Summary Information

Title: Temple Lumber Company Retail Scrapbooks
Collection Number: 2000:079
Creator: Temple Lumber Company
Collection Dates: c. 1914-1964; bulk 1960-1963
Extent: 1.5 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Language: English

Collection Abstract:

The Temple Lumber Company Retail Scrapbooks consist of three scrapbooks of photographs and clippings documenting the activities, employees, and subdivision development of the company's retail lumber yards throughout Texas. The company served as the "retail division" of the Southern Pine Lumber Company. The collection documents both the Temple Lumber Company and successor Great Texas Lumber Company.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Thomas L. L. Temple's East Texas timber businesses included the Southern Pine Lumber Company of Diboll, chartered in 1893, and Temple Lumber Company of Pineland, chartered in 1910. Temple's retail operation began in 1914 when he founded the Texas Lumber Company at 2604 Texas Avenue in Houston. His eldest son, T. L. L. Temple, Jr., served as president, L. D. Gilbert as vice president, and C. M. McWilliams as secretary treasurer. In 1920 Temple Lumber Company, the manufacturing operation in Pineland, acquired the holdings of the retail Texas Lumber Company, which then also adopted the Temple Lumber Company name. The company remained headquartered in Houston. In 1956 Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company consolidated into one operation under the Southern Pine name. The company's retail operations kept the Temple Lumber Company name and

acted as Southern Pine's "retail division." On Jannuary 1, 1962 the retail operations merged with Temple Builders Supply, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern Pine. In 1963 Latané Temple, who had been head of Temple Lumber Company since 1960, renamed it the Great Texas Lumber Company. The retail company was sold in 1966 except for two lumber yards in Diboll and Pineland.

Collection Scope and Content:

This collection consists of three scrapbooks that contain photographs and clippings documenting the Temple Lumber Company retail lumber yards and successor Great Texas Lumber Company. The scrapbooks have been dismantled for preservation purposes but the contents remain in original order with no lost information. Scrapbooks 1 and 2, housed in boxes 1 and 2 respectively, contain photographs depicting company executives and local yard managers at annual meetings, the individual lumber yard buildings and retail interiors, and promotionally themed images. The majority of the photographs are identified with names and places. Both scrapbooks contain images of Hurricane Carla's damage to the Port Lavaca, Victoria, and Shiner yards in 1961. Scrapbook 2 contains many images of the 4807 Kirby Drive yard in Houston, including remodel grand opening photographs, which served as the company's main office. This also includes pictures of the yard under construction in 1948. African American salesman Charles Armstead is also pictured in the Kirby Drive files, and several images of Bill Hinkle's farewell party.

The third scrapbook is exclusively clippings arranged alphabetically by lumber yard. The clippings document specific news about each yard such as fires or subdivision development in which a yard took part. Some articles from 1963 document Temple Lumber Company's name change to The Great Texas Lumber Company. There are also news items on Latané Temple's activities and site visits and company employees.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged and described at the collection level.

Subject Terms

Topics

- Executives -- Texas
- Forest products -- Texas
- Forest products industry -- Texas
- Lumber -- Texas
- Lumber trade -- Texas
- Lumber-yards -- Texas
- Meetings -- Texas
- Wood products -- Texas

Corporate Names

- Gillespie County Lumber Company
- Great Texas Lumber Company
- National Lumber Manufacturers Association
- Retail Lumber Dealers Association
- Temple Builders Supply, Inc.
- Temple Lumber Company

Personal Names

- Allen, Carroll

- Cudlipp, A. E.
- Gregory, Newman B.
- Prud'homme, E. G.
- Keeler, Thomas Temple, b. 1920
- McNair, D. G.
- McWilliams, C. M.
- Nichols, D. M. "Boots," Jr.
- Temple, Arthur, Jr., 1920-2006
- Temple, Arthur, 1894-1951
- Temple, Latané (Thomas Lewis Latané III), 1914-1997
- Temple, Lottie Wimp, 1927-2002
- Temple, H. G. (Henry Gresham), 1885-1948
- Thompson, Clyde
- Webber, W. Temple, 1904-1983
- Wilson, Charles, 1933-2010

Genres

- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Locations

- Alice (Tex.)
- Austin (Tex.)
- Bandera (Tex.)
- Baytown (Tex.)
- Bellville (Tex.)
- Bonham (Tex.)
- Clarksville (Tex.)
- Clute (Tex.)
- Commerce (Tex.)
- Corpus Christi (Tex.)
- Diboll (Tex.)
- Elsa (Tex.)
- El Campo (Tex.)
- Fredericksburg (Tex.)
- George West (Tex.)
- Greenville (Tex.)
- Houston (Tex.)
- Kerrville (Tex.)
- Kingsville (Tex.)
- La Grange (Tex.)
- Lewisville (Tex.)
- Lyford (Tex.)
- Mission (Tex.)
- Odessa (Tex.)
- Orange (Tex.)
- Paris (Tex.)

- Pineland (Tex.)
- Port Lavaca (Tex.)
- Raymondville (Tex.)
- Shiner (Tex.)
- Texas City (Tex.)
- Victoria (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.
Acquisition Information: Donated on an unknown date, possibly by Latané Temple.
Custodial Information: It is presumed that these scrapbooks were created by Latané Temple or his office staff because of Temple's position in Temple Lumber Company and successor Great Texas Lumber Company. The donation date is unclear.
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Separated Material:

A print of Andrew Winter's painting of the Southern Pine Lumber Company's sawmills has been removed from Box 1 Folder 2 and is housed on the oversize shelves.

Related Material:

Gulf Coast Lumberman Photograph Collection, 1953-1962, 2000:026, The History Center, Diboll, TX

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Clarksville, 1952, 1962
Folder 2	Diboll Offices, 1940s, 1961-1962
Folder 3	El Campo, 1963, undated
Folder 4	Elsa [6 pages of no material]
Folder 5	George West [4 pages of no material]
Folder 6	Greenville, 1952-1963
Folder 7	Odessa, 1956-1957, undated
Folder 8	Orange, 1956, 1963
Folder 9	Paris, 1957
Folder 10	Port Lavaca, 1957, 1961
Folder 11	Raymondville, undated
Folder 12	Shiner, 1956, 1961-1963, undated
Folder 13	Texarkana [4 pages of no material]
Folder 14	Texas City, 1950, 1957

Folder 15 Officers and Directors, c. 1950, c. 1961-1963
Folder 16 Manager Meetings at Boggy Slough, 1958-1959
Folder17 Manager Meeting at Ramada Inn, 1960
Folder 18 Staff Meeting, March 1961
Folder 19 District 2 Manager Meeting, 1961
Folder 20 Manager Meeting at Sandy Shores Motel, Corpus Christi, 1962
Folder 21 Manager Meeting at Lost Valley Resort Ranch, Bandera, March 1962
Folder 22 District 1 Meeting at Texas City, 1962
Folder 23 National Lumber Manufacturers Association Meeting, Miami, 1962
Folder 24 Manager Meeting on Emerald Cove, Corpus Christi, 1963
Folder 25 Manager Meeting in Brownsville, 1964
Folder 26 Service Pin Awards, Main Houston Office, 1960
Folder 27 Service Pin Awards, 1961
Folder 28 25 Year Pins, September 28, 1961
Folder 29 Parade Float, July 4, 1949
Folder 30 Advertisement Picture Series with D. M. "Boots" Nichols Jr., Maryanne Jackson, and John Nagle, 1949
Folder 31 Photograph of D. G. McNair, T. E. Braswell, Joe Martin, William Peters, William C. Hinkle, and D. M. "Boots" Nichols Jr., 1951
Folder 32 Woodside Plaza Purchase by A. J. Farb, Houston, 1956
Folder 33 Photograph of Joe L. Martin and D. G. McNair, 1959
Folder 34 Photograph of Jerry Owens, Lawrence Michalk, and B. J. McCarley, 1961
Folder 35 Wofford Tully, Controller, 1961
Folder 36 Theo L. Huck, 1961
Folder 37 Clarence Metzger, 1961
Folder 38 Company Sponsored Bowling Team, Houston, 1961-1962
Folder 39 Mexico City Trip, Winners of L/C Contest, January 1962
Folder 40 Rex McElroy of Kerrville, Lumberman of the Year, April 1962
Folder 41 Retail Lumber Dealers Association Exhibit, 1962
Folder 42 Bass, Truitt, Spencer, February 1963
Folder 43 Charles Compton and Theo L. Huck, undated
Folder 44 LAT Building Groundbreaking, Austin, undated
Folder 45 Awards Dinner, Houston, undated

Box 2

Folder 1 Alice, 1957
Folder 2 Baytown, 1959
Folder 3 Bellville, 1957, undated
Folder 4 Bonham, 1929[?], 1962
Folder 5 Clute, 1954, undated
Folder 6 Commerce, 1958, 1963
Folder 7 Corpus Christi, 1957, 1963
Folder 8 Fredericksburg, 1963-1964
Folder 9 George West, 1957
Folder 10 Heights Remodeled Yard, May 1963
Folder 11 Kingsville, 1955-1956, 1962-1963
Folder 12 Kerrville, 1957, 1960, 1963
Folder 13 Kirby Drive, Houston, Possible Other Locations, c. 1914-1963

Folder 14 Kirby Drive, Houston, and Bill Hinkle Farewell Party, 1949-1963
Folder 15 Kirby Drive Remodeling, Company Management, Possible Other Locations, 1961-1963
Folder 16 Kirby Drive Remodeling, Company Management, Possible Other Locations, 1961-1963
Folder 17 Kirby Drive Remodeling, Company Management, Possible Other Locations, 1961-1963
Folder 18 Kirby Drive Yard Construction, 1948
Folder 19 La Grange, 1951, 1957, 1961
Folder 20 Lewisville, 1924, 1952, 1962-1963
Folder 21 Lyford, 1959, 1962
Folder 22 Mission, 1962
Folder 23 Pineland, 1956
Folder 24 Polk Avenue Lumber Yard, Houston, c. 1955
Folder 25 Victoria, 1957, 1961-1962
Folder 26 Temple Lumber Company and Great Texas Lumber Company Cottages and Houses, 1962-1963
Folder 27 Gulf Freeway Displays, May 1963
Folder 28 Scotch Investment Company San Antonio Apartment Project, January-July 1963

Box 3

Folder 1 Alice, 1962-1963
Folder 2 Austin, 1962-1963
Folder 3 Bellville, 1962-1963
Folder 4 Beaumont, 1961-1963
Folder 5 Bonham, 1963
Folder 6 Brownsville, 1963
Folder 7 Clarksville, 1963
Folder 8 Clute, 1963
Folder 9 Commerce, 1963
Folder 10 Corpus Christi, 1962-1963
Folder 11 Corpus Christi, 1963
Folder 12 Diboll, c. 1956, 1961-1963, undated
Folder 13 El Campo, 1963
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Folder 15 Fredericksburg, 1961-1963
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Folder 18 Harlingen, 1963
Folder 19 Houston, 1933-1958
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Folder 22 Houston, 1962
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Folder 24 Houston, 1963
Folder 25 Houston, Many Charles Armstead “Better and Better Homes” articles, 1963
Folder 26 Houston, 1963
Folder 27 Kerrville, 1960-1963
Folder 28 Kilgore, 1962
Folder 29 Kingsville, 1962
Folder 30 La Grange, 1961-1963

Folder 31	Lewisville, 1961-1963
Folder 32	Lufkin, 1963
Folder 33	Lyford, 1963
Folder 34	Marble Falls, 1961-1963
Folder 35	McAllen, 1962-1963
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Folder 37	Odessa, 1963
Folder 38	Orange, 1962-1963
Folder 39	Paris, 1961-1963
Folder 40	Pineland, 1958, 1962-1963
Folder 41	Port Lavaca, 1963
Folder 42	Raymondville, 1963
Folder 43	Shiner, 1963
Folder 44	Texas City, 1962-1963
Folder 45	Victoria, 1962-1963
Folder 46	San Antonio, 1962-1963
Folder 47	Waco, 1961-1963
Folder 48	General, 1959, 1963