



## Summary Information

**Title:** Zavalla News Clippings Collection

**Collection Number:** 2015:035

**Creator:** Betty Mingee

**Collection Dates:** 1930-2001

**Extent:** 3 cubic feet

**Language:** English

**Collection Abstract:** Donated by the creator, Betty Mingee, this collection records news articles pertaining the city of Zavalla and its residents. Articles came from the *Lufkin Daily News*, the *Free Press*, and the *Huntington Herald* and include Mrs. Mingee's articles entitled, "News and views from Farkleberry Hill."

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**Author/Processing Information:** Processed by Patsy Colbert, November 2015.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Betty Massey Mingee was born at Manning, Texas on May 12, 1924, where her family lived until the sawmill burned in 1934. Her family moved to Zavalla, where she lived until she married Lee Mingee and followed his naval career around the world. Lee and Betty had two children, Patti and Michael. After retirement, the Mingees moved back to Zavalla, where she began writing for the *Huntington Herald*. She served as news editor of the *Herald* until September 1975. Mrs. Mingee died on May 26, 2006. Throughout her life, she remained connected to her southern Angelina County roots and collected news clippings about Zavalla and kept them as a resource for local history.

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**Arrangement:** Articles are divided into two series and arranged chronologically. The series are Zavalla News Clippings and Bound Materials.

**Subject Terms:**

**Locations**

- Angelina County (Tex)
- Zavalla, Texas

**Access and Use**

**Access Restrictions:** There are no access restrictions.

**Acquisition Information:** Richard Donovan received the collection from the creator's family and transferred it to The History Center in November 2015.

**Custodial History:** The collection was created by Betty Minge. Her family transferred it to Richard Donovan, who donated it to The History Center.

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**Collection Inventory**

**Series I: Zavalla News Clippings**

**Box 1**

Folder 1	1930's
Folder 2	1940's
Folder 3	1950-1953
Folder 4	1954-1955
Folder 5	1956-1957
Folder 6	1958-1959
Folder 7	1960
Folder 8	1961
Folder 9	1962
Folder 10	1963 - 1964
Folder 11	1965 - 1966
Folder 12	1967 - 1969
Folder 13	1970 - 1972
Folder 14	1973 - 1974
Folder 15	1975
Folder 16	1976
Folder 17	1977
Folder 18	1978
Folder 19	1979
Folder 20	1980
Folder 21	1981
Folder 22	1982
Folder 23	1983
Folder 24	1984

Folder 25 1985  
Folder 26 1986  
Folder 27 1987  
Folder 28 1988  
Folder 29 1989  
Folder 30 1990 – 1991  
Folder 31 1992 (1 of 2)  
Folder 32 1992 (2 of 2)  
Folder 33 1993 (1 of 3)  
Folder 34 1993 (2 of 3)  
Folder 35 1993 (3 of 3)

**Box 2**

Folder 1 City Write Ups 1994 (1 of 3)  
Folder 2 City Write Ups 1994 (2 of 3)  
Folder 3 City Write Ups 1994 (3 of 3)  
Folder 4 1995 (1 of 3)  
Folder 5 1995 (2 of 3)  
Folder 6 1995 (3 of 3)  
Folder 7 1996 (1 of 4)  
Folder 8 1996 (2 of 4)  
Folder 9 1996 (3 of 4)  
Folder 10 1996 (4 of 4)  
Folder 11 1997 (1 of 3)  
Folder 12 1997 (2 of 3)  
Folder 13 1997 (3 of 3)  
Folder 14 1998 (1 of 3)  
Folder 15 1998 (2 of 3)  
Folder 16 1998 (3 of 3)

**Box 3**

Folder 1 History of Zavalla 1999  
Folder 2 History of Zavalla 2000 (1 of 2)  
Folder 3 History of Zavalla 2000 (2 of 2)  
Folder 4 History of Zavalla 2001  
Folder 5 Flooding - 2001  
Folder 6 City Today (empty folder)  
Folder 7 Confederate Reunion Photo – 1912  
Folder 8 Churches  
Folder 9 Schools (1 of 2)  
Folder 10 Schools (2 of 2)  
Folder 11 Schools – photos  
Folder 12 Schools – District report, 1997-98  
Folder 13 Law & Order  
Folder 14 Law & Order  
Folder 15 Dunkin Ferry History by Richard Donovan  
Folder 16 “News and Views from Farkleberry Hill” by Betty Mingee  
Folder 17 Kick It Step Sheets – line dancing

Folder 18      Loose articles and notes  
Folder 19      computer disk (3)

**Series II: Bound material**

Folder 20      Angelina County Marriage Records 1846-1899  
Folder 21      Zavalla Baptist Church – organized September 20, 1901  
Folder 22      Family Records, 1997  
Folder 23      Zavalla Obituaries, 1936-1998  
Folder 24      Zavalla Obituaries, 1998-2001  
Folder 25      Sulphur Springs School, 1886-1931  
Folder 26      Marriages, Stats, Census, Postmaster List, etc.