

**FINDING AID FOR THE
CLEAR LAKE HERITAGE SOCIETY HISTORY BOOK PROJECT RECORDS, 1900-
1992 (#2011-0003)**

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Descriptive Summary

Repository UHCL Archives, Clear Lake Area Collections

Collection #2011-0003

Title: Clear Lake Heritage Society History Book Project Records

Creator Bill Odell

Dates: 1915-1993

Extent: 1.0 linear feet

Language: English

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access: None

Restrictions on Use

Most of the materials in the collection are reproductions acquired from other local Texas repositories for the purpose of the book project and local history programming for the Clear Lake Heritage Society. As such, the UHCL Archives does not hold rights to any materials that were not printed or created directly by the Clear Lake Heritage Society, such as photographs of historic sites shot by their members in the 1980s and 1990s. Copyright remains with the creator or publisher under Title 17 of the U.S. Copyright Law. Researchers are responsible for obtaining permission from the copyright holder(s) to use materials beyond the “fair use” clause of the U.S. Copyright Law.

Acquisition Information

Bill Odell, founder of the Clear Lake Heritage Society Records, originally donated this collection to the Freeman Branch Library in Houston, Texas. Karen Akkerman, Branch Librarian, transferred the collection to the UHCL Archives in July 2006.

Processing Information

The collection was originally donated to the Freeman Branch Library in Houston, Texas, sometime in the late 1990s or early 2000s. In 2006, it was donated to the UHCL Archives by Freeman Library. The donation arrived without any discernable order, other than photographs and proposed image copy information were grouped together. Photographs, slides, and written documentation were organized alphabetically according to subject. Subjects include buildings in the Clear Lake area, as well as other historical notables such as the Houston-Galveston Interurban and the Galveston wharves.

The great majority of the materials are not original archival materials, but reproductions acquired from other local Texas repositories for the purpose of the book project and local history programming for the Clear Lake Heritage Society. For Windsor Publications, the Clear Lake Area Heritage Society was required to fill out photo control log forms with descriptions of the images, dates of the images, source for the photographs, and other information. All the photo control log forms are stored together with their corresponding images and photographic formats in the collection's folders.

Processed by: UHCL Archives Staff

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in alphabetical according to subject of the materials in folders.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Bill Odell organized the Clear Lake Heritage Society in the early 1980s in the Clear Lake area of coastal Houston, Texas. The organization visited and photographed areas of historical interest in the Clear Lake area between the 1980s and early 1990s. They also collected reproductions of photographs and images of Clear Lake area historical subjects from other cultural heritage repositories that were in the same geographic area. By 1993, the organization had been renamed as the Clear Lake Area Heritage Society, with their headquarters in Seabrook, Texas.

Sometime between 1991 and 1992, the Society contracted with Windsor Publications, Inc., of Chatsworth, California, for the publication of a coffee table-style history book on communities in the Clear Lake area of Texas. The Society got subscription promissory agreements signed by numerous local Clear Lake area businesses, as proof to Windsor that there would be a market

immediately for the sales of a certain number of books being produced. The Society also had to submit their packet of reproduction and original historical photographs, manuscript pages, and other information, in a client packet to Windsor. Windsor Publications went out of business in 1993, and returned the entire client packet of materials back to then-Clear Lake Area Heritage Society president Sheldon Kindall. With the publisher out of business, the Society did not attempt to public their local history book again. The Clear Lake Area Heritage Society went out of operation sometime between the late 1990s and 2000s.

Scope and Content

The collection is composed of reproduction and original photographs, documents, pamphlets, booklets, and other materials, compiled or created by the Clear Lake Heritage Society (later Clear Lake Area Heritage Society) for the purpose of the publication of a coffee table-style history book on communities in the Clear Lake area of Texas. The book was supposed to be published between 1992 and 1993, but the California publisher Windsor Publications, Inc., went out of business in 1993. The materials in this collection are the items sent in the packet of reproduction and original historical photographs, manuscript pages, and other information, by the Society to the publisher for the book project.

The collection features images and historical information on various Clear Lake area communities, individuals, and organizations, including Kemah, League City, Clear Lake City, Clear Creek, and Japanese pioneer Mitsutaro Kobayashi, among other topics.

Index Terms

Personal Names:

Ellington, Eric
League, John Charles
Lafitte, Jean
Martyn, James
Perkins, Mabel Waters
Saibara, Seito
West, James

Corporate Names:

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Baytank
Calgon Corporation
Computer Sciences Corporation
Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Company
Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group
IBM-Clear Lake
ICI Americas Inc.
NASA,

Odfjell Tankers
 Oxychem
 Ramada-Kings Inn
 San Jacinto College
 St. John Hospital
 Texas City Terminal Railway Company
 Windsor Publications

Subjects:

Clear Lake Heritage Society

Places:

Camp Tejas
 Clear Creek
 Ellington Field
 Galveston
 Galveston Bay
 Kemah
 League City
 Nassau Bay
 Seabrook
 Webster

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Windsor Publications-Clear Lake History Book Project Materials	1991-1993
	2	Clear Lake Heritage Society Information by Sheldon Kimball, Bill Odell	1992
	3	Armand Bayou Nature Center	Undated
	4	Bayport	1992-1993
	5	Camp Tejas	Undated
	6	Clear Creek	circa 1920
	7	Clear Lake	Circa 1900
	8	Computer Sciences Corporation	1992

	9	Ellington Field	1918-1976
	10	Galveston	1976-1980
	11	Galveston Bay	1980
	12	Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.	1929-1930
	13	IBM—Clear Lake	1992
	14	Kemah	1901-1976
	15	[Ramada] Kings Inn, Dorothy Fuller	1992
	16	Kobayashi, Mitsutaro	1906
	17	League City	1901-1992
2	1	[Jimmy] Martyn Ranch	1985
	2	NASA-JSC	1958-1992
	3	Nassau Bay/Fletcher House	1980-1982
	4	Patton Hospital	Undated
	5	Perkins/Linder House	1976
	6	Saibara, Seito	1920-1976
	7	St. John's Hospital	1992
	8	San Jacinto College	1993
	9	Sayre Drug	Undated
	10	Seabrook	1910-1985
	11	Shell Midden, Seabrook	1976
	12	Stamper Feed	Undated
	13	Texas City Terminal Railway booklet	September 1921
	14	Webster	1920-1981

15	[James Marion] West Mansion	1920-1984
16	Map: Clear Lake Area Early Land Patents	Undated
17	Map: The Good Ol' Days Around Clear Lake by Bill Odell	Undated
18	Photos/Slides [Uncategorized]	1982