Guide to the

Calcasieu Parish Library Collection
1772-1988

31.63 linear feet

Collection Number 30

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CITATION: The Calcasieu Parish Library Collection No. 30, Box number, Folder number, Archives and Special Collections Department, Frazar Memorial Library, McNeese State University.

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Historical Sketch

Library services began in 1901 with the founding of the Lake Charles Public Library. It was expanded in 1944 when the Calcasieu Parish Library system was created; this system circulated over 7,000 books in its first month of operation. The two systems merged in 1973 as the Calcasieu Parish Public Library. The system currently includes a dozen branches and large collections of many forms of media.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes scrapbooks of the Lake Charles Garden Club and the Lake Charles School System, Lake Charles Teachers' Association information, material relating to the Port of Lake Charles, copies of old newspapers, various pamphlets and booklets from local organizations and information regarding Chennault Air Force Base and Fort Polk. The various materials in this collection date between 1772 and 1988.

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<td>Souvenir Edition Daily American, Lake Charles 1905 Souvenir Booklet of Lake Charles, 1909 Another smaller souvenir booklet, no date Westlake High School graduates, photograph, 1967 Photos from Public Information Office at Fort Polk Lake Charles Daily Press, Special Edition, 1895 (outside box) Calcasieu Press, Lake Charles, LA, August 30, 1856 edition Mrs. Henry (Virginia) Huffman's scrapbook containing misc. mementos, also misc. items belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mims and Miss Norma Lee, including photographs</td>
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| 14  |        | Southwest Louisiana Heritage Festival held on June 12, 1988 in conjunction with the Arts Fest at Bord du Lac Park at the Lake Charles Civic Center. List of photographs taken at the Heritage Festival of various exhibits and demonstrations (NOTE: Division of the Arts have copies of negatives of pictures):
1. Espera Broussard - fiddle maker/accordion maker
2. Mary Chisolm - hand spun wool
3. Elma Wood Cooper - Fagotting (dress yokes) and pine needle baskets
4. Nancy Cooper - horsehair ropes
5. Luderin Darbone - Hackberry Ramblers
6. Paul "Dud" Faulk - duck calls
7. Hershal Frazier - gospel band; Lou Alice Royer's Brothers; Sacred Sounds String Band
8. Lucille and Suzanne Gregory - The art of weaving
9 & 10. Indians (Coushatta?) - milling, dancing, making baskets, crafts
11. Freda Johnson - corn shuck dolls
12. Cotton Marcantel - Leather working saddle making
13. Latin Miller (?) - accordion making
14. Sundown Playboys - Cajun Band; Lesa Cormier
15. Edith Roy - tatting
16. A.J. Theriot - wooden guitar
17-18. Several unidentified ladies - spinning and weaving
19. Unidentified miscellaneous photos - includes one photo of DeQuincy Railroad Museum
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1   |        | Calcasieu Parish Library grant application for SWLA Heritage Festival, Calcasieu Parish Library Project Director's Final Evaluation, Mailing List Proof Report dated January 12, 1988, Imperial Calcasieu Folklife Survey Report - prepared by Amy B. Brassier for Calcasieu Parish Library on February 15, 1988, Review of exhibits and demonstrations prepared by Daniel E. Sutherland, History Professor at McNeese State University dated May 9, 1988, correspondence between Ursula Jones, Calcasieu Parish Librarian, and Kathie Bordelon, McNeese State University Archivist

2   |        | List of Oral History tapes of interviews of participants at the Festival (tapes located in the Oral History File in the Archives Office)
List of exhibits and demonstrations on VHS film and numbers where located on film

3   |        | Miscellaneous items including:
Information on cattle brand recordings dated from 1809 to 1811
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|      |        | Homestead certificates for John P. Ocoin dated Nov. 25, 1889, Benjamin Elender dated June 14, 1897, and Asa O. Quin dated Sept. 10, 1890  
|      |        | Genealogy information on the Elender and Vincent families prepared by Flavia Vincent Reeds  
|      |        | Baptism Certificates for: Juan Layens - 1797, Julie Lyon - 1804, Marguerite Fostin - 1774, Margarita Trahan - 1792, Christine Rayens - 1812, Maria Rayens - 1804, Maria Elander - 1804 Marriage Certificates for: Miquel (Michel) Trahan and Marguerite Faustin - Jan. 18, 1791, Jacques Faustin and Francoise Trahan - July 18, 1772, Xavier Benoit and Marguerite Trahan - Sept. 8, 1807, Jean Baptiste Duohon and Peloqie Trahan - May 22, 1820, Charles Hebert and Peloqie DuMenis - Apr. 10, 1804  
|      |        | Copy of picture of Parish School Board including John McNeese and Albert Rigmaiden  
|      |        | Miscellaneous documents relating to the Vincent and Elender families  

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|      |        | 1. Southwest Louisiana Health Counseling Service, Inc. Organized 1975, Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws, grant applications  
|      |        | 2. Calcasieu Council of Federated Garden Clubs, organized 1950, minutes 1950-75  
|      |        | 3. Diggers and Weeders Garden Club, organized 1954, contains organization information, constitution, and bylaws  
|      |        | 4. Lake Charles Garden Club, organized 1933, minutes 1963-75, brief description of activities, 1933-63  
|      |        | 5. Leaf and Petal Garden Club, organized 1951, originally called The Garden Study Club and The Lake City Gardeners, minutes 1951-75  
|      |        | 7. Green Thumb Garden Club, later The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, organized 1950, minutes 1950-75  
|      |        | 8. JOY Club of DeQuincy, organized 1966, (JOY - Just Over Youth), History of the club 1966-72, scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, photographs 1966-75  
|      |        | 11. Business and Professional Women's Club of Lake Charles, charter members, organized 1931, minutes 1931-45 |
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Microfilm (8mm) Roll #2 containing:
"Springtime for Henry" 1938-39
"Great Big Doorstep" 1947-48
“Summer Suckers” 1950-53
"Born Yesterday" 1953-54
"King Henry The Fourth" 1953-54
"Out of the Frying Pan" 1953-54
"The Pursuit of Happiness" 1949-50
Four plays, "Elizabeth the Queen" 1940-41, "Over 21" 1949-50, "Fatal Weakness"
Memphis Little Theatre, 1950, "Two Blind Mice" 1950
"The Hasty Heart" 1954 and "The Little Foxes" 1950
"Mister Roberts" 1953
Miscellaneous letters, programs, pictures, articles, etc.; includes
ROSA by Charles Placide Martin
2. Microfilm of Lake Charles Garden Club 1939-51 (scrapbooks already in collection, see Box 1)
3. Incorporation of the Lake Charles Community Chest, organized 1940, minutes 1940-54, Calcasieu United Appeals, minutes and correspondence 1954-74
Microfilm (8mm) Roll #3 containing:
1. Maude Reid scrapbook on Lake Charles, information on Lake Charles in the 1860s, the 1870s, and the 1880s
2. Maude Reid scrapbook containing information on early Lake Charles including proceedings of the police jury 1846-56 (The original scrapbooks and additional microfilm copies are contained in the Maude Reid Collection, Acc.#011)
Tube Case 1-2 Blueprints and architectural drawings of various downtown Ryan Street stores
Tube 1 - Gordon's Jewelry Store, 1946 - Dunn & Quinn, Architects; Singer Store, 1959 - Robert L. Miller, Architect; Ames Store, 1940