



Summary Information

Title: Wilbur F. Pate Collection

Collection Number: 2014:025

Creator: Wilbur F. Pate

Collection Dates: January 24, 1942; 1944-1967

Extent: 1 cubic foot

Language: English

Collection Abstract: This collection consists of 30 Diboll High School Yearbooks (1944-1967) collected by Wilbur F. Pate and one school assignment completed in January 1942. Mr. Pate collected the yearbooks during his long tenure as Diboll High School principal and Diboll Superintendent. The Geography paper entitled "Manufacturing Lumber in Diboll, TX" was a product of his studies to complete a master's degree at Stephen F. Austin State Teacher's College. The paper included 24 photographs of Diboll in the winter of 1941-1942.

Repository:

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Author/Processing Information: Emily E. Hyatt in Fall 2014.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Wilbur F. Pate became principal of Diboll High School in 1941 and Superintendent of Diboll schools in 1942. He would guide the schools through war and social changes as well as oversee the consolidation of small local districts and the creation of Diboll Independent School District in 1954. In 1941-1942, he was enrolled in Stephen F. Austin State Teacher's College (now University) studying for his master's degree. During that semester, he had to write a paper for his Geography 402 class. His subject was Diboll, in a paper entitled "Manufacturing Lumber at Diboll, Texas." It included a hand-drawn county map and 25 photographs of Diboll's buildings and landmarks. Although we only have the photos, not the paper, it appears that his focus was on Diboll's buildings, since he did not include any images of people. The paper was written in January 1942, and it is safe to assume that the photographs were made just prior to that time, but not too much earlier – the bare trees in the photos certainly suggest winter time.

Collection Scope and Content:

This collection contains 30 Diboll High School yearbooks from 1944-1967 with multiple copies of several years, but is not complete since it is missing 1948, 1957, and 1958. The Geography 402 paper, written by Wilbur F. Pate, is only 15 pages long and consists of the title page, a hand drawn map, and 13 pages containing 24 photographs of Diboll. It appears there were originally 25 photos, but the photograph of Diboll High School was removed before The History Center received the collection. The photographs depict Diboll in the winter of 1941-1942. The text of the assignment was not included with the donation.

Subject Terms

Topics

- Education – Texas – Diboll
- Educators – Texas – Diboll
- High Schools – Texas – Diboll
- School Yearbooks – Texas – Diboll
- Lumber Industry – Texas – Diboll

Corporate Names

- Diboll High School (Tex)
- Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College
- Southern Pine Lumber Company

Genres

- High School Annual
- School Assignment
- Photographs

Personal Names

- Pate, Wilbur F.

Locations

- Diboll (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: No restrictions.

Acquisition Information: On July 7, 2014, Billy Pate donated 30 Diboll High School yearbooks and one college assignment of his father's, Wilbur F. Pate.

Custodial History: W.F. Pate collected the yearbooks through his tenure as Superintendent of Diboll Schools and the paper was an assignment he turned in to his Geography class on January 24, 1942.

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Separated Material: One copy of the 1950 Diboll

Alternative Formats: Diboll High School Annuals 1944-1982 have been digitized and are available for download at

<http://www.thehistorycenteronline.com/collections/entry/category/diboll-high-school-annuals>

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Bibliography: See the 2014 Pine Bough Magazine for an article about Mr. Pate and his Geography assignment entitled "Manufacturing Lumber in Diboll, TX"

Collection Inventory

Folder 1	"Manufacturing Lumber in Diboll, TX" by Wilbur F. Pate, January 24, 1942	
High School Annuals	<i>Pine Echo</i>	1944 (3 copies)
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1945
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1946
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1947 (3 copies)
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1949 (3 copies)
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1950 (2 copies)
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1951
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1952
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1953
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1954
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1955
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1956
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1959
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1960
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1961
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1962 (2 copies)
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1963 (2 copies)
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1964
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1965
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1966
	<i>Southern Pines</i>	1967