



Summary Information

Title: Ryan and Weeks Family Genealogy

Collection Number: 2009:018

Creator: Franklin and Norma Weeks

Collection Dates: 1832-2000, bulk 1988-2004

Extent: .5 cubic feet (1 box)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

The Ryan and Weeks Family Genealogy collection consists of genealogical research compiled by Franklin and Norma Weeks. Other records include speeches and written histories on numerous Angelina County cemeteries, histories of old sawmill towns Emporia and Hoshall, and a volume of compiled abstracts of title showing the history of the land where Ryan Chapel Methodist Church is located. Also documented is folklore at Stephen F. Austin State University and early Texas history.

Repository:

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Author/Processing Information: Collection arranged by Patsy Colbert in 2009. Finding aid created by Matt Gorzalski in February 2011.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Franklin Weeks, a native of Burke, Texas attended the Burke School through fifth grade before transferring to the Diboll School. He graduated from Diboll High School in 1932 and attended Stephen F. Austin State University from 1932 to 1937, graduating with a bachelor of science in agriculture. He then taught at Redland School from 1938-1941, and later worked at Lufkin Industries beginning in 1941, retiring on December 30, 1982. He and his wife Norma Ryan Weeks have two children, George Franklin Weeks III and Kathi Annette Weeks Jordan.

Weeks became a member of Ryan Chapel Methodist Church at nine years old, becoming a fifth-generation member. The original Ryan Chapel Church was constructed in 1866 in the Pine Valley area, roughly two miles southwest of present day Burke. The church was the first in the area and was the social epicenter of the region. The current building was built in 1937 on the same site. On November 1, 1986, Franklin Weeks and his wife Norma Ryan Weeks gave a program entitled "Ryan Chapel as a Public School" as part of the Ryan Chapel United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial program.

Franklin and Norma Weeks have long been active in the Burke and Lufkin communities. Mr. Weeks has served on the Ryan Chapel Methodist Church Board of Trustees and taught Sunday school. He and his wife were members of the Angelina County Historical Forum.

Collection Scope and Content:

The Ryan and Weeks Family Genealogy collection is named as such because the majority of the records consist of genealogical research pertaining to the Ryan and Weeks families of the Burke area, Angelina County, Texas. The family history was researched by James A. Ryan, John Sauer, Jim Dannheim, William Carleton, and Charley Weeks, and then sent to Franklin and Norma Weeks via mail. The collection also documents other topics such as brief histories of numerous Angelina County cemeteries and of old sawmill towns Emporia and Hoshall. These histories were printed in the Lufkin Genealogical and Historical Society's *The History of Angelina County, Texas, 1846-1991*. Also included is a volume of compiled abstracts of title showing the history of the land where Ryan Chapel Methodist Church is located. Additionally, speeches by professors Archie P. McDonald, Francis Edward Abernethy, and Margaret Sweet Henson on folklore at Stephen F. Austin State University and early Texas history are a part of the collection.

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

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Abstracts of title -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Cemeteries -- Texas -- Angelina County -- History
- College students -- Texas -- Nacogdoches -- Folklore
- Deeds -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Family history -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Historical markers -- Texas -- Angelina County
- Land tenure -- Texas -- Angelina County

Corporate Names

- Ryan Chapel Methodist Church
- Stephen F. Austin State University

Personal Names

- Austin, Stephen F. (Stephen Fuller), 1793-1836

Family Names

- Ryan family -- Genealogy
- Weeks family -- Genealogy

Locations

- Angelina County (Tex.)
- Angelina County (Tex.) -- Genealogy

- Burke (Tex.)
- Diboll (Tex.)
- Emporia (Tex.) -- History
- Hoshall (Tex.) -- History

Access and Use

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

Acquisition Information: Donated by Franklin Weeks on June 4, 2009.

Custodial History: Franklin and Norma Weeks compiled this collection from a variety of sources such as James A. Ryan, John Sauer, Jim Dannheim, William Carleton, Wanda Treadwell Bogg, Archie P. McDonald, Charley Weeks, and Jo Johnston. They then donated it to the History Center on June 4, 2009.

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Related Materials:

Franklin Weeks Ryan Chapel Scrapbook, 1885-1986, 2005:071, The History Center, Diboll, TX

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- Lufkin Genealogical and Historical Society. *The History of Angelina County, Texas, 1846-1991*. Dallas: Curtis Media Corp, 1992.

Collection Inventory

Box 1

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| Folder 1 | Angelina County Cemetery Histories used for <i>The History of Angelina County, Texas</i> , Alphabetical B-W, c. 1992 |
| Folder 2 | Emporia Community History used for <i>The History of Angelina County, Texas</i> , c. 1992 |
| Folder 3 | Hoshall Community History used for <i>The History of Angelina County, Texas</i> , c. 1992 |
| Folder 4 | New Hope Baptist Church History used for <i>The History of Angelina County, Texas</i> , c. 1992 |
| Folder 5 | Historic Deed Records from Security & Guaranty Abstract Co. concerning Ryan Chapel Church, 1832-1986 |
| Folder 6 | “Stephen Fuller Austin” speech by Archie P. McDonald, October 1993 |
| Folder 7 | “SFA Folklore” speech by Dr. Francis Edward Abernethy, October 1993; “San Felipe De Austin: Capital of the Austin Colony” speech by Dr. Margaret Sweet Henson, October 1993 |
| Folder 8 | Ryan Family Genealogy from James A. Ryan, 1998-2000 |
| Folder 9 | Ryan Family Genealogy from James A. Ryan, 1999 |
| Folder 10 | Ryan Family Genealogy from James A. Ryan, 1998 |

- Folder 11 Ryan Family Genealogy from James A. Ryan, 1997
- Folder 12 Ryan Family Genealogy from John Sauer, 2004
- Folder 13 Ryan Family Genealogy from Jim Dannheim, 1997
- Folder 14 Ryan Family Genealogy from William Carleton, 1997
- Folder 15 Weeks Family Genealogy from Charley Weeks, 1999
- Folder 16 Annual Report of Ryan Chapel Methodist Church Trustees, December 31, 1986
- Folder 17 Strangers Rest Cemetery and Hoshall Historical Marker Dedication, February 29, 1996
- Folder 18 Personal Stories by Franklin Weeks, 2004
- Folder 19 "Burke, Texas" written by Wanda Treadwell Bogg, September 13, 1988
- Folder 20 "My Home Town" by Jo Johnston