



The Temple Foundation, 1955-1971, bulk 1955-1962 1993:016

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Historical/Biographical Sketch

The Temple Foundation was formed by members of the Temple family and Southern Pine Lumber Company officials in order to provide charitable assistance to members of the community and former workers that fell through the cracks of early pension plans. The Foundation took several forms through the years, originating in 1935 as a trust provided for by the will of T.L.L. Temple and later renewed by his children in 1951, until 1962, when Mrs. Georgie Temple Munz, T.L.L. Temple's last surviving child, created a new foundation in his honor, the T.L.L. Temple Foundation. Upon her death in 1982, she bequeathed \$55 million to the new foundation, ensuring its survival into the future.

Prior to 1962, when the T.L.L. Temple Foundation was organized, the earlier Temple Foundation was set up to aid those in need, mainly former employees that did not qualify for the company pension. In 1955, the Foundation began systematically compiling information on the recipients of its aid in order to qualify for tax exemption under Internal Revenue Service rules. Each recipient received a history form that detailed their experience with the company, their physical and financial conditions, and any special circumstances that might cause them to be in great need. The Foundation's board reviewed each form and then reevaluated how much money each person received, in light of IRS restrictions. In order to receive tax exemption, recipients of charitable assistance could not be a member of the Temple family and could not be capable of

supporting themselves on their own. Some recipients were removed from Foundation help once their financial situations were detailed, some received less each month, and some received more. By complying with IRS rules, the Foundation could gain tax exempt status, which would allow the Temple companies to contribute up to 5% of their income without paying the 52% tax on that contribution, thus allowing each company to contribute more to the Foundation and in turn allowing the Foundation to help more people.

The documents in this collection date mostly from the period of 1955-1962, when the Foundation was especially concerned with compiling information on the recipients of its aid and complying with IRS regulations. The history forms are especially interesting as a record of the people who received Foundation aid – their ages, races, status in the community, and medical conditions are just a few the facts noted. These forms also contain information on how much they received from the Foundation and who was approved for aid and who was denied aid. It appears that all records in this collection date from before the T.L.L. Temple Foundation was formed in 1962. Many files also contain correspondence between recipients and Rhoda Fay Chandler, the Foundation’s administrator, which shed light on the community’s attitudes towards the Foundation.

Physical Description and Arrangement Note:

Removed from 2 alphabetical file boxes, each individual client’s paperwork is filed in its own folder and arranged alphabetically. Metal fasteners were removed.

Provenance Note:

The History Center took possession of this collection in 1993, when Arthur Temple Jr. authorized its transfer to the T.L.L. Temple Memorial Archives, The History Center’s predecessor organization. Before this date, the collection belonged to the Temple Foundation and remained in storage at the old Southern Pine Lumber Company commissary building in Diboll.

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