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III. Personal papers

Cassette tapes A-H

1-2. Anonymous, June 19, 2001

3. V.J. Barranco June 26, 2001

4. Carroll Buttrill, February 1, 2002

5-6. Gene Corder May 22, 1997

7-8 R. E. "Dick" Culbertson, July 11, 2000, 2 tapes and copies (4 tapes total)

9. G.W. Daniels, June 24, 1997

10-11. Maudry DeWalt and Marie Pri



15. Dale Sheffield, June 14, 2001
16. Smythe Shepherd, September 26, 2011
17. **Mark Simmons**, "Tour of the Dixie Hotel", July 5, 2000
18. David Sockler, March 19, 2002
- 19-20. Buster Turner, 2 tapes, June 27, 2001, June 27, 2001
21. Ed VanZandt, July 3, 2001
22. Hilda Vickers, two tapes, July 25, 2000, [?]
23. Mary Ellen Wisrodt, April 30, 2002
24. David Witts, May 1, 1997

Cassette tapes duplicates of previously listed tapes regarding vice and corruption

Folder 8: Reverend G.W. Daniels, June 17, 1997, 4 photos, release, 29-page transcript, Topics: biography of Daniels, treatment of German prisoners of war in Corpus Christi, Texas, gambling, United Citizens for Law Enforcement, ministers role in UCLE, sawmilling, mule skimmers, John Wesley Hardt, relationships between black



Folder 7: Julia Lester, January 3, 2003, 2-page transcript, Topics: **Stella Nolan's role as the madam at Boston Hotel, police's relationship** with prostitution,

Folder 8: Minnie Palumbo Lindsey, March 25, 2001, 26-page transcript, Topics: where ethnic groups in Beaumont lived, Italian immigration to Beaumont, prostitution, description of prostitution and madams, anti-Italian prejudice in Beaumont

**Folder 9: Charles "Chuck" Little**, April 7, 2002, 52- page transcript, Topics: working as a police officer, vice in Beaumont after the James Commission, police's relationship to Rita Ainsworth, description of Rita Ainsworth

Folder 10: Helen Locke and Jeanette Greer, April 7, 2003,

Ainsworth and the Dixie Hotel, teenage boys at houses of prostitution, prostitutes **introducing boys to drugs**, Rita Ainsworth's **business and raids after the James Commission**, George Dishman **and his work with the UCLE**, **gambling**, city's financial problems, drug abuse in Jefferson County,

Folder 1: Dr. C.L. Pentecost, September 5, 2001, 20-page transcript, Topics: physician to Rita Ainsworth and prostitutes, examining prostitutes for sexually communicated diseases, syphilis patients, abortions

Folder 2: Joe G. Perl, June 29, 2001, 24-page transcript, **Topics: Rita Ainsworth's relationship to her daughter**, descriptions of the Dixie Hotel, descriptions of prostitutes at Dixie Hotel, world-wide reputation of Dixie Hotel, comparison of **Beaumont and Galveston's red light districts**, **raids on vice locales**

Folder 3: Charles Perricone, detective on the vice squad, March 10, 1997, 38-page transcript, Topics: vice in Beaumont after the James Commission, gambling, M.C. **Carter's privileged status in Beaumont**, **raids on gambling places**, **raids on Rita Ainsworth's Annex Apartments**,

Folder 4: Dr. Bill Reid, December 13, 2001, 14-page transcript, Topics: Pen Yan Club, gambling, folklore regarding Grace Woodyard

Folder 5: Cecil Rush, September 11, 2001, 36-page transcript, Topics: serving on the Beaumont Police Department, qualifications to become a police officer, **investigations into Rita Ainsworth's activities after the James Commission**, gambling

Folder 6: Clyde Rush, Beaumont police captain, May 28, 1997, 25-page transcript, Topics: character of police officers, threats received by police during the James Commission, murder of Jake Giles, gambling, **Rita Ainsworth's origins**

Folder 7. Walter Sekaly, March 2002, [Landrey prepared interview questions but apparently no interview was conducted]

Folder 8: Dale Sheffield, June 14, 2001, seven-page transcript, Topics: **Rita Ainsworth's prostitute who gave birth to a baby**

Folder 9: Smythe Shepherd, September 26, 2001, 15 page transcript, Topics: openness of red light district, violence during strikes, personality of the Ainsworth family

Folder 10: Mark Simmons, July 5, 2000, six-page transcript, "**Tour of the Dixie,**" description of the Dixie Hotel, folklore of Dixie Hotel,

Folder 11: David Sockler, March 19, 2002, two-page transcript, Topics: prostitution in Beaumont during World War II

Folder 12: Buster Turner, Jr. one of the first black police officers in Beaumont, June 27, 2001, 44-page transcript, Topics: playing baseball for the Chicago American Giants, a professional black baseball team; description of M.C. Carter, gambling and the numbers racket, Jake Giles, the Raven Club, performers at the Raven Club, African-American vice operations, Jake Giles' murder

Folder 13: Ed Van Zandt, July 3, 2001 no transcript, no notes, some snapshots of VanZandt

Folder 14: Hilbert Vickers, July 25, 2000, 32-page transcript, Topics: prostitution in Port Arthur, Grace Woodyard, **description of Grace Woodyard, Woodyard's children** and way of life, Marcella Chadwick,

Folder 15: Dr. Charles Walker, May 7, 1998, 21-page transcript, Topics: comparison **between Beaumont and Galveston casinos, Attorney General Robert Kennedy's** knowledge of vice in Jefferson County, Texas

Folder 16: Mary Ellen Wisrodt, April 30, 2002, three-page transcript, Topics: Beaumont Rice Riot, theft from the Dixie Hotel

Folder 17: David Witts, legal counsel for the James Commission, May 1, 1997 27-page transcript  
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Folder 26: W.G. Walley criminal case papers 1961

Folder 27-30: Court records Criminal District Court, 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial District 1961

Folder 1-6: Court records Criminal District Court, 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, 1961

Folder 7-8: Court records 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, 1961-1962

Folder 9-13. Court records 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court 1962

Folder 14. Criminal case papers of Harold Robert Clayton 1965-1966

Folder 15: Calendar of events of the James Commission [1962?]

Folder 16: Newspaper clippings 1955, July 1958

Folder 17: Newspaper clippings [early 1960s?]

Folder 18: Newspaper clippings December 1960

Folder 19-23: Newspaper clippings January 1961

Folder 24-27: Newspaper clippings February 1961

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Folder 4: Newspaper clippings August 1961

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings November 1961

Folder 6: Newspaper clippings December 1961

Folder 7: Newspaper clippings c. 1962

Folder 8: Newspaper clippings January 1962

Folder 9: Magazine article, "This Rotten Mess," January 12, 1962

Folder 10: Newspaper clippings March 1962

Folder 11: Newspaper clippings May 1962

Folder 12: Magazine article, "Through the Looking Glass with the Tall Americans,"  
C June 1962

Folder 13: Newspaper clippings November 1962

Folder 14: Newspaper clippings, January-February 1964

Folder 15: Newspaper clippings, 1989-2006

Folder 16: Landrey's notes on newspapers n. d.

Folder 17: Magazine article, "How the Vice Lords Took over Beaumont," [c.  
1962?]

Papers related to Rita Ainsworth and other personalities

Folder 18: Newspaper clipping documenting Charlie Ainsworth 1903

Folder 19:

Folder 33: Newspaper articles on the Dixie Hotel 1980-2001

Folder 34: History of site of Dixie Hotel, [Beaumont Heritage Society? 1980?]

Folder 35: "Remembering the Dixie" article by Wanda Landrey 2001

Folder 36: M.C. "Blue Buddy" Carter 1978

Folder 37: Marcella Chadwell n.d.

Folder 38: Harold Clayton 1977, 1983

Folder 39: Harold Engstrom 1996

Folder 40: Jake and Robert Giles' photos from high school yearbooks 1913, 1926

Folder 41: Estate of Jake Giles 1919

Folder 42: Robert Giles' death certificate 1942

Folder 43: Jake Giles' criminal case papers 1942

Folder 44: Todail Godeaux 1985

Folder 45: "The Jefferson County Parade," poem about the James Commission c. 1962

Folder 46: Lee Wesley Marshall 1958

Folder 47: Charley Meyer 1989

  

Folder 1: Police in Beaumont newspaper clippings, and papers [c. 1980?]

Folder 2: Jim Stafford 1962

Folder 3: Jim Stafford 1979

Folder 4: Sam "Buster" Telle 1963

Folder 5: United Citizens for Law Enforcement (UCLE) n.d.

Folder 6-7. UCLE 1961

Folder 8-9. UCLE 1962

Folder 10: UCLE 1963

Folder 11: UCLE c. 1972

Folder 12: W.G. Walley 1975

Folder 13: David Witts photocopy of correspondence from Robert Kennedy 1961, correspondence to Landrey 1997

Folder 14: Correspondence regarding Grace Woodyard 2006

Folder 15: **Wanda's notes on** Betting, Booze, and Brothels

**Folder 16: Wanda's notes on** the James Commission and vice in Jefferson County c. 2000

Folder 17: **Wanda's notes about the book** c. 2000

Folder 18: "**Purging a Corrupt Government: The Clean-Up of Jefferson County,**" Honors Thesis, By Laura Kathleen Cerniglia [O'Toole] Presented to Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas, in partial fulfillment for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, May 1988, pages 1-34

Folder 19: Cerniglia thesis 35-53

Folder 20: Cerniglia thesis pages 54-83

Folder 21: [Draft of Cerniglia thesis 1-14?]

Folder 22: Laura Cerniglia's presentation, "**Purging a Corrupt Government: the Clean-Up of Jefferson County,**" Beaumont History Conference 1993

Folder 23: Laura Cerniglia O'Toole correspondence 1989-2005





Folder 16: Photos of promotional activities for the book 2006

Folder 17-20. Slides used at presentations to promote the book used c. 2006

(.3 cu. ft.)

Framed photograph of Rita Ainsworth in her youth

Oversize papers on the James Commission and related topics

Folder 1: Copies of newspapers documenting the excerpt, on the deaths of Robert and Jake Giles, July 26, 1942 and July 3, 1958

Folder 2: Newspaper clippings January 1959

Folder 3: Bound newspaper clippings 1960-1961

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings January 1961

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings August- September 1961

Folder 6: Newspaper September [1961?]

Folder 7-8: Newspaper clippings October 1961

Folder 9: Newspaper clipping, "America's Sin Cities," [Corruption of a City]  
insert in October 8, 1961

Folder 10-11. Newspaper clippings December 1961

Folder 12: Newspaper clippings January 1962

Folder 13: Newspaper clippings March 1963

Folder 14: Newspaper clippings May 1964

Folder 15: Newspaper clippings October 1964

Folder 16: Newspaper clipping, "What Lies Ahead for the Triangle,"  
October 31, 1965

Folder 17: Newspaper clippings, d0Octo87- 37 346..54s, dm(c)8(.)3 1 134a[( )]t2(n)-7Tf1 .1 .1 .1 .1

Folder 20: Newspaper clipping, article on Port Arthur madam, Marcella Chadwell,  
February 19, 1989

Folder 21: Newspaper clippings on "sex clubs" 1996

9-10. Buck Hobbs and Minnie West, April 27, 1985. Topics: life in the oil fields around Batson, town near Batson named Gusher, dangers of living near an oil field, boarding houses, divorce, Prohibition, bootleg liquor, "corduroy" roads.

11. Mary Anna Crary Anderson, January 13, 2000. Topics: Sabine Pass, boarding houses in Beaumont, women working in offices, women wearing make-up, cisterns, Tyrrell Public Library, opinions of library directors, Hotel Dieu, a Roman Catholic hospital in Beaumont

12. Sue Boyt, cassette tape is badly distorted, October 23, 1984. Topics: Clairemont Hotel





11. Aaron Durham, [unknown month], 25, 1985. Topics: East Texas Boarding House, bargaining over price for farm produce, African-American boarding house operated by "Aunt Cab" in Doucette. Roosters are heard frequently through the interview.
  
12. Mr. Pat Abshire, April 13, 1984. Topics: Abshire Hotel history, Greenwood, South Carolina; Smith Chapel Church; Park Hotel, pot belly stove, ambrosia and fruit cakes, a dollar a day for meals at the hotel, amenities for the hotel
  
13. Abshire Hotel. Unknown interviewee
  
14. Eda Belle Boyd, no date. Topics: Spring Hotel, Sour Lake, Texas; baths at the lake, sulfur mud, Nome, Texas; hack rides from the train at Grayburg to the hotel at Sour Lake
  
15. Mrs. Jo Brundt, October 28, 1985. Topics: chicken pot pie; Park Hotel

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5. Juanita Martin, June 13, 1991. Topics: Martin's early life, production of Fisher's play, "The Kaiser Burnout," Jayhawkers, death of Larry Jene Fisher, description of Larry Jene Fisher's personality, accusations of Fisher being a Nazi, Fisher's status as an outsider, Fisher's education, Fisher's musical training.

6. [James] Elmo Rosier, October 1989. Topics: biographical information on Larry Jene Fisher, personal appearance of Fisher, plays written by Fisher, accusation of Fisher being a Nazi spy, friendship between Fisher and Lance Rosier, R.E. Jackson, movement to save the Big Thicket, accusation of Richard Noark being a Nazi spy, bear hunts in the Big Thicket, Lance Rosier's knowledge of plants, Lance Rosier's poverty, German attacks on merchant ships, German submarine activity in the Gulf of Mexico,

7. R.A. Parker, Elton Parker, and Louis [Sam?] Hendrix, November 5, 1985. Topics: folk remedies used in the Big Thicket including the toothache tree.

8. "Smooth" King, no date, lots of background noise. Topics: origins of nickname "Smooth", women of ill repute, shooting incident with a member of the Sapp family, character of the Sapp family, King Hotel, going off to World War I, tithing to the church.

9. Mrs. Ada Wright, no date, quality of tape poor. Topics: piano and fiddle players for dances at the hotel, demolition of the hotel and use of lumber to make tourist cabins at Anahuac, guests at hotels work as tie makers, woodsmen, and planers, use



operated Belle-Jim and Swann Hotels in Jasper, working at Swann Hotel, race relations, women as entrepreneurs, Jasper Bottling Works.

12. Ira Ralph, March 20, 1985, Topics: working at Swann Hotel, race relations, women as entrepreneurs, Jasper Bottling Works

13. Ben Williamson, June 4, 1985. Topics: bathing facilities at the hotel, traveling salesmen, lumber industry, Ginger Rogers at Bessmay, turpentine production, cleaning outhouses, cyclone, board walks, life in Jasper, Texas teens-1940s, men conscripted for road construction, cisterns, recreation at the hotel, explosion making home brew, life on the home front during World War I, treatment for bedbugs, early automobiles and accidents and maintenance.

14. Lexie Herndon no date. Topics: Round Table Hotel, Burkeville, hacks bringing people to the hotel.

15-16. Frank and Faye Powell, March 21, 1985.

turn of the century, bank in Kountze, serving as county judge, b

immigration from Holland, Interurban railroad, differences between Frieslanders and other Dutch,

15. Fay Gilchrist Duncan, no date. Topics: race relations, African-American prisoners' escape from jail, death of sheriff in Newton in 1932, boarding house in Newton.

16. Eula Cain/Kain?, April 18, 1985. Topics: Norton Hotel, bear hunts, importance of the fair in Beaumont, Goodwill Train that advertised the fair in Beaumont.

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18. Lon Wright, [1979?] Topics: history of the Santa Fe Railroad, routes of railroads in Southeast Texas, nickname for the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad, appearance of train interiors, work as a railroad agent, John Henry Kirby and railroads, ethics of railroad passes, amenities for railroad passengers, advertising the fair at Beaumont, food at boarding houses, influenza epidemic, railroad employee working while deathly ill.

1. Jennie Watts, February 15, 1989, Topics: family history, first child born at Sabine Pass, history of Sabine Pass, lighthouse at Sabine Pass, Brad Johnson's two families and life of crime, construction of a channel

2. Charles Sapp (son of E.E. Sapp) and Mrs. Charles Sapp, August 5, 1994. Topics: corruption of Texas prisons, biographical information on Sapp, curiously nice furnishings of Sapp family home, family's reaction to Sapp returning to live with family after prison, Sapp's carrying of gun, Sapp's wads of currency, Sapp's story that family had been killed in the Galveston Storm of 1900.

3. Clarence Sapp, (son of E.E. Sapp), March 2, 1995. Topics: death of E.E. Sapp, Sapp's characteristics as a father, Sapp's religious conversion, Sapp's close connections to important people in East Tennessee, Mrs. Sapp's hard work to provide for her family, Sapp's first marriage, children from first marriage, Sapp's status as a Mason, Sapp genealogy

4. Harriette Bonner Coley, April 25, 1985, Topics: description of the boarding house, laundering guests clothing, death from hook worms, suffering in Great Depression, labor of a child, sightings of bears, poor roads, Josie parties, Bonner Boarding House.

5. Mamie Belle Smith Loftin, April 9, 1985. Topics: oil boom in Saratoga, amenities in Saratoga during the oil boom, discovery of oil at Saratoga, biography of "Daddy"

Skaggs, description of " Aunt Matt" Evans, Robert " Bobby" Evans, food eaten in early Saratoga, ame





8. Duplicate tape of Easter Mann interview

9. Dr. Joe Dickerson duplicate of interview



Folder 24: Earl Hines, February 7, 1985. Topics: Round Table Inn; history of round Table Inn a/k/a Harold House early on; "drummers" (salesmen) fire at Round Table Inn; Gulf and Northern Railway, sawmill cottages for teachers, mill ponds

Folder 25: Mr. Joe Nerrin and Mrs. Jack Watts, [circa 1985]. Topics: Camden Boarding House; Moscow, Texas; trains; bootlegger tricked by cowbell; Percy Foreman; Office of Price Administration (O.P.A.); bedbugs; sand fleas; sawmills

Folder 26: Mrs. Russell Watts, March 1, 1978. Topics: Camden sawmill; Camden Hotel; Office of Price Administration rules; railroad line from Moscow to Camden; wood stove.

Folder 27: Gilbert Carvahal, – (a descendant from a Canary Island family and a Spanish family) February 26, 1991, Topics: tells about original families and how they came to Texas.

Folder 28: Carl Tschirhart, no date. Topics: Henri Castro; ethnic history; hauling freight, Fort McKavitt; Geronimo, Indian/white relations, blacksmithing, African-American/white relations, speaking Alsatian, children's entertainment, World War I and the end of German language in schools, Alsatians volunteering for military service, bootlegging in Castroville, food in Castroville, Alsatians in Castroville, visiting Alsace-Lorraine

Folder 29: Mr. Bascum Barnes, Mrs. Mary Lou Barnes, no date. Topics: early days of Chester, Texas; deer hunting; first business in Chester: Josie parties; bell for church; Josie party songs

Folder 30: Mr. Lewis Bush, March 28, 1985. Topics: Riley Hotel; road building; dumpling recipe; death of George Enloe while testifying at trial;

Folder 31: Betty Enloe, circa 1985. Topics: traveling salesmen – "drummers" .

Folder 32: Jack Donald Enloe, June 16, 1985. Topics: Riley Hotel; condition of roads; lumber from hotel used to build a house in Chester; Grandfather Riley was county commissioner in the 1930s.

Folder 33: John Leggett, 1985. Topics: mercantile store; Saturday night tradition; social status of African-Americans; tobacco use; Riley Hotel; boarding house description; domestic work; misbehavior of boarding house guests; traveling store on a truck

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Folder 1: Mrs. Moody, circa 1985. Topics: shooting at Chester, Texas

Folder 2: Clarence Seamans, 1985. Topics: pipelines, poor roads, Riley Hotel, muddy roads.

Doucette in the early 1900s. Topics: Senator John Tower's origins, playing with Babe Zaharias in sports, popularity of food at the boarding house, migration of sawmill workers from town to town, characteristics of sawmill workers, soda fountain in Doucette, J.H. Kenneson and his concern for the well-being of the company.

Folder 14: Henry Hendrix, 1985

Folder 22: Mrs. Minnie Cruse, February 9, 1984. Topics: working as a principal for the Honey Island School, discipline of students.

Folder 23: C.W. Hendrix, Lester Holmes, May 9, 1985. Topics: how Honey Island got its name, Jayhawkers evading the draft, sawmills at Honey Island, primitive conditions of boarding houses.

Folder 24: George Henson McMillan, September 10, 1991. Topics: discovery of oil at Saratoga, learning to play the fiddle, Josie parties, Jayhawkers in the Civil War, religious prohibitions against dancing, square dances, courtship, White Oak, Texas, harvesting of white oak trees

Folder 25: Albert Parker, May 13, 1985. Topics: Kirby Lumber Company moving 163 company houses to Honey Island, closing of Kirby sawmills in Hardin County, living conditions in boarding houses

Folder 26: Albert Parker, Nelda Johnson, and Geraldine Hooks (boardinghouse owner Bertie Parker's children), **May 16, 1985**. Topics: destruction of the hotel by fire, **children's labor at the hotel, rat's theft of false teeth, eating wild game, sausage recipes, customs of setting a table, cats' mischief in boarding houses**, courting customs, Bragg Lights.

Folder 27: Mary Sells, May 13, 1985. Topics: working as a maid in the boarding house, prostitution at the boarding house, sawmill closing

Folder 28: Bill Brett, October 20, 1985. Topics: oil boom at Batson, Daisetta oil boom, board walks in oil towns, fire at Daisetta, Clyde Barrow, coffee produced by old time methods, Jews in Southeast Texas, Ku Klux Klan in Southeast Texas.

Folder 29: Mr. Pickney Smith, October 20, 1985. Topics: Layton Hotel, eccentric behavior, eating bananas peel and all, Patton Hotel.

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Folder 5: Lola Ingram, March 12, 1985. Topics: , Topics: construction of the Belle-Jim Hotel, Swann Hotel, description of the college at Jasper, women entrepreneurs, **women's suffrage**.

Folder 6. Helen Jackson, Bum Winfrow, and Floyd Addington, [November 19, 1984]. Topics: families who operated Belle-Jim and Swann Hotels in Jasper.

Folder 7. Ira Ralph, March 20, 1985, Topics: working at Swann Hotel, race relations,

Folder 17: Versie Johnson, May 13, 1985. Topics: deer hunting, Hooks' family and hunting, Kountze Baptist College, African-American college, relationships with servants and employers.

Folder 18: Minnie McKim and her daughter, Mary Frances Richardson. January 17, 1985. Topics: sawmills, Long Station, Texas; businesses in Kountze around 1900, courthouse at Kountze.

Folder 19: Ila Sanders, November 9, 1977. Topics: Old Commercial Hotel, prices for boarding, traveling salesmen, description of boarding house, working to attend Lamar College, telephone operator at Lamar, biscuits and gravy

Folder 20. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt, [Roy Edward and Peggy J.?], April 12, 1985. Topics: Williford Store, businesses in Kountze, appearance of Kountze, fires in Kountze, putting out fires, railroad round houses,

Folder 21: Esther Hooks Walker, April 12, 1985. Topics: correspondence regarding

reasons for immigration from Holland, Interurban railroad, differences between Frieslanders and other Dutch.

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Folder 35: Juanita Martin, April 3, 1985. Topics: family history, sawmills, location of Dearborn, Texas, living in tents during oil boom.

Folder 36: Walter Nickells, April 9, 1985. Topics: Rio Bravo oil field, boarding house operated by Rio Bravo Oil Company, housing for oil field workers, oil field strike, ownership of the Rio Bravo Oil Company, health resort at Saratoga, labor unions among oil workers, labor unionizer Robert E. Evans, "black balling" union members from jobs in the oil industry, opposition to "scabs" in the community, Ku Klux Klan and violence, saloons and opposition to saloons.

Folder 37: James Elmo Rosier, March 19, 1984. Topics: Vines Hotel, biographical information on "Aunt Matt" Jordan Evans, who operated the Vines Hotel, genealogy of Jordan family, Robert Evans and oil field workers labor organization, race relations, lynching, violence against African-Americans, biographical information on Lance Rosier, Lance Rosier's tours of the Big Thicket, description of the Vines Hotel, Lance Rosier's finances, Lance Rosier's knowledge of plant life, Rosier's honors from universities, Geraldine Watson's knowledge of the Big Thicket, Larry Jene Fisher, suspicion of outsiders in the Big Thicket, famous people given tours of the Big Thicket, attitudes toward the Big Thicket National Preserve, demolition of the Vines Hotel.

Folder 38: [Allie] "Granny" Ryan, and unidentified woman, April 24, 1985, Topics: slave woman's long tenure with family, African-American's servants care of white children, casino at Saratoga, treatment of orphans, shooting in Saratoga in 1907, violence in boomtown Saratoga.

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Folder 1: Jack Stalsley, Buelah Skinner, and Margaret Williams, April 3, 1985.

Topics: Saratoga history, Bingville, Texas

Folder 3: Mrs. [Eugenia] Nixon, and Marie Fregia, [1985?], Topics: condition of hotel, work of hotel keeper, hours worked, wife abuse, prices charged by the hotel, duties of workers at the hotel, robbery by Bonnie and Clyde, bedbugs,

Folder

American troops heading to World War I, experiences at Houston College for Negroes, funeral customs

Folder 10: Mrs. Doris Lucas and Ruby Sutton, [c. 1985?] telephone interview with Ruby Sutton. **Topics: Sawmill Boarding House, widow's need to earn a living,** description of the boarding house, sawmill whistles, end of sawmill, family history, labor of children at boarding house, dress of women, African-American servants, lunches of lumber workers, getting around Prohibition.

Folder 11

Folder 18. Recording from a video, "American Stories," in which a great-grandchild of Pattillo Higgins is interviewed about Higgins and his determination to drill for oil at Beaumont, and his collaboration with Anthony F. Lucas.

Folder 19: typescript, "My Life Remembered," by Rosario Charles Maceo with

Folder 19: Typescript, "The Big Thicket," by Mrs. Carl James, P.W.



Folder 34: Hardin County cemeteries, 1973

Folder 35: Hardin County petroleum, 1970-1974

Folder 36: Hardin County poll-tax list, 1927

Folder 37: Hardin family, c. 1980

Folder 38: Hardin, Texas, 1963

Folder 39: Harvey Houses, 1951

Folder 40: Harvey Houses, c. 1982

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Folder 7: Hightower, Judge L. B., c. 1970

Folder 8: Honey Island, c. 1970

Folder 9: Hooks, Ben, c. 1965

Folder 10: Houston, c. 1980

Folder 11: Indians in Texas, c. 1965

Folder 12: Japanese in Texas, 1990

Folder 13: Jasper, 1975

Folder 14-18: Jasper – The Swann Hotel, 1930-1995

Folder 19: Jayhawkers, 1963

Folder 20: Jeff Davis Rifles, 1931

Folder 21: Jefferson County history, c. 1980

Folder 22: Kinard, Texas, 1971

Folder 23-24: Kirbyville, 1956-1980

Folder 25-26: Kountze, c. 1985

Folder 28: LaSalle Community, c. 1985

Folder 29: Liberty County, c. 1980

Folder 30: Liberty, Texas, c. 1985

Folder 31: Lindsey, "Red", Hardin County Sheriff, c. 1975

Folder 32: Livingston, Texas, 1979

Folder 33: Lumber industry, 1972

Folder 34: Lumber industry -

Folder 13: Rockland, Texas, 1962-1968

Folder 14-15: Sabine Pass, 1933-1984

Folder 16: Sabine Pass, Battle of, c. 1970

Folder 17: Sam Houston Regional Library, 1989

**Folder 18: "Sandy Creek: A Study of an Isolated Community", MA. thesis, Irvin Thompson, submitted to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, 1942**

Folder 19: Sapp, Emory, 1907-c. 1950

Folder 20: Saratoga Lights, 2012

Folder 21: Saratoga, Texas, 1952

Folder 22-24: Sawmills, 1878-1990

Folder 25: Scottish in Texas, 1990

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Folder 44: Publicity for	1997
Presentations	
Folder 45-50 Presentation,	Thicket, c. 1975-1999
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