



Summary Information

Title: Jake Durham Papers

Collection Number: 2004:014e

Creator: Jake Durham

Collection Dates: 1919-1950, bulk: 1948-1950

Extent: 2 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

Jake Durham was the personnel manager for the Southern Pine Lumber Company before becoming public relations director throughout the 1930s and 1940s. The Jake Durham Papers consist of correspondence, accident reports, minutes, job applications, compensation cost reports, and pamphlets documenting occupational safety and public relations of the Southern Pine Lumber Company and the East Texas lumber industry.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Jacob Webber (Jake) Durham was born August 16, 1909 in Texarkana, son of E. C. Durham, Vice-President and General Manager of the Texas South-Eastern Railroad, and Mary Webber Durham. He attended Diboll High School, in Diboll, Texas, playing on the school's first baseball team. He married Ruth Durham and they had one daughter Mary Durham.

Durham was personnel manager for Southern Pine Lumber Company from the late 1930's thru 1948 and handled applications for employment, insurance and housing issues, as well as health issues for workers and their families. He held a law degree but never practiced law in a formal capacity. He then served in

World War II with the Army Air Corps as a Second Lieutenant from 1942-1945. After the war, he served as public relations director for Southern Pine from the late 1940's to 1950. He coordinated Boggy Slough hunting trips, trade shows, sawmill exhibits, and other company community relations activities. He was the first editor of the Buzz Saw newspaper from June 1947 to December 31, 1950. He moved from Diboll to Houston in 1952 and resided in Harris County at the time of his death June 2, 1960.

Collection Scope and Content:

The Jake Durham Papers document his career in industrial safety and public relations with the Southern Pine Lumber Company and other Temple family business interests, including Temple Lumber Company and Temple-White Company. The collection consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, job applications, employee compensation cost reports, accident reports, and pamphlets. The correspondence covers a variety of topics including employee accidents and treatments, job openings, management of the Buzz Saw company newspaper, and public relations activities. The job applications are in actuality correspondence written to Durham requesting employment and outlining an individual's qualifications. Also included are related reference letters to Durham concerning prospective candidates. Other records include accident reports and related employee compensation cost reports describing injuries and related compensation totals. Other files contain minutes, worksheets, and correspondence from safety planning and training meetings. The records date from 1919-1950 with bulk dates being 1948-1950.

Arrangement: This collection is described at the collection level. It is arranged in chronological order with the original order being maintained.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Industrial safety -- Texas, East
- Lumbermen -- Health and hygiene -- Texas, East
- Lumber trade -- Accidents -- Texas, East
- Lumber trade -- Employees -- Medical care
- Newspapers -- Texas, East
- Public relations -- Texas, East
- Industrial publicity -- Texas, East
- Applications for positions -- Texas, East

Corporate Names

- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Southern Pine Lumber Company -- Personnel management
- Angelina County Lumber Company
- Temple-White Company, Inc.
- Temple-White Company, Inc. -- Personnel management
- Temple Lumber Company
- Temple Lumber Company -- Personnel management
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Southern Pine Association
- Southern Pulpwood Association

Personal Names

- Durham, Jake, 1909-1960

Genres

- Business records

Locations

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

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: Portions restricted per 42 U. S. C. 408(a)(8).

Acquisition Information: The Jake Durham Papers are a part of the larger 2004:014 accession that was transferred to the History Center from the Southern Pine Lumber Company commissary building from the mid 1990s to 2004. The accession was then divided into individual collections based on creator.

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