
Guide to the

ELEANOR CORRY BELL COLLECTION 1900-2006

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Biographical Sketch

Eleanor Corry, born in 1934, was the daughter of Augusta Hirsch and Houston (H.P.) Corry.

Augusta Hirsch was the daughter of Eleanor (Neun) Hirsch and George Hirsch. Augusta was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1906. She died in Irving, Texas, in 1985. Her father George Hirsch was born in 1878 and died in St. Louis in 1910. Her mother Eleanor Hirsch remarried in 1910, and moved with her daughter and new husband, Tom Logsdon, to Madison, Kansas. Eleanor Hirsch Logsdon died in 1929.

Houston Pleasant (H.P.) Corry was born to Mattie (Brummett) Corry and Ben Corry in Neveda, Texas, in 1905. He died in Irving, Texas, in 1968. His mother Mattie Brummett was born in 1886 and died in Dallas, Texas, in 1979. Ben Thomas Corry was born in 1881 and died in McKinney, Texas, in 1950.

Augusta and H.P. Corry moved from Dallas to Irving in 1940. At that time, Irving was a town of less than 2,000 residents. The Corry's brought a house on Ballywood Road just south

of the town's limits. H.P. Corry wanted to live in a rural environment, similar to the one in which he had grown up, where he could raise chickens and vegetables.

H.P. Corry was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps during the late 1920s-1930s, serving in Nicaragua and China. He left the military and went to work as a security guard at the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas before being recalled to military service during WWII. The family moved to Virginia, where Corry was stationed, and remained there until he was discharged in October 1944.

Upon his release from the military, the Corrys returned to Irving. H.P. Corry resumed his job at the Federal Reserve. In 1946, Augusta began work at Irving State Bank (later Irving Bank & Trust) as assistant to bank vice-president John Brandenburg. She remained at the bank until she retired as assistant vice-president in 1974. During the Korean War, H.P. was recalled to military duty and served as a firing range instructor.

Eleanor Corry graduated from Irving High School in 1951. She worked as a teller at Irving State Bank until 1956. She then went to work at Tool Supply and Engineering where she met, Joe Bailey Bell. They married in 1957.

Joe Bell, born in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1927, was the son of Lee Jenkins Bell and Joe Bailey Bell, Sr. He was raised in Oklahoma City, where he graduated from high school in 1945. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Philippines. Upon his release from the service, he moved to Dallas and went to work for Tool Supply and Engineering. In 1953, he moved to Irving, Texas.

After their marriage, Eleanor quite work and stayed home to raise the couple's two sons. She was a charter and life member of the Irving Women's Bowling League, serving in all official capacities within the organization. She was also a permanent member of the WIBC.

This collection reflects the lives and interests of the Eleanor Corry Bell and her family, and life in Irving during the middle of the 20th century.

Scope and Content Note

The Eleanor Corry Bell Collection is arranged in seven series and housed in two manuscript boxes, one ½-sized manuscript box, four flat boxes, four large flat boxes, and space in the wardrobe box. Items from the collection are also housed in the Archives artifact box, the Irving Archives Map Collection, and in the Archives bookcase.

From the 1940s-1970s, Irving transformed from a small town to a rapidly growing suburb. The Collection provides a look into family life in Irving from the 1940s-1970s. It provides a glimpse into student life during the 1940s, women in the local workplace during the 1940s-1970s, and recreational activities of suburban housewives as seen through the IWBA series in the collection.

Series I, Corry/Bell Family Documents, consists of scrapbook pages relating to the H. P. Corry family, 1930s-1940s, and Eleanor Corry's high school activities at Irving High School in the late 1940s to the early-1950s. The series also contains artifacts relating to Irving State Bank (later Irving Bank and Trust Company) and an Augusta Corry payroll stub

and business card from the bank.

Series II, Photographs, consists of photos of the Corry family, 1900-1950s, the Irving Centennial celebration events, 2002-2004, Irving elementary and high school, 1940s-1970s, and Irving State Bank, 1947. This series contains negatives, original photographs, duplicate photographs, and digital images. Some of the photos are part of the Irving Archives Photo Collection and can be found in the Photo Collection boxes.

Series III, IWBA Material, is made up of bowling league average yearbooks, 1961-1996, league pins, copies of pages from a scrapbook, 1960s-1970s, anniversary yearbooks, 1970, 1981, and 1986, shirt patches, and bowling shirts, 1979 and 1995.

Series IV, Publications, consists primarily of newspapers and magazines relating to the deaths of John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy and various major events of the second half of the 20th century. The series also includes almanacs, hymnals, and cookbooks.

Series V, Maps, is made up of two maps; a USGS map of the Irving area, 1959, and a master plan for Las Colinas, 1980.

Series VI, Artifacts, consists of a wide range of promotional and textile items. Among these are: an Irving High School drill team uniform, 1949-1950; an Irving High School letter jacket, 1988; political campaign material, 1960s; a token commemorating the 50th anniversary of Irving's incorporation, 1964.

Series VII, Class Reunion Material, is made up of items created for the 50th reunion of the Irving High School class of 1951.

Provenance Statement

The Eleanor Corry Bell Collection was donated to the Irving Archives in many accessions from 2000-2008. Prior to its donation to the Archives, the material was in the possession of Eleanor Corry Bell.

Literary Rights Statement

Permission to publish from the Eleanor Corry Bell Collection must be obtained from the Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

Container List

Series I. Corry/Bell Family Material, 1920s-1970s

Box 1

Folder

1 Scrapbooks (photocopies), 1937-1988 (bulk 1950s)

Contains photocopies of scrapbook pages from scrapbooks made by Eleanor Corry Bell. The scrapbooks contain information and photos documenting Eleanor's childhood, her school days, her family, and her son Carey's senior year at Irving High School.

2 School Documents, 1940s-1950s

Contains an Irving High School literary certificate of honor, 1948; Irving Elementary School diploma, 1947; PTA handbook, 1950-51; and a Sunday school certificate of promotion, 1942.

3 Irving Bank & Trust material, 1940-1960

Contains items related to Irving Bank & Trust Company: letter head; August Corry business card; 1968 calendar; cash bag; correspondence regarding dividends; service pins; promotional items such as; key chains, a sewing kit, a lapel pin; business envelopes; and Augusta Corry's payroll stub, September 15, 1946.

Series II. Photographs, c. 1900-2000s

Contains negatives and original photos, duplicate photos, and digital images. The photos were received over the course of several years. Some of the photos have been placed in the Irving Archives Photo Collection, the remainder can be found in this collection. Subjects of the photos are Eleanor Corry Bell's school days in Irving, 1940s and early- 1950s; the Corry family, 1920s-1940s; Eleanor and Joe Bell family, 1957-1980s; Irving State Bank, 1947; the City of Irving Centennial Celebration, 2003.

Photos

4 Irving High School cheerleaders, drill team, drum majors, flag guards, and majorettes, 1949-1951.

5 Corry family houses, 1940 and 1954.

6 Irving State Bank, 1947: grand opening of new building; Dallas Federal Reserve Bank security guards, 1939, and Dallas Federal Reserve Bank employees, 1939.

7 Jeannie Hulsey, owner of Golden Triangle Bowl, at Quaker State Bowling Tournament, 1977

Additional Photos and Negatives – found in the Irving Archives Photo Collection

Negatives of Centennial marker dedication at Caldwell House and Centennial Kickoff Ceremonies, 2002 - (100-89N).

Photos and negatives of Guy Deel exhibit at Art Center and Heritage Society Valentine Tea, 2003 - (100-71P).

Photos of Centennial student art reception - (100-76P).

Negatives of the Centennial event, Festival of the Century - (100-77N).

Negatives of construction of Centennial Park and the Senior Center, late April 2003 - (100-78N).

Women holding a painting of the old red school building, 2003 - (100-80P).

Negatives of Centennial Park Construction; renovated Community House exterior; Bear

Creek Centennial Style Show; Old Red Reunion, May 2003 - (100-80N).

Negatives of Heritage Festival, 2003; Old Red Reunion; Centennial Park construction; Juneteenth celebration - (100-83N and 100-84N).

Photos of murals on buildings in Rule, Texas, 2002 - (100-81P).

Negatives of Centennial Volunteer party; Senior Center Volunteer recognition style show; Centennial Park construction, July 2003; also July 4th, 2003 parade - (100-88N).

Negatives of Centennial Park construction and Senior Center construction, August 16, 2003 - (100-98N).

Negatives of Centennial Park and Timeline Wall - (100-103N).

Negatives and photos of Centennial Choir event and Centennial Park dedication, Oct. 2003 (100-104N and 100-104P).

Negatives from Centennial markers dedication, Oct. 25, 2003 - (100-105N).

Negatives from Centennial marker dedications at Howard/Beauford House, Haley House, Britain family, Brown House on Hastings; the Senior Center; and eight negatives of individual downtown markers - (100-109N).

Photos of eight downtown Centennial markers; the Brown House on Hastings; and the Senior Center - (100-109P).

Negatives of Centennial marker dedications at the Senior Center and School Campus; large downtown marker dedication; and Centennial Finale - (100-111N).

Photos of the Centennial Finale; dedication of large downtown Centennial marker; and installation of the downtown Centennial marker - (100-111P).

Negatives of the dedication of the First Baptist Church Irving Centennial historical marker and First Baptist Church's 100th anniversary event; negatives of the Estelle, Kit Cemetery, Twin Wells, Brown House on Hastings, St. Luke's original site, South Delaware Street Church of Christ, and Caster cabin Centennial historical markers - (100-120N).

Negatives of Centennial historical marker dedications for Estelle; Twin Wells; Caster Cabin; Brown House on Hastings; St. Luke original location: South Delaware Church of Christ; Kit Cemetery, April 24, 2004 - (100-121N).

Negatives of Centennial historical marker dedications at Irving Lumber and J.O. Schulze house site, June 26, 2004 - (100-139N).

Negatives of Old Red Reunion II, 2004 - (100-137N).

MacArthur Blvd. and 183 Highway overpass after a truck went over the rail, June 2005 - (100-153P).

Women of Irving High School reunion, May 2005 - (100-154P).

State Marker Dedications - Bear Creek community, Sowers community, Gilbert home site, Kit community, Union Bower community - (100-161P).

Irving Archives open house, Feb. 23, 2006 - (100-166P).

Old Red Reunion III, 2006 - (100-176P).

Digital Images - found in Irving Archives Digital Image Collection

Class photos from Lil' People Day School, M. C. Lively Elementary, and Crockett Middle School, 1970s.

July 4th parade, 2002.

Reunions of Irving High School class of 1951 held in 1982, 1984, 1991, 2001 and 2006.

Eleanor and Joe Bell's 25th wedding anniversary; Eleanor's grandparents and great grandparents' weddings, 1874 and 1903; the Henn's bon voyage party for Guy Deel; Corry family images.

Dedication of the First Baptist Church Irving Centennial historical marker and First Baptist Church's 100th anniversary event.

Centennial historical marker dedications for Estelle; Twin Wells; Caster Cabin; Brown House on Hastings; St. Luke original location: South Delaware Church of Christ; and Kit Cemetery, April 24, 2004.

Joe Bell and Houston Corry in the military, 1920s-1950s, and Houston Corry's discharge papers.

Old Red Reunion, 2004.

Centennial historical marker dedication for Irving Lumber and Schulze house site, June 26, 2004.

Gilbreath Circle being repaved, 1963; Gilbreath Circle and Bell house in snow, 1961.

Series III. Irving Women's Bowling Association Material, 1958-1996

Box 2

Contains Irving Women's Bowling Association average yearbooks, 1961-1986. These booklets contain a list of the association officers and members and their yearly bowling averages (21 vols.).

Box 3

Contains Irving Women's Bowling Association average yearbooks, 1986-1996. These booklets contain a list of the association officers and members and their yearly bowling averages (10 vols.). Also included are two IWBA Policy and Procedure Manuals and

application packets submitted by the IWBA to the Women's International Bowling Congress for the Spotlight Award, 1986 and 1987.

1 Bowling League Pins, 1985-2004.

Contains IWBA recognition pins given for service to the association or bowling accomplishments and pins given by Golden Triangle Bowling Center to league members.

2 Scrapbooks, 1958-1972.

Photocopies of pages from Eleanor Bell's scrapbook documenting the activities of the IWBA, 1958-1972.

3 Yearbooks and Program, 1970, 1981, 1986 and 1979.

Included are IWBA, 10th, 20th, and 25th anniversary yearbooks, 1970, 1981, and 1986; and a program from the "Great and Greatest Bowling Tournament" held at Golden Triangle Bowl, 1979. The program is autographed by many of the professional bowlers at the tournament.

Box 4

Contains IWBA shirt patches and two IWBA bowling shirts, 1979 and 1995.

Series IV. Publications, 1905-2004

Box 5

Life magazine

November 13, 1964 - The Mighty Landslide (LBJ and Humphrey).

October 23, 1964 - Take-Over in the Kremlin (Leonid Brezhnev).

November 20, 1964 - Show of Toughness in Moscow.

March 19, 1965 - The Savage Season Begins (Civil right face-off at Selma, Alabama).

August 19, 1966 - Luci's Wedding (Luci Johnson and Pat Nugent).

August 1, 1969 - The Fateful Turn for Ted Kennedy (Grave questions about his midnight car accident).

October 19, 1972 - The Call of California (Special Issue).

People magazine

April 13, 1981 - Reagan shooting.

National Geographic

July, 1986 - The Statue of Liberty restoration.

Membership Directory for First United Methodist Church, 1984.

Cookbooks, 1970s

Contains cookbooks: The Epicurean's Holiday, 1970s; Cooking Favorites of Irving - Soroptimist International, c. 1970s; Irving YMCA Cookbook - Winning Recipes, c. 1970s; Holiday Recipes - Stir With Love from Nita Miller Red Carpet Realtors, 1970s; Favorite Recipes from Our Best Cooks by the Altrusa Club of Irving, 1973.

Box 6

Newspapers, 1963-1968

Contains issues and sections of *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Dallas Times Herald* relating to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and ensuing events, Nov. 23, 1963-Jan. 4, 1967, and the assassination of Robert Kennedy, June 1968.

Box 7

Newspapers, 1964-1989

Contains issues and sections of *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Dallas Times Herald* relating to historic events from the second half of the 20th century. Some of the events include: Khrushchev ousted, Oct. 16, 1964; James Earl Ray captured, June, 1968; space flights, 1969-1970; U.S. leaves Vietnam, Jan. 24, 1973; opening of DFW Airport, Sept. 23, 1973; Gerald Ford sworn in as president, Aug. 10, 1974; Jimmy Carter sworn in as president, Jan. 20, 1977; Iran hostages freed, Jan. 20, 1981; Ronald Reagan shot, March 31, 1981; first space shuttle flight, April 15, 1981; Anwar Sadat assassinated, Oct. 6, 1981; George H. W. Bush sworn in as president, Jan. 21, 1989.

Box 8

Newspapers, 1991-2004

Contains issues and sections of *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Dallas Times Herald* relating to historic events from the 1990s-early 2000s. Some of the events include: Gulf war, Jan.-Feb. 1991; turn of the century issue, Jan. 1, 2000; presidential election, 2000; terrorist attack on World Trade Center, Sept. 13, 2001; space shuttle crashes, Feb. 2, 2003; U.S. invades Iraq, March-April, 2003; George W. Bush elected president, Nov. 3-4, 2004.

Bookcase

Hymnals

Methodist Hymnals, 1905, 1932, 1935 and 1966.

Baptist Hymnal, 1940.

Almanacs

Texas Almanac, 1966 and 1976 (1976 in Box 8).

Farmers Almanac, 1975.

Series V. Maps

USGS map of Irving area, 1959 (Flat File Cabinet - Drawer 15-Folder 5)

Las Colinas Master Plan, 1980 (Flat File Cabinet - Drawer 15-Folder 1)

Series VI. Artifacts

Box 9

Contains a dress made for and worn during the Pioneer Days celebration in connection with Irving's 50th anniversary of incorporation, 1964; soccer jersey from the Red Baron youth soccer team, 1977; t-shirt from the post graduation party for Irving High School seniors, 1988; plaque naming Augusta Corry Soroptimist of the Year, 1970-71. Also included

are promotional items from various Irving businesses and organizations: miniature skillet from Christy's Furniture; Fields Marine cap; First Federal Savings screwdriver; M. C. Lively Elementary School pencils, 1970s; Soroptimist Club pen; commemorative plate from Plymouth Park Methodist Church (in Box 10); small campaign rulers from Sam Hill and Robert Power campaigns; and a token commemorating the 50th anniversary of Irving's incorporation, 1964.

Other artifacts from the collection, but not found in Box 9 are:

Piece of stonework from Centennial Park, (in Artifact Box 2), 2003.

Irving High School letter jacket (soccer), (in Wardrobe Box), 1988.

Irving Heritage Festival t-shirt (t-shirt collection, shirt #21), 2006.

Box 10

Contains an Irving High School drill team uniform (jacket, skirt, tights, hat with plume), 1949-1950.

Series VII. Class Reunion Material. 2001

Box 11

Contains Irving High School class of 1951 50th reunion memory book; gift bag; letter from teacher Gladys Batson; football mum. Also contained in this box is a commemorative plate from Plymouth Park Methodist Church, c. 1959.