



## Summary Information

**Title:** Temple Family Collection

**Collection Number:** 1986:003

**Creator:** Temple family

**Collection Dates:** 1826-1985, bulk 1980-1985

**Extent:** 2.5 cubic feet (4 boxes)

**Language:** English

## Collection Abstract:

The Temple Family Collection is an artificial collection compiled from several members of the Temple family. The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, research notes, railroad passes, and artifacts focusing on family genealogy.

## Repository:

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**Author/Processing Information:** The original finding guide was created by Mark Martin c. 1991, and a second one was produced by Darrel Thornhill on October 26, 1998.

**Revision History:** The finding guide was reformatted with enhanced description by Matt Gorzalski in February 2012.

## Biographical/Historical Note:

The Temple family, as it concerns Diboll, Texas, traces its origins to Essex County, Virginia. John Temple, born in 1771, married Mary Latané, born in 1785, on January 1, 1804. They had four children: Lucy Temple, Arthur Temple, born in 1804, John Temple (1806-1829), Henry Waring Latané Temple (1812-1871).

It is through H. W. L. Temple's lineage that Diboll was founded and thrived as an East Texas lumber community. H. W. L. Temple, an Episcopalian minister, married Susan Jones and they resided in

Wayland, Essex County, Virginia. They had ten children, among them Thomas Lewis Latané Temple (1859-1935). Orphaned at age 11, T. L. L. Temple, at age 17, moved with his brothers John Newton Temple (1847-1899), Charles H. T. Temple (1855-1881), and William Temple (1861-1939) to southwestern Arkansas in 1876. John Newton Temple had inherited land in Hempstead and Little River counties, Arkansas, through his mother's brother Orlando, where the brothers took up farming. Tom Temple eventually established the Southern Pine Lumber Company in 1893 in Texarkana, and created the company town of Diboll in 1894 along the track Houston, East & West Texas Railway. Company leadership would pass to T. L. L.'s son Arthur Temple (1894-1951), and then to Arthur's son Arthur Temple, Jr. (1920-2006).

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

The Temple Family Collection is an artificial collection compiled from several members of the Temple family. The collection focuses on family genealogy, including correspondence and photographs related to Sally Temple Barnes's research that resulted in the creation of the Temple family genealogical wheel in 1984. The small amount of correspondence from the 1980s discusses genealogical research. Photographs such as the Bishopstrow House and St. Aldhelm's Church depict family heritage. Other genealogical records include copies of family wills, clippings, and a map of the Temple farm near Texarkana, Arkansas. The collection also contains various items of Temple family memorabilia including railroad passes used by Arthur and T.L.L. Temple Sr., and a bridle insignia and a key chain used by T.L.L. Temple Sr.

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

### **Subject Terms**

#### **Personal Names**

- Temple, Thomas Lewis Latane, 1859-1935
- Temple, Thomas Lewis Latané, Jr., 1887-1947
- Temple, H. G. (Henry Gresham), 1885-1948
- Temple, Henry Waring Latané, 1812-1871
- Temple, Arthur, 1894-1951
- Temple, Arthur, Jr., 1920-2006

#### **Family Names**

- Temple family -- Genealogy
- Webber family -- Genealogy

#### **Genres**

- Photographs

#### **Locations**

- Quogue (N.Y.)
- Texarkana (Ark.)

### **Access and Use**

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

**Acquisition Information:** Accession 1986:003 is an artificial accession created in 1986 when several small Temple family accessions were compiled into a single collection. See the Custodial History for details on donors, accession numbers, and accession dates.

**Custodial History:** Accession 1986:003 is comprised of the following: accession 1984:001 was donated by Billy and Sally Barnes in December 1984; accession 1985:001 was donated by Arthur Temple, Jr. on April 15, 1985; accession 1985:005 was donated by Arthur Temple, Jr. on May 8, 1985; accession 1985:007 was donated by Adrian Russell Allan, Jr. and Helen Hal Christine Temple on June 7, 1985; accession 1985:011 was donated by J. C. Clements in June 1985; accession 1985:012 was donated by Arthur Temple, Jr. on July 15, 1985; accession 1985:018 was donated by Ann Temple Allen in April 1985; accession 1985:019 was donated by Arthur Temple, Jr. on April 15, 1985; and accession 1985:P003 was donated by Bob Keeler on April 29, 1985.

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**Related Material:**

The History Center has numerous other Temple family collections specific to individual family members.

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## Collection Inventory

### Box 1

Folder 1	Genealogy: Temple Family Trees
Folder 2	Genealogy: Temple Family Correspondence, 1980-1983
Folder 3	Genealogy: Temple Family Correspondence, 1980-1983
Folder 4	Genealogy: Temple Family Correspondence, 1980-1983
Folder 5	Genealogy: Information on <i>The Burial of Latané</i> Painting by William D. Washington
Folder 6	Correspondence: Helen Temple Allan, c. 1985
Folder 7	Correspondence: Lucy Temple Fish, 1980-1985
Folder 8	Correspondence: Katherine Lyle, 1981
Folder 9	Correspondence: Arthur Temple to Lucy Temple, 1838
Folder 10	Correspondence: Arthur Temple, Jr. to Clyde Thompson, 1952
Folder 11	Correspondence: John Temple, 1826
Folder 12	Correspondence: Mary Latané to John Temple, 1829
Folder 13	Correspondence: Virginia Keeler Townley, undated
Folder 14	Correspondence: T. L. L. Temple, n. d.
Folder 15	Photographs: Bishopstrow House, England, undated
Folder 16	Photographs: St. Aldhelm's Church , undated
Folder 17	Portrait: Mary Baker Eddy, undated
Folder 18	Photograph: Temple Home in Quogue, Long Island, New York, 1984
Folder 19	Photograph: William Temple Snuff Box, undated
Folder 20	Photograph: Temple Family in Car, c. 1910
Folder 21	Photograph: T. L. L. Temple with Family and Friends, c. 1920
Folder 22	Photograph: Biography of H. G. Temple as Mayor of Diboll, c. 1942
Folder 23	Photograph: Temple Home in Diboll, Texas, undated
Folder 24	Painting: T. L. L. Temple Home in Texarkana, Arkansas, undated
Folder 25	Photograph: Katherine Sage Temple and James Love, 1981
Folder 26	Photograph: T. L. L. Temple Portrait, undated

**Box 2**

- Item 1 Arthur Temple, Sr. Railroad Pass Case and Passes
- Item 2 T. L. L. Temple Railroad Pass Case and Passes
- Item 3 T. L. L. Temple Bridle Insignia
- Item 4 T. L. L. Temple Key Case
- Item 5 Safe Deposit Box Key

**Oversize Box 1**

- Item 1 Infant Dress of Arthur Temple, Sr.
- Item 2 Child's Jacket and Pants of Arthur Temple, Jr.
- Item 3 Child's Jacket of Arthur Temple, Sr.
- Item 4 Patchwork quilt pieces of John Temple and Mary Latane Temple 1950

**Oversize Box 2**

- Folder 1 Webber Family Tree
- Folder 2 Temple Genealogy Documents, Wills, Birth Certificates, John Latane Civil War Records; T. L. L. Temple, Jr. Honorable Discharge, 1917
- Folder 3 Photocopies of Early Family Wills, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- Folder 4 *Buzz Saw* Henry Gresham Temple Obituary, 1948
- Folder 5 Photograph: H. T. and T. L. L. Temple as Young Men, undated
- Folder 6 T. L. L. Temple Estate Farm Map (Riverside Farm), Arkansas, undated
- Item 1 Episcopal Church. *The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, According to the Use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America: Together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David*. New York: Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, 1858.

**Framed Items**

- Item 1 T.L.L. Temple, 28"x24"
- Item 2 T.L.L. Temple, 19 7/8" x 16 3/4"
- Item 3 Arthur Temple, Sr., 27 1/2" x 23 1/2"
- Item 4 Arthur Temple, Sr., 21 1/2" x 17 1/2"
- Item 5 Temple Family Wheels, 1918, 28 1/2" x 28 1/2"
- Item 6 Temple Family Wheels, 1984, 28 1/2" x 28 1/2"
- Item 7 Temple Family Wheels, 1984, 29 1/4" x 29"
- Item 8 Proclamation by Governor Allan Shivers, Diboll Day 1954, 16 7/8" x 21 3/4"