



Summary Information

Title: Marie Davis Angelina County Research Collection

Collection Number: 2002:022

Creator: Marie Davis

Collection Dates: 1861-1996

Extent: .75 cubic feet (3 boxes)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

Marie Davis was a member of the Diboll Historical Society and Angelina County Historical Commission. She played an integral role in conducting interviews for the oral history-based *Cornbread Whistle* book (1986), and led efforts in the designation of numerous markers in Angelina County. This collection consists of research notes, clippings, and publications compiled by Davis documenting Angelina County history with emphasis on the Diboll region.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Marie Glass Davis was born on June 1, 1925 in Diboll, Texas to Peter A. B. Glass and Francis Warner Glass. She married George Davis in 1949 and lived outside of Angelina County for over thirty years before returning in 1981. Upon her return she was active in both the Diboll Historical Society and Angelina County Historical Commission, and was instrumental in preparing documentation for numerous state historical markers, particularly in southern Angelina County. In the mid 1980s, Davis interviewed several Diboll residents and conducted research that was used in the Diboll Historical Society's 1986 book, *The Cornbread Whistle*, an oral history-based history of Diboll. Davis died on August 3, 1998.

Collection Scope and Content:

The Marie Davis Angelina County Research Collection consists of research notes, clippings, publications, and maps documenting Angelina County history with emphasis on the Diboll region. Davis created or compiled the materials during her service on the Diboll and Angelina County historical societies. The records date from 1861-1996, but because few are original, most of the copies were made during the 1980s. The primary topics covered are Diboll social life, families, schools, and the lumber industry. The collection includes some of Davis's notes relating to the *Cornbread Whistle* oral histories. One collection highlight is an indexed typed copy of the George Washington Gann Journal dated 1861-1892. Gann was an Angelina County surveyor as well as a lawyer and farmer who for a time lived in Homer and later Woodville. The diary discusses much of his survey work with land descriptions in Angelina County and other East Texas places such as the Denton area. The contents of Box 3 document Davis's involvement with the Angelina County Historic Site Survey of 1986. These records include photocopies from the Survey volumes on Diboll's historic sites, photocopies of Diboll maps with annotations, photocopies of photograph contact sheets emphasizing Diboll housing, and research notes.

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

Subject Terms

Topics

- Churches -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Historical markers -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Historic sites -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Logging railroads -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Lumber camps -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Oral history -- Texas -- Diboll
- Sawmills -- Texas, East
- Schools -- Texas -- Angelina County

Corporate Names

- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company

Personal Names

- Davis, Marie, 1925-1998
- Leflore, Greenwood, 1800-1865

Genre

- Photographs

Locations

- Angelina County (Tex.) -- History
- Burke (Tex.) -- History
- Diboll (Tex.) -- History
- Texas, East -- History

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: Accession 2002:022 was donated by George Davis on March 6, 2002. Accession 2006:011 was donated by George Davis on February 1, 2006.

Custodial History: The research notes and papers in this collection were compiled by Marie Davis while studying Diboll and Angelina County history. They were posthumously donated by her husband George Davis in 2002.

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Related Material:

The History Center has collections of the Diboll Historical Society and Ruth Grant's Homer Research Collection, c. 1836-2003, 2008:036, The History Center, Diboll, TX that also have information on Angelina County History.

Additional information on the Angelina County Historic Site Survey can be found in the Angelina County Historic Site Survey Collection, 1986, 1996:004, The History Center, Diboll, TX

Historic Site collection

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Bibliography:

- Marie Davis's Funeral Program, located in the Vertical File at The History Center, Diboll, TX

Collection Inventory

Box 1

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| Folder 1 | Speeches – Clark's Ferry and First Methodist Church, 1995 and undated |
| Folder 2 | Historical Summaries – Burke School, Emporia, Burke United Methodist Church, Joseph Slemons Copes, Homer Cemetery, Hoshall, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Prairie Grove, Church History |
| Folder 3 | Photographs – Lindsey Springs Visit, Diboll Day Queens, Alice Ashworth, Betty Burchfield, Confederate Veterans Event at Ryan Chapel Church, 1970, 1986, 1996, undated |
| Folder 4 | Photographs – Diboll Houses, Elodie Miles Edwards, T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library, Sawmill Employees, c. 1980s, undated |
| Folder 5 | Oral Interviewing and Historical Marker Notebook, c. 1980s |
| Folder 6 | Interview Question Notebook, c. 1980s |
| Folder 7 | Diboll Historical Society – <i>Cornbread Whistle</i> Grant and List of Interviewees, c. 1985 |
| Folder 8 | Research Notes – Big Thicket, Diboll Maps, Copes Family, Early Diboll Schools and Athletics, c. 1985, undated |
| Folder 9 | Research Notes – Copies of Free Press and Buzz Saw Articles on Early Diboll History, Families, and Social Life, E. C. Durham Article, c. 1930s-1950s, undated |
| Folder 10 | Research Notes – Angelina County History, Homer, Anderson County, Colored Men of Diboll, undated |
| Folder 11 | <i>Free Press</i> and <i>Buzz Saw</i> Clippings – Clark's Ferry, Diboll History, Milver Jeannette Glass "Life Story," Patrick Francis Sullivan, undated |
| Folder 12 | <i>Free Press</i> and Other Clippings – Diboll Historical Society, Angelina County Historical Markers, Angelina County History, 1982-1990 |

Folder 13 Publications – *In Touch, The Medallion, Cross Cut, The Pine Bough*, and Republic Bank Lufkin Art Collection, 1992-1996

Box 2

Folder 1 George Washington Gann Journal, Typed Copy, 1861-1892
Folder 2 Cecil Purdy Biographical Information, 1989
Folder 3 Greenwood LeFlore, 1980s
Folder 4 Copes/Diboll Family, 1952, undated
Folder 5 Texas South-Eastern Railroad, 1925, 1942, undated
Folder 6 Diboll Schools, 1928-1987
Folder 7 East Texas Sawmills, undated
Folder 8 Programs and Invitations – Temple Archives Dedication, Diboll Centennial Play, Diboll Day, 1985-1995

Box 3

Folder 1 Angelina County Historic Site Survey – Roster of Diboll Sites, 1986
Folder 2 Annotated Maps and Plats of Diboll, Notes by Marie Davis and Jim Ligon, 1986
Folder 3 Angelina County Historic Site Survey Volume 1 Photocopies, 1986
Folder 4 Angelina County Historic Site Survey Volume 2 Photocopies, Diboll Housing, 1986
Folder 5 Angelina County Historic Site Survey Volume 2 Photocopies, Diboll Sites, 1986
Folder 6 Angelina County Historic Site Survey – Photocopies of Contact Sheets Depicting Diboll Sites, 1986
Folder 7 Diboll Research Notes, 1986, 1996