

Friends of the Dick Smith Library Dinner in the Stacks display materials for Thurber, Texas program, October 21, 1995

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Friends of the Dick Smith Library

Title: Friends of the Dick Smith Library Dinner in the Stacks display materials for Thurber, Texas program, October 21, 1995

Inclusive Dates: 1995

Abstract: On October 21, 1995, the Friends of the Dick Smith Library hosted a Dinner in the Stacks event pertaining to the history of Thurber, Texas. The collection consists of some of the display materials presented in a 3-ring binder at the event.

Identification: AR9

Extent: 0.38 cubic feet

Shelf location: 6:C:4

Language: English

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

Biographical/Historical Note

Established in 1990, The Friends of the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University is a volunteer organization dedicated to the support of the Library. Membership dues and the generosity of donors enable Friends to provide this support.

Friends fund the acquisition of educational amenities which lie outside of the library budget; help sponsor discussions, lectures, book talks, and other scholarly activities; and aid in the creation of endowments, bequests, and other gifts to the Library. The Dinner in the Stacks is one of the events held to raise funds.¹

The program for the October 21, 1995 Dinner in the Stacks featured the history of Thurber, Texas. Dr. Leo Bielinski (author of *The Back Road to Thurber* (1993)) gave the presentation titled "Development and Early History of Thurber, Texas." The Dick Smith Library provided the display of books, pictures, and memorabilia.

Sources:

1. "Friends of the Dick Smith Library," *Tarleton State University*, accessed 11/01/2017, <https://www.tarleton.edu/friends/>.

Scope and Content

When received, the collection consisted of one 3-ring binder containing an invitation letter, a press release dated October 13, 1995, photocopies of photographs in the Dick Smith Library collection (possibly from the Cross Timbers Historic Images collection), a few items of memorabilia, and color photographs taken in 1995. The photographs and photocopies of photographs were accompanied by short descriptions and were organized by topics.

The archives staff removed the materials from the binder, housed them in acid-free folders, and placed the folders in an acid-free box. Original order was maintained with the exception of the publicity items being moved to the front of the collection. The archival staff established four series for the collection: Series I. Dinner in the Stacks publicity; Series II. Thurber, Texas images; Series III. Memorabilia; and Series IV. Loose photographs and negatives. The subseries titles of Series II followed the topic divisions found in the binder.

Organization

The Friends of the Dick Smith Library Dinner in the Stacks display materials for Thurber, Texas program, October 21, 1995 are organized in four series:

- Series I. Dinner in the Stacks publicity
- Series II. Thurber, Texas images
- Series III. Memorabilia
- Series IV. Loose photographs and negatives

Restrictions

None.

Access

Open for research.

Reproduction Note

Reproductions must be made from surrogates (microfilm, digital scan, photocopy of the original held by Archives and Special Collections, Dick Smith Library, Tarleton State University), when available. Only archives staff may photocopy collection documents.

Index Terms

Persons

Bielinski, Leo

Organizations

Friends of the Dick Smith Library
Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company
Texas Rangers
Thurber Brick Company
United Mine Workers of America

Subjects

Barbershops—Erath County, Texas--Thurber
Bars—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Baseball players—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Coal miners—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Coal mining—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Dairying—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Fire stations—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Fourth of July celebrations—1900-1910
Fourth of July celebrations—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
General stores—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Hotels—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Houses—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Labor Day parades—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Panoramic photographs—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Panoramic views—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Plazas—Erath County, Texas—Thurber
Stores & shops—Erath County, Texas—Thurber

Places

Erath County (Tex.)
Texas—Erath County
Thurber (Tex.)

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated to the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University by Friends of the Dick Smith Library in circa 1995.

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Friends of the Dick Smith Library Dinner in the Stacks display materials for Thurber, Texas program, October 21, 1995, AR9, Box 1, Folder [number of the folder], Series [number of the series], Archives and Special Collections, Dick Smith Library, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX.

Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2017.

Note to Researcher

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required before conducting research. 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</u>
6:C:4	1	1	Dinner in the Stacks publicity
		2	Display signage
		3	Sanborn map (photocopy), 1905: Thurber, Texas
		4	Thurber, Texas images: panoramas
		5	Thurber, Texas images: general views
		6	Thurber, Texas images: town square
		7	Thurber, Texas images: St. Barbara's Catholic Church
		8	Thurber, Texas images: saloon
		9	Thurber, Texas images: hotels
		10	Thurber, Texas images: Texas Rangers
		11	Thurber, Texas images: stores and other buildings
		12	Thurber, Texas images: labor-management conference
		13	Thurber, Texas images: baseball team
		14	Thurber, Texas images: groups of people
		15	Thurber, Texas images: "Big Lake"
		16	Thurber, Texas images: Rail Car Repair Shop
		17	Thurber, Texas images: Cemetery Hill
		18	Thurber, Texas images: coal mining
		19	Thurber, Texas images: Labor Day parade
		20	Thurber, Texas images: street scene, June 17, 1917
		21	Thurber, Texas images: Fourth of July, circa 1903
		22	Thurber, Texas images: UMWA Band (United Mine Workers of America)
		23	Thurber, Texas images: bicycles
		24	Thurber, Texas images: newspaper office
		25	Thurber, Texas images: barber shop
		26	Thurber, Texas images: Stump Hill
		27	Thurber, Texas images: water filtration plant
		28	Thurber, Texas images: residences
		29	Thurber, Texas images: brick plant
		30	Thurber, Texas images: dairy
		31	Thurber, Texas images: fire station
		32	Thurber, Texas images: social life and events
		33	Memorabilia
		34	Loose photographs and negatives