

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baze Collection

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Administrative/Biographical History

Albert Baze grew up on ranches around San Angelo and in Tom Green County. His family goes back several generations and included prominent members of the community, moving to Tom Green County in 1872-73. The Baze School and Cemetery were named after Baze family members. Albert was born 7 December 1910 in Robert Lee, TX and worked on his father's ranch from a young age. He then moved on to other careers such as banker and IRS examiner. He eventually settled on a career with General Dynamics in Fort Worth. Albert Baze died 7 October 1997 in Fort Worth, TX.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of correspondence and articles about the life of Albert and his wife Louis Baze as well as early pioneer events in the area. The collection also includes one oil painting, "Round Mountain" in Coke County by Louis Baze.

Arrangement:

Series I. Correspondence (1 box)

This series consists of correspondence between Baze and the staff of the West Texas Collection which detail some the Baze family.

Series II. Autobiography (1 box)

This series includes the volumes of Baze's autobiography which detail everything from his work experiences to his illness history.

Box	File	Description
1	1	<p>Correspondence and Story Lines (47 leaves)</p> <p>Four letters to Betty Jane Smith from Albert Blaze:</p> <p>April 1994: Getting Personal Report – summary of all the published clippings of Baze and his family</p> <p>December 1991: Games Played – dictionary of sorts that explains the difference between a dictionary and slang used with toys; included are stories of school, swimming, and Boy Scouts.</p> <p>January 13, 1992: Home remedies and recipes for such things as prairie dog poison, boating, building caves in the back yard, Christmas, and the flu epidemic of 1918.</p> <p>February 1992: Report of Baze and Ryan families</p>
	2	<p>Small World (177 leaves)</p> <p>Volume of Baze’s autobiography, <i>Blowing the Trumpet of My Own Praise</i>, short stories and reminisces; consists of 350 stories which cover all phases of Baze’s life including his time in Mertzon and his work at General Dynamics.</p>
	3	<p>Toyah Valley (65 leaves)</p> <p>Toyah Valley is located in the southern part of Reeves County. Baze and his wife lived in Balmorhea from August 1930 to August 1933. Pictures include Toyah Valley, San Soloman Springs, Albert Baze and his daughter Doris, 1931 Fish Catch, Lake Balmorhea, a water fountain and fish pond in Balmorhea, John Jones, and Albert Baze. Toyah Valley is covered by one chapter of Baze’s autobiography.</p>
	4	<p>Eight-One Years (52 leaves)</p> <p>Discusses where Baze lived, worked, and who he knew throughout his life; lists lifetime personal addresses (to the day, including hotel stays), lifetime employment record (including title, employer, and salary), teachers and preachers from 1917-1929, and his membership in the Business Men’s Bible Class in San Angelo.</p>
	5	<p>Medical Events (11 leaves)</p> <p>Physical parameters, health, and well-being; reminisces of his injuries and surgeries as a child and encounters with doctors; chronology of illness.</p>
	6	<p>West of the Brazos and East of the Pecos (122 leaves)</p> <p>Albert and his wife Louis both grew up in West Texas; this file covers early days in West Texas, Baze’s relatives, wills, and genealogy.</p>
	7	<p>Stories from Mesquite Land (135 leaves)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Collection of Anecdotes II. More Anecdotes – stories in which Baze was personally involved III. Philosophical Writing – random thinking IV. Twice Told Tales – stories told to Baze V. Personal Passages
	8	<p>Some Baze Letters (80 leaves)</p> <p>Correspondence dealing with Baze’s various jobs in his lifetime and other various subjects.</p>
2	1	<p>Ninth Report (71 leaves)</p> <p>Discusses Harris Ranch, Coke County, Valley View, and family history in four different sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Valley View

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. Mother and Dad III. The University of Creation IV. A Game Like Marbles
2		<p>Correspondence 1992</p> <p>Discusses Louis Baze's painting of Round Mountain in Coke County; includes a map of the area and a picture of the mountain.</p> <p>Getting Personal (65 leaves)</p> <p>List of the publications where Baze's name, relatives, or close friends are included.</p>
4		<p>Excerpts from High Points in a Long Career</p> <p>Letters of recognition, congratulations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Texas Christian University: Baptist Memorials Geriatric Hospital Fort Worth Public Library Masonic Grand Lodge Library and Museum of Texas Southwest Collection Angelo State University