1945
- Lumber -- rate -- books

Corporate Names

- Southern Pine Lumber Company

Genres

- Newspapers
- Correspondence
- Publications

Locations

- Diboll (Tex.)
- Pineland (Tex.)
- Angelina County (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: None

Acquisition Information: Accession 2019:010 was donated in April 2019 by Betty Baskette.

Custodial History: Collection was compiled by Henry Procella. At some point after his death in 1976, Betty Procella Baskette, his daughter, came into ownership of the collection. She then donated it to The History Center in April 2019.

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Collection Inventory

Series I: Southern Pine Lumber Company

Box 1

Folder 1 Southern Pine Lumber Company History and Sales Information

- Folder 2 Sales Brochures
- Folder 3 Sales Department Memos and Correspondence
- Folder 4 Earl Washington Obituary, August 28, 1972
- Folder 5 *Lumber Dry Kilns and Their Operation*, Michigan State College, 1949
- Folder 6 *Sawmilling Practices that Pay*, 1947
- Folder 7 Informational Brochures for Southern Pine Lumber Company Employees
- Folder 8 Yellow Pine Grading Books, 1910-1919
- Folder 9 Yellow Pine Grading Books, 1920-1929
- Folder 10 Yellow Pine Grading Books, 1930-1939
- Folder 11 Yellow Pine and Oak Floor Grading Books, 1948
- Folder 12 Lumber Grading Books, 1956-1957
- Folder 13 *The Lumberman's Actuary*, 1928

Series II: Newspapers and Oversize

Box 2

- Folder 1 Newspapers, Various Topics, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1966-1967
- Folder 2 Newspapers, Procella Family Articles, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1973
- Folder 3 Newspapers, Southern Pine Lumber Co. Articles, 1951, 1957, 1964, 1967, 1973-1975
- Folder 4 Newspapers, *The 65th Halbert Division* Daily Newsletter, May-June 1945
- Folder 5 Magazines, *Yank: The Army Weekly*, May, August, September 1945
- Folder 6 Reproduction of the Declaration of United Nations with World Map, 1942
- Folder 7 *The American Lumberman*, January 18, 1908, Reprinted for Temple Industries 1969