

Clyde Henley Wells family papers, 1916-2009:

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Clyde H. Wells and family

Title: Clyde Henley Wells family papers

Inclusive Dates: 1916-2009

Abstract: The collection contains materials documenting the life of Clyde H. Wells, his wife Marie White Wells, and their daughter Lana Wells Collier.

Identification: AR 22

Extent: 6.45 cubic feet

Shelf location: 6:F:3, 5; 7:F:3-4

Language(s): Collection is predominantly in English; materials in French are indicated at the series level.

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

Biographical Note

Clyde Henley Wells was born on June 22, 1916 in Stephenville, Texas to Willie Monroe and Delula Belle (Henley) Wells. He grew up in Stephenville and graduated from Stephenville High School in 1935. In 1936 he graduated from John Tarleton Agricultural College (now Tarleton State University) in Stephenville. He also graduated from Texas A&M University in 1938. Wells taught agriculture at John Tarleton Agricultural College in the 1943, and taught at Texas Christian University in the 1960s.

Wells became the general manager of Black Ranch in Hood County, Texas in the 1950s. Governor Price Daniel appointed Wells as a member of the Texas A&M Board of Regents in 1961. He remained a member of the board through 1985. In 1967 Wells was named Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture. He was awarded distinguished alumnus at Tarleton State University in 1971. The Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center at Tarleton State University was dedicated in his honor in 1980. In 1983 he was honored by House Concurrent Resolution 63 by the 68th Legislature of the State of Texas.

Other positions Wells held include chairman of the Council of Governing Boards of Texas Colleges and Universities; director for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, and the Texas A&M Research Foundation; and president of the Sterling C. Evans Library Development Council of Texas A&M University. He served with Soil Conservation Service in Hood County, Texas. Civic and religious organization he belonged to include First United Methodist Church of Granbury, Stephenville Masonic Lodge No. 267, Scottish Rite, the Dallas Petroleum Club, and Ridglea County Club in Fort Worth, Texas.

Wells married Marie White in 1940, and they had one daughter Lana Wells Collier. Wells died on January 29, 1987 at the Stephenville General Hospital. He was interred in the in West End Cemetery in Stephenville, Texas.

Marie White Wells was born on December 26, 1913 in Weatherford, Texas to Charles A. and Roberta Graham White. She graduated from Weatherford College and John Tarleton Agricultural College (now Tarleton State University) where she earned a degree in education. After college she taught grades one

through six in a small schoolhouse between Tin Top and Thorp Springs, Texas. She met Clyde Wells during that time.

Marie belonged to the Woman's Wednesday Club for 50 years and was also a member of the Bridge Club. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Tarleton State University Foundation. Along with her family, she attended the Granbury First United Methodist Church in Granbury, Texas.

Marie died on January 9, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. She was interred in West End Cemetery in Stephenville, Texas.

Lana Wells was born in Stephenville, Texas on August 13, 1942 to Clyde and Marie Wells. She graduated from Granbury High School in Granbury, Texas and attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas and Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She earned degrees in education and counseling. Wells taught second grade in Bryan, Texas for three years and was a school counselor in Garland and Dallas, Texas.

Lana married Benjamin Raye Collier on November 11, 1999. She died on July 15, 2017 and was interred at West End Cemetery in Stephenville, Texas.

Sources:

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"Rites Set for Clyde H. Wells," *The Dallas Morning News (TX)*, January 30, 1987, page 26A.

"Lana Wells Collier," *Star-Telegram*, August 9, 2017, newspaper; (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=186195139>; accessed September 6, 2018), Legacy.com.

"Marie Wells," *Dallas Morning News*, January 14, 2009, newspaper; (<http://obits.dallasnews.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?n=marie-wells&pid=122830464> accessed September 6, 2018), Legacy.com.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains materials documenting the life of Clyde H. Wells, his wife Marie White Wells, and their daughter Lana Wells Collier. Types of materials include will and probate documents, military records, speeches, letters, get well cards, condolence cards, awards, materials pertaining to the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center, printed materials, programs, news articles, family photographs, a scrapbook, and an art print.

Organization

The Clyde H. Wells family papers are organized in 6 series:

- Series I. Clyde H. Wells papers
- Series II. Marie White Wells papers
- Series III. Lana Wells Collier papers
- Series IV. Photographs
- Series V. Scrapbook
- Series VI. Print

Series Descriptions

I. Clyde H. Wells papers

The series includes family papers as well as materials documenting the life of Clyde H. Wells. Types of materials include the will of Wells and probate documents, military records, speeches, letters, get well cards, awards, materials pertaining to the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center, printed materials, programs, and news articles.

II. Marie White Wells papers

Most of the series consists of condolence cards and materials concerning the funeral for Clyde H. Wells. Other materials include newsletters, programs, and news articles.

III. Lana Wells Collier papers

The series consists of correspondence, diplomas, and certificates. The correspondence includes letters from friends who attended Texas Christian University with Collier and condolence cards for her mother's death.

IV. Photographs

2016_03_001: A sepia photograph of Clyde and Marie Wells and their young daughter Lana. The view shows the parents from their waist up with Lana between them. Lana's arms are around her parents shoulders. Size: 3.5"x5" Undated.

2016_03_002: A black and white snapshot of Clyde Wells and his toddler daughter Lana. They are sitting in the grass in front of a stone building with a wooden swing on the front porch. A note in ink in the bottom margin says, "2nd Easter." Parts of black album page photo corners are still stuck to all four corners. Size: 3.25"x5" Undated.

2016_03_003: A black and white snapshot of Clyde and Marie Wells with their daughter Lana. The one-year-old Lana is standing on a stone fence with her parents holding her hands. Clyde is standing behind a wooden gate attached to the fence. Remnants of black photo corners are stuck to all four corners. Size: 3.25"x5" Undated.

2016_03_004: A black and white snapshot of Clyde and Marie Wells with their infant daughter Lana. Clyde is holding Lana who is wrapped in a blanket and wearing a

bonnet. The family is standing in the grass in front of a white, wooden house. The border of the photo is a black line design with "ELKO" printed in each corner. Size: 3.25"x5" Undated.

2016_03_005: A black and white snapshot of Lana Wells at five weeks old. She is being held in the lap of a man who could be Clyde Wells. Size: 2"x3" Undated.

2016_03_006: A black and white snapshot of Clyde Wells holding his five week old daughter Lana. Clyde is standing beside a light colored automobile with a large tree in the immediate background. The border of the photo is a black line design with "ELKO" printed in each corner. Size: 3.25"x5" Undated.

2016_03_007: A color snapshot of Clyde and Marie Wells standing in front of a Christmas tree. Size: 3.5"X5" Undated.

2016_03_008: A black and white copy of a photograph of (left to right) Clyde's mother Mrs. Belle Wells, Clyde Wells, and Marie White Wells. Mrs. Wells is wearing a dark hat, Clyde is in a light-colored suit, and Marie is wearing a large floral corsage. They are standing in front of a large bush. Size: 5"X7" Undated.

2016_03_009: A black and white snapshot of the Wells family. They are standing in front of a white house with the address numbers "4958." Left to right is Lana, Marie, Clyde, and Belle. Note in ink on back: "Aunt Belle, Clyde and wife Marie and Daughter Lana July '55." Size: 3.5"X3.5" July 1955.

2016_03_010: A black and white snapshot of the Wells family the day baby Lana came home from the hospital. Clyde is standing with his arm on the head stead of a bed while looking at his wife and child. Marie and baby Lana are lying in the bed. Size: 2"X3" Undated.

2016_03_011: A sepia snapshot of the Wells family the day baby Lana came home from the hospital. Clyde is bending over looking at Lana who is in a bed with Marie. The border of the photo is a black line design with "ELKO" printed in each corner. Size: 2.75"x4.5" Undated.

2016_03_012: A sepia, studio portrait of Marie and Clyde Wells. Size: 5"X7" Undated.

2016_03_013: A color Polaroid snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells in their home. They are standing looking at a large painting of a wagon train. 3.75"X4" Undated.

2016_03_014: A color Polaroid snapshot of Clyde Wells sitting in a chair. He is wearing a navy blue, wind-breaker type jacket. 3.75"X4" Undated.

2016_03_015: A color Polaroid snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells sitting in chairs. Marie has an opened gift on her lap. Clyde is wearing a navy blue, wind-breaker type jacket. 3.75”X4” Undated.

2016_03_016: A black and white copy of a studio portrait of Marie and Clyde Wells. It is a close-up of photograph 2016_03_012. Size: 5”X7” Undated.

2016_03_017: A color snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells sitting on a couch. Note in ink on back: “Marie, Clyde, Len. Christmas, 1982.” Size: 3.5”X4.5” 1982

2016_03_018: A black and white snapshot of Clyde and Lana Wells. They are standing outside where Clyde is holding two large catfish, and Lana is holding a small black purse. Size: 2.75”X4.5” Undated.

2016_03_019: A sepia snapshot of Clyde Wells standing in the front yard of a white house while holding baby Lana on his left shoulder. Note in pencil on the back: “Clyde and Lana.” The border of the photo is a black line design with “ELKO” printed in each corner. Size: 3.25”X5” Undated.

2016_03_020: A color snapshot of the Wells family with three unidentified individuals. The group is sitting at a round dining table in a restaurant. Sticky label on the back: “Dick Magness ‘Photography With The Personal Touch’ P. O. Box 26201, 293-5824, Fort Worth, TX 76116.” 4”X5” Undated.

2016_03_021: A color snapshot of the Wells family sitting at a dining table in a home. Christmas décor is on the table. Note in ink on back: Christmas ’86.” Size: 3.5”X5” 1986.

2016_03_022: A black and white snapshot of Marie Wells, Lana Wells Collier, Benjamin Raye Collier, and Clyde Wells. The group is sitting on a patio at night. Marie is wearing a fur jacket. Size: 3.5”X5” Undated.

2016_03_023: A black and white snapshot of Marie Wells, Benjamin Raye Collier, and Clyde Wells. The group is sitting on a patio at night. Marie is wearing a fur jacket. Size: 3.5”X5” Undated.

2016_03_024: A color snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells. Marie is wearing a fur jacket. Size: 4”X6” Undated.

2016_03_025: A color snapshot of the Wells family. They are posing in formal attire. 3.5”X 5” Undated.

2016_03_026: A color snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells. They are posing in formal attire. 3.5”X 5” Undated.

2016_03_027: A color snapshot of the Wells family. They are standing in front of a painting of a riverboat that is hanging on a white brick wall. They are wearing casual clothing. 3.5”X 5” Undated.

2016_03_028: A color snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells. They are standing in front of a painting of a riverboat that is hanging on a white brick wall. They are wearing casual clothing. 3.5”X 5” Undated.

2016_03_029: A color Polaroid snapshot of Marie and Clyde Wells sitting in chairs. Marie has an opened gift wrapped in red paper on her lap. Clyde is wearing a navy blue, wind-breaker type jacket. 3.75”X4” Undated.

2016_03_029: A color photograph of Marie and Clyde Wells. They are wearing name tags. Three notes are on the back. Ink note: “March 13, 1969.” Stamped note: “Picture No ____ Smiley’s Party Pictures 2004 Montgomery Ft. Worth, Texas 76107 PE8-3081.” Black marker note: “3-13-69 Stock Holder Meeting Fort Worth Continental Bank, Marie and Clyde H. Wells.” 5”X7” Undated.

V. Scrapbook

The series contains the 1916 baby book for Clyde H. Wells.

VI. Print

The series consists of one print of a black ink drawing of a canal scene of a row of buildings about three to five stories high. The drawing was signed by the artist and dated 1942. The French statement “Noël, 1944 En Souvenir du 23 Novembre” is printed at the bottom. There is water damage across the lower corner of the right side of the print.

Rights and Access

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Physical Access Restrictions

None.

Technical Access Restrictions

None.

Publication Rights

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Persons

Collier, Lana Wells, 1942-2017
Wells, Clyde Henley, 1916-1987
Wells, Marie White, 1913-2008

Organizations

First United Methodist Church (Granbury, Tex.)
First United Methodist Church (Stephenville, Tex.)
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M University System
Texas A&M University (System). Board of Trustees
Texas Christian University

Subjects

Baby book
Condolence notes
Eulogies
Wells family—correspondence

Places

Granbury (Tex.)
Stephenville (Tex.)

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated to the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University by Forrest Collier in 2016.

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Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2018.

Note to the Researcher

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required with time allowed to retrieve it before conducting research. There may be occasions when staffing or weather conditions may prevent retrieval of the records. Some materials originally housed in binders have been placed in folders and boxes. For more information, contact Librarian/Archivist Phyllis Kinnison at pkinnison@tarleton.edu.

Container List

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series Title and Folder Contents (with dates)</u>
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	CHW02	Framed color crayon, cartoon drawing of Lana. 14”x18”, 1962
	CHW03	Framed color photograph of the dedication plaque for the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center. Mat is of green burlap-type material. 13.5”x17”, undated
7:F3	CHW04	Framed certificate: Honorary Membership of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America. 16.25”x18”, 1973
	CHW05	Framed certificate: Leadership Award, The West Texas Chamber of Commerce. 17.5”x20”, 1974
	CHW06	Book: <i>Tarleton State University: The Traditions Remain</i>
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