

Duffau Baptist Church Records, 1979:

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Duffau Baptist Church Historical Committee

Title: Duffau Baptist Church Records, 1979

Inclusive Dates: 1979

Abstract: The collection documents the activities of the Historical Committee of the Duffau Baptist Church (Duffau, Texas) on the celebration of the church's 101st anniversary in 1979.

Identification: AR63

Extent: 1 folder

Shelf location: Small Collections Box 2, Folder 13

Language(s): Collection is in English.

Repository: Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

Organizational History

Duffau, Erath County, Texas is a small community 15 miles southeast of Stephenville, Texas. It was settled by farmers in the late 1850s and had a post office by 1860. Its current population is 76. The Duffau Baptist Church was established on October 6, 1878 by 17 charter members lead by Elders A.W. Elledge, O.W. Hughart, and D. Shipman. The first building was destroyed by a fire and was replaced with the current sanctuary in 1935. Church membership reached 125 by 1960 when the community declined due to school consolidation with Hico, Texas. The church celebrated its 101st anniversary on October 6, 1979. The Duffau Baptist Church is the only active church in the community today.

Sources:

“Duffau, Texas,” *Texas Escapes*, accessed May 28, 2021,
<http://www.texasescapes.com/CentralTexasTownsNorth/DuffauTexas.htm>.

Susan Shaw, “Duffau, TX,” *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed May 28, 2021,
<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/duffau-tx>.

Scope and Contents

The collection documents the activities of the Historical Committee of the Duffau Baptist Church (Duffau, Texas) on the celebration of the church's 101st anniversary in 1979. Topics include the history of the church as well as the dedication of a Texas Historical Commission History Marker. Materials are largely textual comprising a letter from Reverend and Mrs. J. Henry Cox; a handwritten list of church members; a bulletin (program) for Sunday, August 26, 1979; news clippings; a hand-drawn copy of the History Marker; “The Church Covenant;” and the 100th Anniversary Bulletin for October 8, 1979. The collection also includes a black-and-white photograph of Clarence Wilson, the pastor in 1979. Some of the materials were removed from the report cover in which they were housed. Items glued to the cover remain there.

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Provenance

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Related Collections

Duffau Baptist Church Minutes, Local History Room, BX 6480 .D8 D8 ERATH