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Barnard-Lane Papers. Inclusive: 1800-1983, undated, Bulk: 1849-1865, 1893-1911

Summary Information

Creator	Barnard, George, 1818 - 1883 Barnard, Mary Rebecca Ross, d. 1904 Fall, Mary Lane, d. 1984 Lane, Kate Barnard Barnard, Laura Barnard, Lillian
Extent (quantity/size)	This collection contains thirty-five document boxes and three oversized boxes.
Language	English
Abstract	The Barnard-Lane Papers consist of materials belonging to former Waco settler George Barnard and his family. The collection contains personal materials as well as those related to his trading post.

Subjects

Barnard, George. / Frontier and pioneer life -- Texas. / Historic buildings -- Texas -- Waco. / McLennan County (Tex.) -- History. / Trading posts -- Texas -- History. / Waco (Tex.) -- History.

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Processing Information	Described by Thomas DeShong and released on 2013-06-17.

Scope and Content

The Barnard-Lane Papers were given to The Texas Collection through a number of accessions and donors. The initial gift was given through the estate of George Barnard's daughter, Catharine Barnard Lane, in 1969 October. The collection was first named the George Barnard Collection since he was the primary creator of the materials.

Over the next few years, the collection continued to grow. In 1975, Catharine's daughter Mary Lane Fall donated additional materials. Her son John Fall also added to the collection. At some unknown time, the George Barnard Collection was renamed the Barnard-Lane Papers. This latter title has been maintained during this latest round of processing.

The Barnard-Lane Papers consists of materials ranging over two centuries. Many of Waco's oldest families, including the Barnards, Rosses, Lanes, and Padgitts, are referenced in the collection. There is a large assortment of business materials from Barnard's trading post including business correspondence, ledgers, deeds, surveys, and other legal documents. The collection also contains personal materials pertaining to Barnard's family and descendants. These include personal correspondence, postcards, and photographs.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Barnard-Lane Papers consists of materials created by some of the oldest families that settled the Waco area: the Barnard, Lane, Ross, Padgitt, and McLarty families. One of the first pioneers to arrive in Waco, and the primary creator of this collection, was George Barnard.

George Barnard was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on 1818 September 18. At the age of twenty, Barnard migrated to the newly formed Republic of Texas to pursue better economic opportunities. In Houston, George found employment as a clerk for John F. Torrey and Brothers. The Torrey family was influential in establishing frontier trading posts along Texas' primary waterways. In 1843, at the encouragement of Sam Houston, the Torrey brothers trekked north along the Brazos River to search for favorable sites of expansion. Houston believed that the trading posts could be utilized in promoting peaceful co-existence with Texas' Native American population.

Meanwhile, George Barnard had continued to prosper as an employee of the Torrey brothers. By 1849, Barnard had relocated, along with his brother Charles, to a trading post eight miles south of Waco: Torrey Trading Post No. 2. George purchased it from the Torreys for nearly \$10,000. After many years of successful trade, particularly in furs, the Barnards sold their business to Fox and Jacobs in 1857.

Amidst his financial success, Barnard married Mary Rebecca Ross on 1850 December 27. Mary was the eldest child of Shapley and Catherine Ross and the older sister of future Texas Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross. Like the Barnard brothers, the Ross family had emigrated to Texas as part of the larger influx of American settlers. Together, George and Mary had twelve children, many of whom are represented in the collection. George Barnard passed away in Waco on 1883 March 6. Mary, his widow, lived another twenty years before passing away in Del Rio, Texas, on 1904 January 18.

In addition to the Barnard and Ross families, this collection also concerns the Lane family. One of the Barnards' daughters, Catharine, married Matthew Lane. Their daughter, Mary Lane Fall, was one of the primary donors of the collection. Mary was involved in a number of civic groups in Waco including the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She passed away on 1984 November 22.

Related Resources

Summary of related Archive materials

Accession #14: Ross Family Papers

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Archival Arrangement

The Barnard-Lane Papers had some organization prior to this latest round of processing. Materials were arranged at the folder level, but there were no clear series. Inventories of distinct accessions did exist, but there was no comprehensive inventory of the collection.

After a new inventory was compiled and a preliminary processing plan was proposed, the Barnard-Lane Papers were organized into seven series: I. Correspondence, II. Financial Documents, III. Legal Documents, IV. Literary Productions, V. Photographic Materials, VI. Maps, and VII. Artifacts.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1836-1983, undated**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) This series consists of eight document boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains postcards, letters, and invitations exchanged between various members of the Barnard, Ross, and Lane families. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

The materials within this series are arranged alphabetically by type.

Series 2: Financial Documents. 1840-1927, undated**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) This series contains seven document boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains financial documents (bills, receipts, ledgers, currency) primarily pertaining to George Barnard and his trading post. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

This series is organized according to type of material.

Series 3: Legal Documents. 1843-1940, undated**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) This series contains four document boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains a variety of legal documents pertaining to the Barnard family including deeds of property, estate papers, and surveys. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

Materials within this series are organized according to type.

Series 4: Literary Productions. 1800-1967, undated**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) This series consists of five document boxes and three oversized boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains literary productions produced and collected by George Barnard and his family. The materials range in variety from scrapbooks of newspaper clippings to books and diaries. The materials are in average to good condition.

Archival Arrangement

The materials within this series are organized by type.

Series 5: Photographic Materials. 1894-1932, undated**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) This series contains thirteen document boxes and one oversized box.

Administrative/Biographical History

The photographic materials series contains a variety of media types including albums, photographs, portraits, tin types, ambrotypes, and daguerrotypes. The subject matter is just as varied including the Barnard, Ross, and Lane families. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

This series is organized according to the type of material.

Series 6: Maps. 1893, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series contains a number of maps used primarily for surveying plots of land. These materials are in average to good condition.

Series 7: Artifacts. Inclusive: 1894-1899, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This small series contains three artifacts belonging to the Barnard and Lane families including a box of arrowheads, a handkerchief, and a folder of ribbons. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

The materials within this series are organized by type.