



J. C. Brashears Family Collection

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Historical/Biographical Sketch:

John Clisby Brashears was born in Texas in 1859, the son of J.M. and Nancy Clementine Brashears and made his living as a farmer and schoolteacher. After a courtship in the late 1880's, which fortunately for historians, unfolded in letters in this collection, he married Mollie Clayton of Homer on January 27, 1889. Mollie died in childbirth soon after, and John married her cousin, Rosie McClendon (1872-1960) four years later.

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence (1888-1945), Poll Lists and Tally Lists for Burke, TX Precinct No. 3 Angelina County (1917-1926), State and County Tax Receipts (1884-1928, 1946), Poll Tax Receipts (1904-1928), School Tax Receipts (1920-1930), Newspapers and Clippings (1891-1975), Bank Receipts (1896-1910) and undated photographs, legal documents, envelopes, notepad, and manuscript.

Provenance Note:

The various parts of this collection were assembled by the original owners and passed down through the family. Charlie Foster, J.C. Brashears' grandson, kept these items together in a trunk at the family house until March 1999 when he contacted Jonathan Gerland, who transferred the collection to the T.L.L. Temple Memorial Library and Archives as a gift. An article entitled "Local Man Finds History In Trunk," appearing

in the *Diboll Free Press*, March 25, 1999 issue, page 7A, tells more of the donation and the collection of papers.

Arrangement Note:

Collection was arranged by type of material by Patsy Colbert in 1999.

Inventory:

Box 1

Folder 1 Correspondence Sent – arranged alphabetically by sender, then chronologically

Miss Mollie Clayton Aug. 7, 1888

Miss Mollie Clayton Sept. 10, 1888

Miss Mollie Clayton Oct. 28, 1888

Miss Mollie Clayton Nov. 11, 1888

Miss Casie McClendon Oct. 28, 1893

Folder 2 Correspondence Received – arranged alphabetically by sender, then chronologically

B.R. Brashears (cousin) Nov. 07, 1888

Claud Brashears (sister) Sept. 1892

Claud Brashears (sister) Dec. 20, 1914

Dasia Brashears (date unreadable - possibly 1892)

J.M. Brashears (brother) Oct. 10, 1929

N.C. Brashear (mother) Aug 26, 1888

R.F. Brashears (son) Jan. 24, 1929

R.R. Brashears (cousin) Feb 21, 1889

Rosa Brashears April 18, 1914

S.L. Brashears (brother) Oct. 18, 1897

Tom Brashears Aug 16, 1914

A.B. Carpenter (nephew) Jan 22, 1917

A.B. Carpenter (nephew) Sept. 16, 1919

M.C. Clayton Nov. 02, 1888

Cattie Fortenberry (aunt) March 31, 1901

F.L. Gray April 21, 1934

J.M. Keen Jan 15, 1914

Mollie (daughter) Oct. 20, 1929

Catherine Redding (sister) Nov. 15, 1906

Secretary of Agriculture, Owen W. Sherrill April 12, 1932

Folder 3 Correspondence Received by Mrs. Rosie Brashears– arranged alphabetically by sender

Claud Brashears May 8, 1917

Annie Clayton April 15, 1943

Mrs. W. A. Clayton Jan 13, 1943

Miss Lillie McClendon Feb 22, 1942

O. B. McClendon July 6, 1924

H. W. Rodgers July 4, 1900
Pink Rodgers April 11, 1900

- Folder 4 Other Correspondence – arranged chronologically
Mrs. Clem Brashears Nov 9, 1886
Miss Virgie Brashears from Butler Graham (cousin) Jan 3, 1911
Mr. Gillmore Brashears from Ester Brashears Dec 20, 1914
Aunt Lillie from Nettie McClendon Aug 29, 1928
Folks from Carmen May 17, 1935
Mrs. J.C. Brashears from Ruby Brashears Nov. 7, 1940
Mrs. J.C. Brashears from R.F. Brashears Nov. 5, 1940
Bud n.d.
Mrs. Lilly McClendon from Marie Walker Jan 19, 1945
- Folder 5 Poll List & Tally List for Burke, TX Precinct No. 3 Angelina
County
Special Election Aug.21, 1917
Special Election May 15, 1918
Primary Election July 22, 1922
Primary Election Aug. 26, 1922
Primary Election Aug. 26, 1926
- Folder 6 Manuscript
Box's Service in Congress, 6 pages, John Calvin Box (1871-1941)
served in the United States Congress from 1919 to 1930. This
manuscript dates from his campaign for his third term in 1922.
(Information gathered from collection and Congressional history
data.)
- Folder 7 Tax Receipts
State and County – arranged alphabetically, then chronologically
Mrs. Ruby Bennett 1925-1929
J.C. Brashears 1883, 1885, 1887-1889, 1892, 1894-1896,
1898-1900, 1902-1903, 1905-1910, 1913, 1915-1916, 1918-1919,
1922, 1924-1929, 1933
J.M. Brashears 1899-1903, 1908-1910, 1913, 1915-1920
R.F. Brashears 1922
Mrs. R.L. Brashears 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924-1929, 1946
Rosie Brashears 1960
O.B. McClendon 1926-1929
Wm. McClendon 1916
T.L. Spencer 1892
- Folder 8 Poll Tax
J.C. Brashears 1904 - 1917
Mrs. J.C. Brashears 1924
Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Brashears 1921
Mrs. R.L. Brashears 1923, 1925, 1927, 1928
- Folder 9 School Tax: Bowles School District No. 36
- Folder 10 School Tax: Burke Independent School District, 1920 - 1930

- Folder 11 School Tax: Fairview School District No. 37, 1920 - 1921
- Folder 12 School Tax: Salem School District No. 14, 1920 - 1921
- Folder 13 Newspapers & Clippings
 The Lufkin Daily News October 12, 1941 Pg.5
 The Lufkin Daily News July 30, 1975 Sec.1 pg 5
 Obituary of Nancy C. Brashears, Lufkin Mar 22nd 1891
 picture of Charlie Outlaw n.d.
- Folder 14 Receipts
 Lufkin National Bank to Southern Pine Lumber Co. \$5.00
 The Guaranty State Bank \$30.00 Oct. 01, 1910
 Note for \$46.50 for payment of 40 acres of land Dec 22, 1896
 \$3.00 receipt
 \$1.00 receipt Aug. 21, 1913
 received from timber 1904
- Folder 15 Legal Document
 Unsigned judgment in cause of Eula Hoskin et al vs. Mary Clark
 Tom Brashears appoints J.C. Brashears as attorney
- Folder 16 Ephemera
 Envelopes
 Blue Notepad (notepad contains some poetry)
 War Dept. notice for physical exam of Richard F. Brashear
 Poem - 11-cent cotton and forty-cent meat
- Box 2 Photographs
 6 tintypes
 50 other vintage photographs of various sizes
 Many of the photographs are not identified, but the names
 mentioned on those that are identified include:
 Francis Virginia Ellis
 Rosie McClendon Brashears
 Lillie McClendon
 Willie McClendon
 Oscar McClendon
 Richard Filmore Brashears
 Mollie Brashears Foster
 Virginia Brashears
 R.F. Brashears
 Lee Stewart
 Jewel Brown
 W.M. McClendon
 Carlton Stewart
 Estes Brashears
 Jay Brashears
 J.C. Brashears
 Clyde Brashears
 Jack Brashears

Prairie Grove Cemetery Working, ca. 1930

Lonzo C. Havard

Anna Squires Havard

W. M. "Bill" Watson

Crickett Brashears Douglas

Presely Douglas

Mollie Douglas

Katie Spencer

Pauline Burrows

Edna Hopson Watson

Terry Watson

Cliffie McClendon

Billie McClendon

Andrew Burns

Virginia Clementine Brashears Stewart

Lee Stewart

Carlton Stewart

Mary Lois Foster Eaves Hill

Ruby Tatum

Patricia Louing

Louronzie McClendon Jackson

Ollie Brashears

Rosa Brashears