

**Descriptive Summary:**

<b>Creator:</b>	Matthew Ellenberger
<b>Title:</b>	Matthew Ellenberger Papers
<b>Inclusive</b>	1798-1983
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	1836-1975
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Matthew Ellenberger Papers contain Ellenberger's research notes and correspondence as well as literary publications concerning Albert C. Horton, Thomas Walker, and Jack Jouett.
<b>Accession #:</b>	2703
<b>Extent:</b>	0.90 linear feet (2 document boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	Collection materials are in English
<b>Repository:</b>	The Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

**Biographical Note:**

Matthew Ellenberger was born in San Antonio, Texas, and was educated at the Universities of Tennessee and Oregon. As of 1985 he was living in Annapolis, Maryland. Ellenberger wrote articles on obscure figures in American history, especially those connected with early movements for independence and settlement. The materials in this collection concern Albert Clinton Horton, Thomas Walker, and Jack Jouett.

Albert Clinton Horton (1798-1865) served as a representative in the Alabama State Legislature before moving to Texas in 1835. In the Texas Revolution, he became a colonel, and was responsible for gathering many volunteers. In 1836 he attempted to rescue Colonel James Fannin at Goliad, but was repelled by the Mexicans and forced to retreat. This action made Horton a controversial figure in his time, but even so, he continued to advance in his career, eventually becoming one of the wealthiest men in Texas. He was elected the first lieutenant governor of Texas, and was a charter member of Baylor University's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Thomas Walker (1714-1794) was a wealthy Virginian and a prominent physician in the years before the American Revolution. He was a member of the House of Burgesses in multiple counties, and performed various other civil duties. He was also appointed the guardian of the young Thomas Jefferson. His most notable accomplishment, though, was his role in exploring Kentucky and aiding in opening its frontiers for settlement.

Jack Jouett (1754-1822), from Virginia, was a Captain in the American Revolution. In 1781 he discovered a plot by the British general Lord Cornwallis to send Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton to capture several key leaders in the Revolution, including Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Harrison, and Richard Henry Lee, who were then in an assembly in Charlottesville, Virginia. Jouett rode forty miles through the woods, in the dark, to warn his defenseless compatriots—an act that likely saved the Revolution. In his later years, he went to Kentucky and helped it gain its independence and to prepare the way for settlers.

**Sources:**

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**Scope and Content:**

The Matthew Ellenberger Papers were acquired by gift from Matthew Ellenberger on 1985 November 12.

The Matthew Ellenberger Papers consist of items compiled by Ellenberger for his own research. They contain a number of articles about Albert Clinton Horton, correspondence between Ellenberger and the sources of his information, and his research notes. There are a few extensive literary publications concerning Thomas Walker as well as some shorter articles, and also a couple of articles about Jack Jouett.

**Organization and Arrangement:**

Currently the Matthew Ellenberger Papers are arranged in three series: I. Albert C. Horton, II. Thomas Walker, III. Jack Jouett.

**Restrictions:** The Collection is open for research.

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**Index Terms:**

America--Discovery and exploration

Horton, Albert Clinton, 1798-1865

Jouett, Jack, 1754-1822.

Kentucky--History.

Texas -- History --Biography.

Texas--History--Revolution, 1835-1836.

Virginia -- History.

Virginia--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

Walker, Thomas, 1715-1794.

**Related Materials:** None

**Separated Materials:** None.

**Custodial History:**

<b>Acquisition:</b>	Collection was acquired in one gift from Matthew Ellenberger on 1985 November 12.
<b>Citation:</b>	Matthew Ellenberger Papers, Accession #2703, Box #, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University

**Processing Information:** Finding aid completed by Chelsea Ferwerda, 2012 June 5.

**Container List:**

**Series I. Albert C. Horton, 1798-1983, 0.45 linear feet (1 document box).**

This series consists of Matthew Ellenberger's notes taken during his research of Albert Clinton Horton, correspondence between Ellenberger and the sources of his information, and literary productions such as articles and encyclopedic entries about Horton. These materials are in good condition.

<b>BOX NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER TITLE</b>	<b>DATES</b>
1	1	Research Notes: (1 of 2)	1830-1982
	2	Research Notes: (2 of 2)	1830-1982
	3	Research Notes	1798-1966
	4	Correspondence: (1 of 2)	1836-1983
	5	Correspondence: (2 of 2)	1836-1983
	6	Literary Publications: (1 of 3)	1836-1975
	7	Literary Publications: (2 of 3)	1836-1975
	8	Literary Publications: (3 of 3)	1836-1975

**Series II. Thomas Walker, 1931-1979, 0.45 linear feet (1 document box).**

This series consists of literary publications, including a thesis, research paper, Antiquarian Society report, encyclopedic entries, journal, and articles of Thomas Walker. These materials are in good condition.

<b>BOX NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER TITLE</b>	<b>DATES</b>
1	1	Literary Publications	1931
	2	Literary Publications (1 of 2)	1940
	3	Literary Publications (2 of 2)	1940
	4	Literary Publications	1979

	5	Literary Publications	1975; undated
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**Series III. Jack Jouett, 1928, 1981, 1 folder.**

This series consists of a couple of articles about Jack Jouett used for Ellenberger's research. This series is in good condition.

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2	6	Literary Publications: Articles	1928; 1981