



Summary Information

Title: Jayne McCurry Collection

Collection Number: 2026:014

Creator: Cudlipp and Alexander Families

Collection Dates: 1926-2005, undated

Extent: 2 cubic feet (3 boxes and 2 folders)

Language: English

Collection Abstract: The Cudlipp and Alexander families were significant contributors to Lufkin's Foundry and Machine Company, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, and its many civic organizations. This collection contains newspapers, photographs, publications, and records of the Cudlipp and Alexander families, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, and Lufkin Industries from 1926-2005, undated.

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Revision History:

Biographical/Historical Note: The Cudlipp and Alexander families were significant contributors to Lufkin's Foundry and Machine Company, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, and its many civic organizations. Their story begins with Albert E. Cudlipp Sr., born in Houston on October 23, 1900, to George Cudlipp and Lucy Emma Cudlipp. After graduating high school and completing business school, he went to work at Kirby Lumber Company in Kirbyville, Texas. His future wife, Jessie Baker Cudlipp, was born on August 31, 1885. She grew up on a large cotton plantation in Plantersville, Texas, and graduated from Navasota High in 1914. Although she obtained a teacher's certificate from Texas University, she decided to join a friend in Kirbyville. There, she met Albert in November 1917, and they married on August 3, 1918, in Weirgate, Texas. In 1919, W. C. Trout persuaded Albert to join the Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company. He became Vice President of Advertising, Purchasing and the Mill Supplies Division in 1943 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1945. Outside of work, the couple were members of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. Albert served as Sunday School Superintendent, secretary of the Diocesan

Board, and full-time lay reader during Depression. He was also charter president and served two terms with the Lufkin Rotary Club; as well as other civic organizations. For their contributions to the community, the Forest Center in Lufkin was renamed The Cudlipp Forest Center. Albert died on August 3, 1964, and Jessie died on January 10, 1973.

Their daughter, Jessie Elma Cudlipp, was born on May 12, 1919, in Houston, Texas. After graduating Lufkin High School and participating in its first pep squad, she attended Texas Christian University. During her sophomore year in 1937, she met freshman Clarence Willard "Lefty" Alexander, a rising sports star from McKinney, Texas. Clarence was born on December 22, 1918, and continued playing sports on a football scholarship until 1941. They were married at her family's church, St. Cyprian's Episcopal, on May 24, 1941, in Lufkin, Texas. His first job out of school was as an assistant football coach and math teacher in Bonham, Texas, from August 1941 to April 1942. In March 1942, with the advent of World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy. As part of the Navy V-5 Pre-flight Training Program, he was sent to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to become an officer from March through April 1942. After April 18, 1942, he reported as Ensign to the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, to train pre-flight officers in the navy until March 1943. He was then transferred to Hollywood Beach Hotel in Hollywood, Florida, to train navigators in a fitness program. In June 1944, he was assigned to the USS Currituck, a sea plane tender with 2,200 men aboard, as an Athletic Instructor and gunnery officer. While in the Pacific with the 7th Fleet, his ship participated in seven major battles and survived a typhoon. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Upon his return in 1946, Walter Trout, President of Lufkin Foundry and Machine company, offered Clarence a salesman job in the Trailer Division. The Trailer Division of Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company was originally the Martin Wagon Company. Founded in 1910 by Daniel Webster Martin, it began as a black smith shop servicing the logging camp of Lufkin Land and Lumber Company. It then grew as a maker of logging wagons, which continued until its bankruptcy in 1936. Several businessmen reorganized the company as Martin Wagon and Trailer Company. They sold it to Lufkin Foundry and Machine Co. on September 27, 1939.

He was elected President of Truck-Trailer Manufacturer's Association during 1959 and 1960. In 1965, he became Vice-President of Lufkin Industries (Lufkin Foundry and Machine Co.). In 1972, Lefty left Lufkin Industries and joined Pullman Trailmobile as Assistant Southwest Regional Manager and then National Account Manager. Outside of work, he served as Senior Warden of the vestry and lay reader at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, as well as Finance Chairman to build its new building when it burned. In 1952 and '53, he was president of the Lufkin Rotary Club. He and Elma represented the club at the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City in summer of 1952. Elma was also active in civic organizations, serving as president of the Episcopal Church Women, Lufkin Country Club Ladies Golf Association, Rotary Anns and other civic organizations. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Smith Chapter, serving as regent for 1984-1985. Clarence retired in 1983 and died on April 8, 1991. Elma died in 2013.

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Arrangement: This collection is arranged at the folder level.

Subject Terms

Topics

- World War II
- Episcopal Church
- Family Histories
- Manufacturing industries

Corporate Names

- Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company (Lufkin Industries)
- St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
- Lufkin Rotary Club
- Rotary International
- United States Navy
- Holy Cross
- The Daily Times Herald
- Diboll Free Press
- Daughters of the American Revolution

Personal Names

- Bentson, Beryl Ann Longino
- Cudlipp, Albert E.
- Cudlipp, Jessie Baker
- Alexander, Clarence Willard "Lefty"
- Alexander, Jessie Elma Cudlipp

Family Names

- Cudlipp Family
- Alexander Family

Genres

- Records
- Photographs
- Newspapers
- Publications

Locations

- Lufkin, Texas
- Mexico
- Pacific Ocean

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: none

Acquisition Information: The collection was received by The History Center in two batches, February 23 and March 4, 2026.

Custodial History: The collection materials previously belonged to Jayne McCurry, daughter of Jessie Elma Cudlipp and Clarence Willard "Lefty" Alexander. She donated the materials in two batches to The History Center, February 23 and March 4, 2026.

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Separated Material: Box 1, Folder 3 contains materials that were separated from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Smith Chapter scrapbook because they were found loose behind the cover page.

Related Material: The History of Angelina County, Texas, 1846–1991; Lufkin Industries Oral History Collection; Lufkin Industries Online Collections

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Clarence Willard “Lefty” Alexander Photographs, 1926-1987, undated
Folder 2	Albert E. Cudlipp Sr. and Jessie Baker Cudlipp Records, 1929-1984, undated
Folder 3	Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Smith Chapter Records, 1930s-2000, undated
Folder 4	First Lufkin Pep Squad Photograph, 1935
Folder 5	Loose Scrapbook Photographs, 1935, undated
Folder 6	Miscellaneous Photographs, 1935-1964, undated
Folder 7	Jessie Elma Cudlipp Alexander Programs and Clippings, 1935-2004, undated
Folder 8	Albert E. Cudlipp Sr. Photographs, 1936-1944, undated
Folder 9	Clarence Willard “Lefty” Alexander and Jessie Elma Cudlipp Alexander Records, 1940-1992, undated
Folder 10	Clarence Willard “Lefty” Alexander Naval Records, World War II, 1942-1945

Box 2

Folder 1	Lufkin Industries Photographs, 1945-1950, undated
Folder 2	Holy Cross Tracts and Publications, 1949-1950, undated
Folder 3	Miscellaneous Organizations and Papers, 1960-1998, undated
Folder 4	St. Cyprian’s Building Fund Correspondence, 1969-1970
Folder 5	St. Cyprian’s Building Campaign Presentation Booklet, 1970
Folder 6	St. Cyprian’s Programs and Publications, 1977-2013, undated
Folder 7	St. Cyprian’s Historical Marker and Ceremony Photographs, ca. 1983
Folder 8	Spiral Bound Lufkin Industries 100 Year Celebration Calendar and Lufkin Aerial Photographs, ca. 1997, 2002

Box 3

The Eisenhower College Collection: A Portfolio of Fine Art Prints from the paintings of our 34th President, presented by Standard Forge & Axle Copmany Inc., Eisenhower College, 1969

Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Smith Chapter Scrapbook, Lufkin, Texas, 1984-1985

Folder 1	Beryl Ann Longino Bentson clipping, photograph, and portrait, 1939, undated
Folder 2	The Daily Times Herald, Section 5, Lufkin Trailers, May 23, 1951 Diboll Free Press, Veterans Salute, pages B1-6, November 16, 2005