

Collection Title: Eugene Leftwich Collection

Collection No: M042

Dates: 1832-1990s

Volume: 12.15 cu. ft.

Biographical/Historical Sketch:

Eugene Porter Leftwich was originally from Memphis, Tennessee but when he graduated from high school he moved to Scott, Mississippi to work at Delta and Pine Land Company. After he served in the Army during WWII he came back to the Delta and never left again. Mr. Leftwich began collecting historical memorabilia when he came back to the Delta and started working as a rural mail carrier. He became the unofficial historian of Bolivar County, and served in the Bolivar County Historical Society. He later donated his collection to the DSU Archives.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains much information on the Delta, and also information on other towns and counties all over the state of Mississippi. It has a great deal of information on the Mississippi River including some maps for the Vicksburg Engineer District: Throughout the collection there are newspaper articles, magazines, correspondence, and much more pertaining to various subjects. These subjects include Mississippi towns cemeteries, churches, people, and businesses. This collection also contains scrapbooks made by Mr. Leftwich of the Gunnison Schools and his collection of Christmas cards.

Inventory:

Box 1: Concordia - Lodge and Town

Books:

1. Grande Lodge of Mississippi - 1872, 1876, 1887, 1889, 1885, 1881

Folders:

1. History of Concordia, MS
2. Newspaper and magazine articles: Trials of the Earth, papers on Bolivar County, pictures (attached to paper), Napoleon, AR, Concordia Lodge #347 papers, Boyd chapter #39 papers, papers on Perthshire, MS
3. Papers on Bolivar County: Articles, list of boys in service in WWI

Box 2: Churches

(This box contains church brochures and lists of members etc.)

Folders:

1. Baptist, Gunnison, MS

2. Baptist, Rosedale, MS
3. Baptist, Walls, MS
4. Episcopal, Rosedale, MS
5. Methodist, Cleveland, MS
6. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
7. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
8. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
9. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
10. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
11. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
12. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
13. Methodist, Gunnison, MS
14. Methodist, Litton, MS
15. Methodist, MS
16. Methodist, North MS
17. Methodist, Rosedale, MS
18. Miscellaneous

Box 3: Photographs

Folders:

1. Photographs (Some in Mylar pouches)
2. Few photos attached to board

Box 4: Rosedale

Folders:

1. Port of Rosedale: Newspaper Articles
2. Masonic Lodge: Newspaper article
3. School, Rosedale High/Attendance Center: Event programs, newspaper articles
4. History: Newspaper and magazine articles, Bolivar County papers, Western Union telegrams, Rosedale Papers
5. Valley Bank: Newspaper articles, 50th and 100th Anniversary booklets, brochure, bank bag, pictures of people and the bank, savings booklet

Box 5: Cemeteries

Folder:

1. Not labeled: Arnold Cemetery Papers, Blanchard Cemetery Papers, Concordia Cemetery Papers
2. Arnold (Cora): Lists of names, Newspaper articles, Papers for Arnold Cemetery, correspondence, slides, pictures, in envelope
3. Blanchard: Papers, lists of names, Seaton Cemetery list
4. Bolivar County: Index of Cemeteries in book

5. Bob Woods School and other notes: Papers on Allegea Negro Cemetery under Bob Woods School
6. Concordia: Magazine and newspaper articles, list of names
7. Concordia: Slides
8. Concordia: Masonic Lodge 347 Papers, 2 booklets on Concordia Cemetery with list, newspaper articles
9. Concordia: Papers on Concordia Cemetery
10. Miscellaneous: Pictures and newspaper articles
11. Morning Star Church: List of names and grave #'s
12. Poplar Grove in Boyle: Newspaper articles
13. Shelby: Construction receipt and copy with notes
14. Thomas: Newspaper article
15. Tuminello and Glorioso Place: List of names
16. Not labeled: Newspaper and magazine articles, Last w (rites)

Box 6: River/Floods

Folder:

1. MS River: Blueprints of flood control (U.S. Army)
2. MS River: Newspaper articles
3. MS River: Magazine articles, historical names and places on Lower MS River
4. MS River: Newspaper articles
5. MS River: Magazine articles, flood control in MS Valley (Delta Council), Steam Boat days on TN River
6. MS River: Newspaper articles
7. MS River: Newspaper articles
8. MS River: Newspaper articles
9. 1927 Flood: Newspaper article
10. 1927 Flood: Newspaper article

Box 7: Photo Albums

Photo Albums:

1. 1953 - 1957 Senior Class
2. Eighth Grade c/o '52 and '53 and '54
3. Gunnison 75th Anniversary Album
4. Mixed Photo Album with pictures and articles

Folder:

1. Gunnison School Newspaper
2. 4 Copies of different highlights

Not Boxed: (In book protectors)

1. Gunnison Consolidated School Record Book
2. Gunnison Consolidated School Record Book 1924-34

Box 8: Newspapers and articles

Box 9: UDS Scrapbook '53 - '54

Box 10: Bound Newspapers
Exhibit Newspaper Articles

Box 11: Places

Folder:

1. Aberdeen: Newspaper articles
2. Alligator: Newspaper articles
3. Australia and Peru Plantations: Article
4. Benoit: Newspaper articles, wedding program and napkins
5. Beulah: Scenes of the overflows, magazine and newspaper articles, Paper on Planters
6. Big Island: Articles
7. Booga Bottom (Duncan): Newspaper articles
8. Bourbon: Newspaper articles
9. Boyle: Magazine and newspaper articles
10. Burrus Home: Paper on the home
11. Carroll County: Newspaper article
12. Carson's Landing: History of Bolivar County and Carson's Landing
13. Clarksdale: Newspaper article
14. Cleveland: Newspaper articles, band festival program, brief history of railroad
15. Coahoma County: Newspaper and magazine articles, restaurant menus
16. Cottonlandia: Magazine article
17. Dahomey: Newspaper articles
18. Deeson - Brooks Plantation: Pictures and newspaper articles
19. Deeson: Pictures and newspaper articles
20. Dennis Landing: History of Bolivar County and Dennis Landing
21. Donaldson Point Hunting Club: Newspaper articles
22. Duncan: Magazine and newspaper articles
23. Floewood River Plantation: Magazine articles
24. Friars Point: Newspaper articles
25. Grapeland: Newspaper article
26. Good Grief: Newspaper and magazine articles
27. Greenville: Magazine and newspaper articles, Greenville and Washington Co. Brochure
28. Gulf Coast: Newspaper and magazine articles, vote for Gulfport book
29. Hernando: Newspaper article
30. Hollandale: Paper and picture
31. Hushpuckena: Newspaper articles, history of Hushpuckena
32. Jackson: Magazine and newspaper articles, event program
33. Lake Bolivar: Newspaper articles
34. Lake Porter: Article

35. Laurel: Article
36. Leflore County: Newspaper article and magazine
37. Leland: Newspaper articles
38. Lula: Newspaper article
39. Malmaison: Magazine article
40. Malvina: Newspaper article, correspondence
41. Memphis: Event program, invitations, newspaper articles
42. Merigold: Scanned pictures and newspaper articles
43. Merigold: Newspaper and magazine articles, brochure on rushing wines, even programs, handwritten notes
44. Metcalfe: Newspaper article
45. Midnight: Newspaper articles
46. Moon Lake: Newspaper articles
47. Morgan City: Magazine article
48. Mound Bayou: Newspaper articles and scanned pictures
49. Mount Helena: Magazine article
50. Napoleon, Arkansas: Newspaper articles
51. Nitta Yuma: Newspaper article
52. Natchez/Natchez Trace: Newspaper article and magazine article
53. Natchez: Advertisement, brochure, and newspaper article
54. Pace: Newspaper article, advertisement, copies of pictures
55. Panther Burn: Magazine articles
56. Panola County: Magazine and newspaper articles
57. Perthshire: Picture, newspaper article, history of Bolivar County and Perthshire, MS, map, copies of pictures
58. Possumneck: Newspaper article
59. Prentiss: Newspaper articles and handwritten note
60. Rena Lara: Newspaper and magazine articles
61. Rochdale: Newspaper article
62. Rosedale Great River Road State Park: Newspaper articles, copy of handwritten note, magazine articles, correspondence from DSU Alumni Association, booklet: "The MS River and Great River Road State Park"
63. Ruleville: Newspaper article and event program
64. Round Lake: Newspaper article
65. Scott: Newspaper and magazine articles, pictures
66. Senatobia/Tate County: Newspaper article and invitation
67. Shaw: Newspaper and magazine articles and event program
68. Sharkey-Issaquena County: Newspaper articles
69. Shelby Newspaper Articles about Churches and people; 1948 Annual Horse Show
70. Sherard: Newspaper articles and pictures
71. Soso: Newspaper article
72. Shiloh: Book "Shiloh", napkins, brochures, magazine articles
73. Skene: Newspaper articles
74. Sunflower County: Newspaper and magazine articles, brochure
75. Tallahatchie County: Newspaper article
76. Terrene Landing: Newspaper article and picture

77. Tomnolen: Magazine and newspaper article
78. Tishomingo County: Newspaper article
79. Tupelo: Newspaper articles
80. Tunica: Newspaper article
81. Vicksburg/Warren County: Newspaper article
82. Vicksburg: Newspaper articles
83. Washington County: Newspaper articles, invitation, event programs, advertisements, brochures, pictures
84. Water Valley: Newspaper articles
85. Waxhaw: History of Bolivar County and Waxhaw, MS, newspaper articles
86. Winterville: Newspaper articles
87. Wrights Station/Crossing: Handwritten and typed notes, thank you correspondence to Mr. Leftwich, newspaper clipping
88. Yazoo City/County: Magazine article

Books:

1. Mrs. Skagg's Husbands 1900 (2copies)

Box 12: People

Notebook:

1. People I have helped

Folder:

1. Armstrong Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
2. Arnold Family: invitations, correspondence, and newspaper articles
3. Alford, Theodore, Sr. ("Pete") Family: newspaper articles, event programs, magazine pictures, and invitations
4. Bailey, Rev. Wash: correspondence, newspaper articles, birthday napkin, and biography of Armstead Wash Bailey
5. Barnes, Joe (Rosedale): newspaper articles
6. Barnett Brothers (Rosedale): newspaper articles
7. Bassie, Billy (Gunnison): newspaper articles
8. Bassie, Joe Lee Family (Gunnison): newspaper article
9. Bassie, Louis Sr. Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles, invitations, and event programs
10. Bell, M. A. Family (Duncan): newspaper articles, program events
11. Bell, William Dale Family (Gunnison): newspaper article, correspondence
12. Blanchard Family (Gunnison): pictures, family papers
13. Bobo, Boyd Walters Family (Gunnison): newspaper & magazine articles, family papers, event programs and advertisements
14. Booth, John Wilkes: newspaper articles
15. Boschert, Thomas Family (Duncan): newspaper article
16. Brown, I. T. (Gunnison): newspaper article
17. Brister, Eugene Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles

18. Burrus/Barry Family (Benoit): newspaper & magazine articles, brochures, correspondence, advertisements
19. Burt, W. T. Family (Gunnison): family papers, copies of pictures, newspaper articles
20. Butler, Willie H. Family (Gunnison): obituary
21. Camp Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
22. Capps, Charlie (Cleveland): decorated napkins, event programs, newspaper articles
23. Castle, Gradys: newspaper articles
24. Cintgran Family (Gunnison): obituary, newspaper articles, and pictures
25. Clower, Jerry: magazine article
26. Cockerham Family (Gunnison): picture, newspaper & magazine articles
27. Cohn, Sol, Mayor (Gunnison): copies of pictures
28. Coleman, John (Gunnison): newspaper article
29. Conner, Gertrude Burt (Shelby): newspaper article, event program
30. Coward, Katherine (Benoit): newspaper & magazine articles
31. Creasy Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles, invitations, decorated napkins
32. Darby, J. C. Family (Gunnison): obituary, newspaper articles
33. Davis, Jefferson: booklet "Story of the Jefferson Davis Funeral Train"
34. Day, Albert Family (Gunnison): invitation and newspaper article
35. Dedwylder, Mrs. R. D.: newspaper articles
36. Dempsey Family: newspaper articles and invitations
37. Denton, Gerald Family: newspaper articles and invitations
38. Dorsey Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
39. Duraj, Edward Family (Shelby): newspaper articles
40. Earp, Ameil Family (Gunnison): newspaper article and decorated napkin
41. Few Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
42. Findley, Emmett Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
43. Foote, Shelby: decorated napkin, newspaper & magazine articles
44. Fowler, Ira ("Cotton") Family (Gunnison): decorated napkins, invitations, newspaper articles and brochures
45. Francis, Charles W. Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
46. Fugua Family (Rosedale): newspaper article
47. Garrett, William Guy Family (Gunnison): event flyer, invitation, newspaper article
48. Glorioso Family (Gunnison): newspaper article
49. Haag, C. E. Family (Gunnison): newspaper article, license card, copy of picture
50. Hale Family (Gunnison): newspaper article and invitations
51. Henry Family: newspaper article
52. Holmes Family (Rosedale): event flyer, copies of pictures, newspaper articles
53. Hood, Kenneth Family (Perthshire): newspaper article
54. Howorth, Lucy: newspaper article
55. Hudson Family: newspaper article
56. Jacobs, Nathan Family (Gunnison): family papers
57. Jefferson/Hopson Family: newspaper article
58. Jones, Curtis (Gunnison): newspaper article
59. Keller Family: newspaper articles
60. Kent, Orville Family (Gunnison): decorated napkins, newspaper articles, and handwritten family list

61. Kossman, S.E.: magazine article
62. Lawler Family (Rosedale): newspaper articles
63. Leftwich, Eugene Family: newspaper articles, pictures, event programs, invitations, certificate, family papers
64. Martin, Perry: copies of newspaper articles, event flyer “Perry Martin Day”, biography of Perry Martin
65. Lytle, Emma Knowlton Family (Perthshire): newspaper articles, book – Emma Lytle Catalog of the Exhibition, magazine cover and articles, pictures, greeting cards
66. Malone, Rachel: newspaper articles
67. McGee, Leo Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles and biography of Leo Harry McGee
68. Michael Family (Rosedale): newspaper articles
69. Nicholas, Bobby Family (Gunnison): newspaper article
70. Obituaries: list of names, newspaper articles, obituaries
71. Patterson Family (Rosedale): newspaper articles
72. Pearson, Carroll Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
73. Pease Family (Gunnison): Pease Brothers Clothing Ledger, pictures, advertisements
74. Powell Family (Gunnison): addresses, book: Sadie Lee, Where are you?, magazines
75. Reese, Andy Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
76. Richardson, Alyce (Cleveland): magazine article
77. Roosevelt, Teddy: Bear Hunt magazine & newspaper articles
78. Russell, Jimmie Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
79. Russell, Terry: event programs, decorated napkins, newspaper articles
80. Sanford Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles and event programs
81. Sanders, Frank Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
82. Sappington Family: family papers
83. Scott, Oscar Johnson Family (Gunnison): Also see Keeler newspaper & magazine articles, greeting cards, event programs, pictures, family papers
84. Scruggs, Edward Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles, pictures, invitation, family papers
85. Seaton Family (Gunnison): newspaper article and family papers
86. Shelby Family (Beulah): pictures, magazine and newspaper articles
87. Sisson Family (Rosedale): newspaper article, handwritten correspondence
88. Smith, Francis Martin Family (Gunnison): family papers
89. Synder Family: newspaper articles
90. Strait Family (Rosedale): newspaper and family paper
91. Tabb Family: newspaper article
92. Thompson, Mike Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
93. Truesdale, Fred Family (Gunnison): advertisement, invitation, decorated napkin
94. Tyler, Doc Family (Malvina): newspaper articles and family papers
95. Upton, W. L. “Buck” (Gunnison): newspaper articles
96. Vetrano, Joe Family (Rosedale): newspaper articles and event program
97. Wachter Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
98. Warfield Family (Gunnison): newspaper & magazine articles and invitations
99. Whitaker Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
100. White, Estelle Fox (Rosedale): newspaper articles

101. Whittington Family (Gunnison): pictures, magazine & newspaper articles
102. Willett Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
103. Williams, "Charlie Boy" Family (Benoit): newspaper articles
104. Wienke Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles
105. York Family (Gunnison): newspaper articles

Box 13

Folder:

1. Adams, "The Kate" (Steamer mail packet): newspaper articles, copies of pictures, and bio on Kate Adams
2. Black History: newspaper article
3. Bolivar County Historical Society: newspaper articles, minutes from the meetings, membership list, "The Journal of the Bolivar County Historical Society" and correspondence regarding the historical society
4. Bolivar County History: book Imperial Bolivar, brochures, newspaper articles, event programs, A Synopsis of Cleveland and Bolivar County, correspondence regarding the history for Bolivar County, and maps.
5. Boy Scouts 1962-1963: Boy Scout Leader Program Notebook, event program, newspaper articles, list of boy scouts, maps, handbooks, and a souvenir from Philmont Scout Ranch Training Center.
6. Boy Scouts: award for a Girl Scout, newspaper articles, medals, notebooks, picture, membership list, event program, and an advertisement.
7. Catfish Festival: magazine articles
8. Cotton Farming: newspaper & magazine articles, booklet The Story of Cotton.
9. Crosstie: magazine articles
10. Cucumber Farming: newspaper articles
11. D.A.R. 1945-1946, 1949-1950, 1952-1953: Daughters of the American Revolution, and newspaper articles.
12. Delta & Pine Land: Fortune magazine
13. Delta Council: newspaper magazine, event programs & tickets, and invitations
14. Delta Kappa Gamma: newspaper article
15. Delta State: newspaper articles, postcards, event programs, invitations
16. Doe's Eat Place: newspaper articles
17. "Historical News": newspaper articles
18. Ice Storms/Blizzards: newspaper and magazine articles
19. Hunting Clubs: Bolivar County newspaper article
20. Hurricane Camille: newspaper article *The Commercial Appeal*
21. Levee: newspaper & magazine articles
22. Library – Bolivar County: newspaper articles, bookmark, event programs, invitations, History of Public Library Service in Bolivar County.
23. Memphis Special (Train): pictures, decorated napkins, and magazine articles
24. Miscellaneous: newspaper articles, invitations, correspondence.
25. Miscellaneous: newspaper & magazine articles
26. Mississippi Power & Light: magazine article & magazine
27. Mosquitoes: magazine article

28. Mules/Oxen: newspaper and magazine articles
29. Mule Races: newspaper & magazine articles, correspondence regarding mules
30. Museums: Miscellaneous newspaper articles
31. North, Evelyn Columns: from Bolivar Commercial newspaper article
32. Order of the Eastern Star: newspaper article
33. Peavine: newspaper articles and History of Railroads in Bolivar County
34. P. O. W. Camps: newspaper articles
35. Riverboats: newspaper articles, copy of picture and an event program.
36. Storytelling: magazine article
37. Tourism: Bolivar County / Delta brochures and newspaper article
38. Turkey Hunting: magazine article
39. U. D. C.: newspaper articles and book United Daughters of the Confederacy 1914
40. Women's Society of Christian Service: record books, Chinese event program, and newspaper article
41. Woodmen of the World

Box 14

Folder:

1. Blueprints of School Buildings: in Gunnison
2. Bonds: Appearance bond and an Administrator's Bond
3. Correspondences: regarding Bolivar County and legal matters
4. Copies of Newspaper Articles: regarding Gunnison and Rosedale
5. Court Documents: from the Chancery Clerk Sheriff B. K. Bruce, etc.
6. Delta Field: Dedication Delta Field Nov. 14, 1936, event program, and newspaper articles
7. General Affidavits
8. Gunnison papers: regarding William Dale Bell, Jr., Dr. Howard Lea Cockerham, churches in Gunnison, Concordia, Mississippi, boy scouts, Will Burt, and event programs.
9. Invoices: regarding lodging dues, Union Planters, and local service stations and stores.
10. Miscellaneous: post cards, invitations, book marks, and decorated napkins.
11. Other Affidavits: regarding the State of Ohio, Justice Court, a search warrant, claim, and the State of New York.
12. Photos: of Concordia Cemetery
13. Post Office: Bolivar County
14. Subpoenas: regarding criminal cases and civil cases
15. Summons
16. Tax Documents: receipts regarding levee and state taxes
17. Warrants: Bench and Search Warrants
18. Writs: regarding garnishment and replevin

Books:

1. Record Books (2copies)

Box 15

Folder:

1. Newspaper articles
2. Photo and negatives
3. Tax information
4. Methodist Church 1848 (Possibly 1832): Papers and programs of the Gunnison Methodist Church

Books:

1. Quarterly Conference Records (Rosedale and Benoit): Methodist-Episcopal Church 1934-38
2. O.K. Sunday school Record Teacher's Class Book (3copies)
3. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the 56th Annual Grand Communication, held at Canton - 1874
4. The Model Sunday school Record Book 1916-17 Methodist-Episcopal Church, Rosedale, MS
5. Record Book, Frances Perkins, Sunday school, Methodist-Episcopal Church 1920
6. Record Book, Rosedale, MS, Sunday school, Methodist-Episcopal Church 1913
7. Record Book, Rosedale, MS, Sunday school, Methodist-Episcopal Church 1914
8. Record Book, Rosedale, MS, Sunday school, Methodist-Episcopal Church 1915
9. Concordia Lodge No. 347 F. & A.M Holy Bible

Box 16: Gunnison, MS

Folders:

1. Gunnison - History of town: Newspaper, magazine articles, papers on Gunnison
2. Gunnison Street Scenes: Newspaper article with picture, newspaper and magazine pictures
3. Gunnison Sewing Circle: Newspaper article and photo
4. Gunnison School - Gunnison High: Newspaper articles, photos, and programs
5. Gunnison Postal Service: Newspaper article, and photos
6. Gunnison Newspaper Columns by Mrs. L.L. Davis: Newspaper articles
7. Gunnison Gins: Photos and advertisement
8. Gunnison Fire Department: Newspaper article
9. Gunnison Banks: Newspaper article, photo, copies of checks
10. Gunnison, Arvin Nye Memorial Marker: Programs of Dedication
11. Gunnison School - Consolidated: Photos and newspaper articles
12. Gunnison School - Bob Woods Elementary: Photos and article
13. Gunnison Town Hall Building: Photos and newspaper articles
14. Gunnison - Government of town: Newspaper articles
15. Gunnison - Celebration of town: Event programs and photo
16. Gunnison Attendance Center: School annual, photos, graduation programs, and flags

Books:

1. Plutarch's Lives by: Plutarch
2. Photo Album with photos and articles about Gunnison, MS

Box 17:

Folder:

1. Christmas cards and postcards
2. Postcards
3. Stamps
4. Christmas: Newspaper and magazine article about Christmas
5. V-Mails and Telegram
6. Miscellaneous: Other little cards and collectables
7. Christmas Seals, 52 Years of 1907-1958-Newspaper Article in Mylar