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Dr. Herbert and Virginia Gambrell Papers A Guide

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Descriptive Summary

Collection Title	Dr. Herbert and Virginia Gambrell Papers
Creator	Gambrell, Herbert Pickens, 1898-1982 Gambrell, Virginia Leddy, 1910-1978
Inclusive Dates	1841, 1861, 1869, 1872, 1874, 1882, 1904-1905, 1908, 1925-1955, 1957, 1959-1962, 1964-1967, 1969-1970, 1972-1975, 1981-1982, undated
Bulk Dates	1935-1955
Abstract	Herbert Gambrell served as the curator of the Dallas Historical Society from 1933-1976. His wife, Virginia, served as the director of the Hall of State at Fair Park from 1948-1976. The collection consists of records of the Gambrells' research in Texas History, higher education, and other subjects. Formats include correspondence, drafts of book chapters, research notes, newspaper clippings, brochures, and photographs.
Accession Number	A85.44
Extent	10 boxes (4.0 linear ft.)

Biographical Note

Herbert Gambrell received a B.A. from Southern Methodist University in 1921 and began teaching history there in 1923. He received a doctorate from the University of Texas in 1946 and became the chairman of the History Department at SMU the following year. Gambrell also served as curator and Historical Director for the Dallas Historical Society during this time. He retired from SMU in 1964, but he held his position at the DHS until 1976.

The Dallas Historical Society hired Virginia Leddy as its archivist in 1934. Leddy married Herbert Gambrell in 1940 and served as the director of the Hall of State at Fair Park from 1948 until 1976. During that time she also held positions in the American Association of State and Local History and in the Society of American Archivist. Together, the Gambrells wrote *A Pictorial*

History of Texas (1960).

Scope and Contents Note

The Dr. Herbert and Virginia Gambrell Papers consist of records of the Gambrells' research in Texas History, higher education, and other subjects. Formats include correspondence, drafts of book chapters, research notes, newspaper clippings, brochures, and photographs.

The collection is arranged into six series. The first, "History Research Material," contains files on various figures from Texas history. The files contain drafts of essays, correspondence, research notes, and newspaper clippings. Series II, titled "Typescript," consists of drafts of chapters from an unpublished book by Dr. Gambrell on the History of Texas from the first Anglo settlers. Series III, titled "Higher Education," contains records of Dr. Gambrell's investigation of diploma mills. The records include correspondence, brochures, and newspaper clippings. Series IV, titled "Who's Who," contains correspondence, brochures, and newspaper clippings related to the publication of various directories in the style of Who's Who in America. The series includes material related to a Texian Who's Who, which was published by Dr. Gambrell and others who were later sued for copyright infringement. Series V, titled "Personal Records," contains personal items not related to the Gambrells' research. Certificates, diplomas, and records of the Dallas "Thirteen Club" are included. The sixth series contains photographs of monuments and historic homes.

Restrictions

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Administrative Information

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in six series:
Series I: History Research Material, 1841, 1861, 1869, 1872,

1874, 1882, 1905, 1908, 1923, 1928-1970, 1981, undated
 Series II: Typescript, 1952-1967, undated
 Series III: Higher Education, 1904, 1923-1975, undated
 Series IV: Who's Who, 1936-1954, undated
 Series V: Personal Records, 1925-1929, 1935-1951, 1962,
 1966, 1982, undated
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These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of The University of Texas at Arlington Library. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Index Terms

Persons	Gambrell, Herbert P., 1898-1982
Organizations	Dallas Historical Society
Subjects	Texas History Diploma Mills <i>Who's Who in America</i>
Alternate Titles	Historical Manuscripts Collection

Container List

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*Essays and notes on various figures of Texas History, a paper by J.A. Garraty titled "The Academic Historian as Biographer"

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		*A paper by Dr. Gambrell	
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		*Correspondence with descendants of Lamar and other material related to Dr. Gambrell's biography of Lamar	
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		*Transcribed pages from Lamar's journal	
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5	A.85.44.126	Yates, Andrew J.	1935, undated
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		*This file was found outside of the Gambrells' alphabetized set of research files.	
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		*This file was found outside of the Gambrells' alphabetized set of research files.	
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		*This file was found outside of the Gambrells' alphabetized set of research files.	
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		*This file was found outside of the Gambrells' alphabetized set of research files.	
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		*Correspondence and newspaper clippings	
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