



Summary Information

Title: The Ramsey Family Collection

Collection Number: 2008:033

Creator: The Ramsey Family

Collection Dates: 1936-1981, bulk 1957-1961

Extent: 3 cubic feet (7 boxes)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

Robert Ramsey, Sr. was the principal of Diboll High School between 1947 and 1974, in addition to serving as a teacher at the Blair School and a small school in Shelby County. His son, Robert Ramsey, Jr. was a Diboll High School student and athlete who lettered in baseball, basketball, and football. This collection primarily documents Robert Ramsey, Jr.'s high school athletic career, and also contains records documenting Robert Ramsey, Sr.'s career as a teacher and principal.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

The Ramsey family has a long and distinguished history with the city of Diboll and particularly with the Diboll schools. Robert Ramsey, Sr. came to Diboll in 1947 to be the high school principal and remained in that post until June 1974. Mr. Ramsey was a native East Texan, from Shelby County. He graduated from Timpson High School in 1936, attended the College of Marshall and earned a diploma in 1938, and began his teaching career in 1939 at the Blair School, a small school 4 miles south of Timpson in Shelby County. Following a two-year stint at Blair as teacher and principal, he moved to Mt. Herman, Texas, and spent 6 years at the small school near Center in Shelby County. Throughout his early teaching career, Mr. Ramsey continued his education, earning a Bachelor's Degree from Stephen F. Austin State Teacher's College in 1947. That summer, he and his family moved to Diboll, where he was hired to be

the high school principal. He would remain at his post for 27 years, eventually earning the distinction of Diboll's longest tenured principal. Mr. Ramsey did not stop his own education with his move to Diboll, but continued to attend Stephen F. Austin State College, earning his Master's Degree in 1951. While in Diboll, he taught classes, coached the football team, taught Driver's Education, oversaw integration of the high school, introduced 11-man football, and built a football stadium. He was also at the school's helm as Diboll converted from a common school district to an independent district and as Burke and Beulah consolidated with Diboll. Robert Ramsey, Sr. died in 2005. His former students still remember him fondly.

Robert Ramsey, Jr. was born in Mt. Herman, Texas in 1943 and moved to Diboll with his family in 1947. His athletic abilities were recognized early, and he spent many of his formative years playing baseball, basketball, and football. He played Little League baseball in Diboll from 1957 until he was too old for the league, and then continued to play baseball in various summer leagues (PONY Grads, American Legion, Connie Mack). Bobby Ramsey lettered in baseball, basketball, and football while at Diboll High School, and was recruited to play football and baseball at the college level. After high school, Bobby Ramsey continued his education and athletic pursuits at Southern Methodist University and Stephen F. Austin State College. He eventually earned his doctorate in communications and retired as the Chair of the Department of Communication at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Collection Scope and Content:

Although the bulk of this collection concerns the athletic career of Robert "Bobby" Ramsey, Jr. from 1957-1961, it also contains items documenting Robert Ramsey, Sr.'s career as a teacher and principal. Dates range from 1936-1981.

Arrangement:

Items are arranged by person and date, with the papers of Robert Ramsey, Sr. separate from the papers and artifacts from Robert "Bobby" Ramsey, Jr. Each folder is labeled by name. Robert Ramsey, Jr.'s folders are labeled "Bobby Ramsey" for ease of use.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- School sports -- Texas -- Diboll
- College sports -- Texas
- Education -- Texas -- Diboll
- Football -- Texas -- Diboll
- Baseball -- Texas -- Diboll
- Basketball -- Texas -- Diboll
- Athletes -- Recruiting -- Texas
- College sports -- Scouting -- Texas

Corporate Names

- Diboll High School (Tex.)
- Timpson High School (Tex.)
- Stephen F. Austin State College
- Southern Methodist University
- Texas Christian University

- Baylor University
- University of Houston
- Pittsburgh Pirates (Baseball team)

Personal Names

- Ramsey, Robert, d. 2005
- Ramsey, Robert, Jr., 1943-

Family Names

- Ramsey family

Genres

- Yearbooks
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- American letters
- Angelina Award

Occupations

- Teachers -- Texas -- Diboll
- School principals -- Texas -- Diboll
- High school athletes -- Texas -- Diboll

Locations

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

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: Donated by Robert Ramsey, Jr. on November 15, 2008.

Custodial History: Documents and artifacts were collected and preserved by members of the Ramsey family and transferred to The History Center in November 2008.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Bobby Ramsey, Resistance Training Course Guide, 1950's
Folder 2	Bobby Ramsey, Diboll Little League Correspondence and News Clipping Scrapbook, 1952-1955
Folder 3	Bobby Ramsey, Sports Memorabilia, 1958-1961
Folder 4	Bobby Ramsey, 1959 PONY World Series Champions Correspondence and Memorabilia
Folder 5	Bobby Ramsey Athletic Recruiting Letters – Southern Methodist University, January 1960-June 1960
Folder 6	Bobby Ramsey Athletic Recruitment Letters – Baylor, TCU, Texas A&I, University of Houston, Pittsburgh Pirates

- Folder 7 Bobby Ramsey, 1960 Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Football Game, August 5, 1960
- Folder 8 Bobby Ramsey, 1960 American Legion Baseball Season, State Champions

Box 2

3 Film Reels, 1959 Diboll High School Football Season

Box 3

- Folder 1 Robert Ramsey, Diplomas – Timpson High School, 1963; College of Marshall, 1938
- Folder 2 Robert Ramsey, Diploma – Stephen F. Austin State Teacher’s College, Bachelor of Science, May 26, 1947
- Folder 3 Robert Ramsey, Stephen F. Austin State College – 2 class papers, July 1951
- Folder 4 Robert Ramsey, Diploma – Stephen F. Austin State College, Master of Arts, August 27, 1951
- Folder 5 Robert Ramsey – Diboll High School – Football Game Correspondence, 1948; Driver’s Education Grade Books, 1974-1975, 1975-1976

Box 4

- Folder 1 Bobby Ramsey, Diboll High School Sports Clippings 1957-1960 Scrapbook – Freshman/Sophomore baseball, football, and Basketball, 1957-1958
- Folder 2 Bobby Ramsey, Diboll High School Sports Clippings 1957-1960 Scrapbook – Junior Football and Basketball, 1958, Baseball and Track 1959
- Folder 3 Bobby Ramsey, Diboll High School Sports Clippings 1957-1960 Scrapbook – Senior Football, 1959, Basketball 1959-1960, Baseball 1960, Freshman SMU Football, 1960
- Folder 4 Bobby Ramsey, Summer Baseball Clippings Scrapbook – Lufkin Pony Grad World Champs, 1959
- Folder 5 Bobby Ramsey, Summer Baseball Clippings Scrapbook – Nacogdoches American Legion State Champions, 1960
- Folder 6 Bobby Ramsey, Summer Baseball Clippings Scrapbook – Nacogdoches Connie Mack Team State Champions, 1961
- Item 1 18 in. x 1.25 in. toy bat from the PONY Grads World Series in 1959
- Item 2 1 framed Southern Methodist University recruiting letter from Don Meredith

Box 5

- Item 1 Robert Ramsey, Sr.’s school bell used at Blair School, near Timpson (1930’s) and Mt. Herman, Texas (1940’s)
- Item 2 5 Diboll High School Sports Letters
- Item 3 25 medals on metal chain from Bobby Ramsey’s track, basketball tournaments and academic accomplishments

Item 4 1 1959 PONY Grad World Series Championship Trophy
Item 5 6 baseballs from Bobby Ramsey's homeruns from summer and
high school baseball games, annotated by Robert Ramsey, Sr.

Box 6

Item 1 1 statue of Angelina Award, given to Robert Ramsey, Sr. in 1981

Box 7

Diboll High School Annuals: 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1954,
1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1975, 1976