J. Frank (James Frank) Dobie:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Dobie, J. Frank (James Frank), 1888-1964

Title: J. Frank (James Frank) Dobie Literary Photography Collection

Dates: 1859-1973

Extent: 3,900 items (6.4 linear feet)

Abstract: Approximately 3,900 photographs documenting the life of Texas

writer, folklorist, and educator, J. Frank Dobie, throughout his life, both alone and with others. Included are portrait of Dobie and his family, and snapshots of various friends and associates, cowboys, and

other people. Many of the photographs were taken in Texas, including Paisano Ranch and other Dobie family ranches and

residences.

Call Number: Photography Collection PH-02683

Language: English.

Access: Open for research. Researchers must create an online Research

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Administrative Information

Acquisition: Internal transfers from the J. Frank (James Frank) Dobie Papers

(MS-01176)

Processed by: HRC Staff

Repository: Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

The J. Frank Dobie Literary File consists of approximately 3,900 photographs, many of which are portraits of Dobie throughout his life, both alone and with others. There are also images of his wife, Bertha McKee, other members of the Dobie family, members of the Byler and Dubose families, various friends and associates, cowboys, and other people. In addition, the file contains views of various places in Texas, including Paisano Ranch and other Dobie family ranches and residences. Other states represented in the file include Montana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. There are also numerous views of Mexico, chiefly from Dobie's travels there, and a few of Cambridge, England.

This collection forms part of the Literary File Photograph Collection, which is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally include portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Addition materials by and about Dobie can be found at the Harry Ransom Center in the following collections: J. Frank (James Frank) Dobie Papers (MS-01176), the Willie Belle Coker Collection of J. Frank Dobie Personal Effects (PA-00016), and the J. Frank (James Frank) Dobie Art Collection (AR-00067).

Index Terms

People

Norman-Butler, Belinda, 1908-2008.

Dixon, Maynard, 1875-1946.

Dobie, Bertha McKee, 1890-.

Dobie, J. Frank (James Frank), 1888-1964.

Goodnight, Charles, 1836-1929.

Haley, J. Evetts (James Evetts), 1901-1995.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973.

Lea, Tom, 1907-2001.

Marcus, Stanley, 1905-2002.

Molina Campos, Florencio, 1891-1959.

Pasternak, Boris Leonidovich, 1890-196.

Russell, Charles M. (Charles Marion), 1864-1926.

Saunders, George W. (George Washington), 1854-1933.

Subjects

Cattle drives.

Cowboys.

Native Americans.

Ranches.

Places

Cambridge (England).

Mexico.

New Mexico.

Oklahoma.

Texas.

Document Types

Ambrotypes.

Glass negatives.

Nitrate negatives.

Photographic postcards.

Photographic prints.

Tintypes.

Accession Number: unaccessioned Portraits of Dobie alone and with others (Hunter-Rose item in Miscellaneous 1940), 1898-1948.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box
Accession Number: unaccessioned Portraits of Dobie alone and with others, 1949-1958.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 2
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Accession Number: unaccessioned Portraits of Bertha McKee Dobie alone and with others, chiefly in her later years, but including 2 of her as a toddler and 1 as a young woman; views of the Dobies' Park Place home, Paisano Ranch, and the Dobie Room at the University of Texas at Austin; photographic reproductions of drawings by Edward Borein (prints and negatives); views of Paisano Ranch with E. J. Rissman and his siblings; portraits of various people, including Jim Ballard, A. B. Blocker, W. W. Burton, George Glenn, John Molder, C. B. Ruggles, Tommy Sheeran, and Marcus Snyder, undated.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 4
Accession Number: unaccessioned Portraits of various members of the Byler, Dobie, and Dubose families, as well as views of various Dobie family residences, undated.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 5
Accession Number: unaccessioned Portraits of various, mostly identified people, including Amanda Burks, Charles Goodnight, J. Evetts Haley, and Stanley Marcus, 1870s-1960s.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 6
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Accession Number: unaccessioned Views of various places in Texas, including historic sites and landscapes, undated.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 8
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Accession Number: unaccessioned Views of Mexico and scenes of Mexican life, chiefly from Dobie's travels there, 1920s-1930s.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 10
Accession Number: unaccessioned Images of various animals, including antelope, buffalo, cattle, coyotes, deer, and horses; cowboys and cowboy life; Native Americans; various group portraits, undated.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box
Accession Number: unaccessioned Miscellaneous images (from a later acquisition), including portraits of Dobie, his brothers Lee and Elrich, members of the Dubose family, Lyndon Johnson, George W. Saunders, various "cow people," and others, as well as views of Paisano Ranch and other ranches, undated.	Location Dobie, J.F., Lit File Box 12
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Accession Number: P4-P8 Images of a meeting of the Dobie Western Literary Group, including Dobie's wife, Bertha, and Harry Ransom, October 1973.

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Accession Number: P16 Portrait of Fred Barton in Miles City, Montana, undated.

Accession Number: P17-P18 Portraits of Fred Barton in Siberia alone on a horse (P17) and with 4 unidentified Cossacks on Mongolian ponies, 1911.

Accession Number: P19 View of a hillside with a group of unidentified horsemen, undated.

Accession Number: P20-P24 Photographic reproductions of drawings and paintings by Charles M. Russell, undated.

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Accession Number: 957:0016:0001 Portrait of Arthur H. Carhart, undated.

Accession Number: 997:0037:0001-0024 Portraits of various cowmen, including trail drivers at a 1924 reunion, 1924.

Accession Number: 997:0077:0001 Portrait of an elderly woman knitting; inscribed on verso: "My father's / mother" (Dobie's paternal grandmother?), undated.

Accession Number: 997:0077:0002 Photographic postcard view of Bowers Mansion, undated.

Accession Number: 997:0077:0003 Portrait of an unidentified little girl, undated.

Accession Number: 997:0077:0004 Scene of a group of soldiers in a field, undated.

Accession Number: 997:0077:0005 Image of a statuette of a cowboy on a bucking horse, undated.

Accession Number: 997:0077:0006 Portrait of an unidentified girl, undated.

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Accession Number: 997:0105:0500 Portrait of C. R. Smith, president of American Airlines, inscribing the first copy of the limited edition of Dobie's The Longhorns, undated.

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Lit File OV Box, Small

Location

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Location
Lit File
OV Box,
Medium

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Large

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