



## Summary Information

**Title:** Temple Corporate Office Collection

**Collection Number:** 2020:026

**Collection Dates:** 1978-1993; 2006

**Extent:** 0.33 cubic ft

**Language:** English

**Collection Abstract:** The corporate office building in Diboll was originally conceived in 1977 to be the headquarters of Temple-Eastex. Chairman Arthur Temple, Jr. and President Joe C. Denman hired architects Ernest Grossman and Don McClarty to build a new headquarters that reflected the East Texas environment, pay homage to the trees that sustained the company, as well as showcase its status as a Time, Inc. subsidiary. This collection contains correspondence, site plans, architect proposals, and budgets for the construction of the new corporate office in 1980, the satellite building in 1988, and renovations completed in 2006. Additionally, there is a list of office staffing counts from 1980 to 1993.

## Repository:

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## Biographical/Historical Note:

The corporate office building in Diboll was originally conceived in 1977 to be the headquarters of Temple-Eastex. Chairman Arthur Temple, Jr. and President Joe C. Denman hired architects Ernest Grossman and Don McClarty to build a new headquarters that reflected the East Texas environment, pay homage to the trees that sustained the company, as well as showcase its status as a Time, Inc. subsidiary. Groundbreaking occurred on a 40-acre plot near Whispering Pines Park on December 23, 1977. The location, nestled among numerous native trees, was chosen for its easy access and to protect the trees surrounding the new office. Completed in 1979, the new building has 6 floors and office space for at least 200 employees with room for expansion. In 1986, during Diboll Day, the company unveiled the "Working Man" statue by Ronnie Wells in its plaza. A satellite building was added to the site in 1988. In 2006, the building underwent some renovations in order to accommodate the company splitting into three standalone companies. The building was sold, along with the Temple companies, to International

Paper in 2012. Temple-Inland was then sold to Georgia-Pacific, who utilized the corporate office until announcing its sale in early 2021.

### **Collection Scope and Content:**

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**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged and described at the folder level.

### **Subject Terms**

#### **Topics**

- Architecture
- Construction
- Finance

#### **Corporate Names**

- Temple-Eastex

#### **Locations**

- Diboll (Tex.)

### **Access and Use**

**Access Restrictions:** None

**Acquisition Information:** This collection was donated to The History Center by Pat Aldred of Georgia-Pacific in December 2020

**Custodial History:** This collection was created by employees of Temple-Inland. When Temple-Inland was sold to and merged with Georgia-Pacific, the files were maintained. In December 2020, while preparing for downsizing, Pat Aldred donated the collection to The History Center.

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### **Collection Inventory**

#### **Box 1**

Folder 1	Correspondence, 1978
Folder 2	Site and Design Proposals, 1980
Folder 3	Blueprints and Site Plans, 1980
Folder 4	Construction Budget and Finance, 1980
Folder 5	Satellite Building Correspondence, 1988
Folder 6	Satellite Building Proposals, 1988
Folder 7	Satellite Building Site Plans, 1988
Folder 8	Satellite Building Construction Budget and Finance, 1988
Folder 9	Staffing Counts, 1980-1993
Folder 10	Renovation Information, 2006