



## Summary Information

**Title:** Arrington Family's Photographs of Diboll

**Collection Number:** 1985:P007

**Creator:** Arrington family

**Collection Dates:** c. 1890s-1920s

**Extent:** .25 cubic feet (1 box)

**Language:** English

## Collection Abstract:

The Arrington family was a pioneer family in the Diboll and Burke areas of Angelina County, Texas. This collection consists of vintage photographs depicting members of the Arrington family; early Diboll school classes; members of prominent Diboll families such as the Massingills, Renfros, Stovalls, and Ashfords; and Diboll's Woodmen of the World members and Woodmen Circle members. The photographs show early images of individuals who later became leaders in the Southern Pine Lumber Company or Texas politics such as P. H. Strauss, E. C. Durham, Ernest Rutland, O. H. Weise, Titus Mooney, Rhoda Faye Chandler, and I. D. Fairchild.

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## Biographical/Historical Note:

The Arrington family was a pioneer family in the Diboll and Burke areas of Angelina County, Texas. The ancestry is traced to 18<sup>th</sup> century Virginia, the birthplace of Arthur Arrington. Arthur Arrington married Milly Ann, born in South Carolina, and they had a son William James Arrington, born on October 12, 1805 in South Carolina. William James Arrington married Sally McCarty and they moved to Angelina County in 1865. Their children included Gee, Sterling, Arthur, William Larkin (1850-1928), Nicie, and Catherine. William Larkin Arrington married Nancy Smith (1858-1925). Their children included Mary

Virginia, Maude Rhoda Lee, Minnie Camellia, Howard Kay, Ditzler (1890-1899), Jephtha Talmage (1888-1972), and Larkin Moore (1893-1970).

Jephtha Talmage Arrington attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He later worked for the Southern Pine Lumber Company in Diboll. In 1913 he met Kate Kirby Smith (1893-1978) whom he married on December 22, 1918 in Teague, Texas. They had two children: Marguerite Talmage Arrington (b. 1921) and Zelda Deane Arrington (1924-1987). The family moved to Lufkin where Kate was a school teacher at Shawnee Prairie from 1919-1920 and in the Diboll school system from 1944-1955. After working for Southern Pine, Jephtha served as Angelina County tax assessor from 1918-1922. He and his wife operated a grocery store at N. First and Jack St. in Lufkin until 1927, the year they moved back to Diboll to work on the William Larkin farm. Marguerite married Robert Lee Sapp (b. 1920) in 1957, and they settled in Vidor, Texas.

### **Collection Scope and Content:**

The Arrington Family's Photographs of Diboll is a small collection of vintage photographs depicting members of the Arrington family; early Diboll school classes; members of prominent Diboll families such as the Massingills, Renfros, Stovalls, and Ashfords; and Diboll's Woodmen of the World members and Woodmen Circle members. The photographs show early images of individuals who later became leaders in the Southern Pine Lumber Company or Texas politics such as P. H. Strauss, E. C. Durham, Ernest Rutland, O. H. Weise, Titus Mooney, Rhoda Faye Chandler, and I. D. Fairchild. Some photographs show men working in a blacksmith or tool shop, possibly depicting Jephtha Talmage Arrington. Most of the photographs are labeled with identifications on the back.

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

### **Subject Terms**

#### **Topics**

- Families -- Texas -- Diboll
- Fraternal organizations -- Texas -- Diboll
- Rural schools -- Texas -- Diboll
- School buildings -- Texas -- Diboll
- School children -- Texas -- Diboll
- Teachers -- Texas -- Diboll

#### **Corporate Names**

- Woodmen of the World

#### **Personal Names**

- Arrington, Kate
- Arrington, Jephtha Talmage

#### **Family Names**

- Arrington family

#### **Genres**

- Photographs

#### **Locations**

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

## Access and Use

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

**Acquisition Information:** Accession 1985:007 was donated by Marguerite Talmage Arrington Sapp and Zelda Dean Arrington on September 11, 1985.

**Citation:** Arrington Family's Photographs of Diboll, c. 1890s-1920s, 1985:P007, The History Center, Diboll, TX

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### **Bibliography:**

- Marguerite Talmage Arrington Sapp, "Arrington, Jephtha Talmage and Kate Kirby Smith," in *The History of Angelina County, Texas, 1846-1991*, ed. Lufkin Genealogical Society (Dallas: Curtis Media Corp, 1992), 283-285.

## Collection Inventory

### **Box 1**

Folder 1	Photograph of Accident School Students with Teacher I. D. Fairchild, c. 1890s
Folder 2	Photograph of Old Diboll School Library Interior with Kate Arrington, undated
Folder 3	Photograph of Lois Kyle, Ruth Ashford, Bessie Stovall, Callie Massingill, Willie Mae Florence, Talmage Arrington, Allie Haines, Marguerite Raif, and Vida Stovall, undated
Folder 4	Photograph of Teacher P. D. Renfro's Diboll Class with Jephtha Talmage Arrington and Others, undated
Folder 5	Photograph of School Children, unidentified, undated
Folder 6	Photograph of Miss Fish's 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade with P. H. Strauss, Rhoda Faye Chandler, Others, 1925-1926
Folder 7	Photograph of Diboll Summer School Group, undated
Folder 8	Photograph of Teacher Mary Wall's (Agee) Diboll Class with P. H. Strauss, Nat Allen, Rhoda Faye Chandler, and Others, c. 1915
Folder 9	Photograph of School Children, unidentified, undated
Folder 10	Photograph of School Children, unidentified, undated
Folder 11	Photograph of School Children, unidentified, undated
Folder 12	Photograph of School Children, unidentified, undated
Folder 13	Photograph of Susy Powell, Jessie Warner, Frankie Broker, Emma Brannen, and Willie Smith, undated
Folder 14	Photograph of Jessie Warner, Frankie Broker, Beulah Brannen, Mattie Warner Weeks, Callie Massingill, Jephtha Talmage Arrington, and Emma Brannen, undated
Folder 15	Photograph of Diboll Community Band with P. H. Strauss, E. C. Durham, Ernest Rutland, O. H. Weise, and Others, undated
Folder 16	Photograph of a Texas South-Eastern Railroad Track Section Gang with Patrick Frank Sullivan, c. 1920
Folder 17	Photograph of Southern Pine Lumber Company Employees and Commissary, 1907
Folder 18	Photograph of Diboll Blacksmith Shop, Possibly Showing Jephtha Talmage Arrington, undated
Folder 19	Photograph of Gus Allen at a Diboll Blacksmith Shop, undated
Folder 20	Photograph of Syrup Making at John Wright's House, undated
Folder 21	Photograph of Diboll Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle (Ladies Group) at Ryan Chapel Church, undated
Folder 22	Copy Prints