Captain Roy W. Aldrich accumulated the books and the manuscript collection over a period of sixty years. After his death in 1955, the materials were left to his housekeeper, Mrs. R. M. Riley, Senior, of Austin, Texas. Funds were donated by former students, friends, Sul Ross professors, and numerous individuals to purchase the collection. The collection was acquired from Mrs. Riley in the Spring of 1958 and was originally housed in the old library building. It is now housed in the Archives of the Big Bend, located on the second floor of the Bryan Wildenthal Library at Sul Ross State University.

Roy Wilkinson Aldrich was born September 17, 1869 in Quincy, Illinois to Joseph Wilkinson and Georgia Ann Aldrich. His younger brother, Jules W. (Tod), was born in 1872. The family moved to Golden City, Missouri in 1881 where Roy’s father, a banker, was associated with Captain Niles in the operation of the Aldrich Banking Company. Roy was educated at home by his mother, a former school teacher, and taught bookkeeping and the banking business by his father. In 1888, Roy went to the Washington Territory. He worked as a lumberjack in Idaho and worked on an ore steamboat on the St. Joseph River, returning to work in his father's bank in 1890. He then helped to transport hogs to Mexico City, traveled in Mexico, and returned to Golden City. His father’s death in December of 1890 left the ownership and responsibility for the banking business with Roy, his mother, and brother Jules.

Roy left Missouri in 1893 for the Oklahoma Indian Territory where he sold horses to the Indians and participated in the race for the Cherokee Strip. After traveling again in Mexico with Ben B. Burgess, he briefly returned to Golden City. He and Burgess returned to San Luis Potosi in December of 1894 to start a coffee plantation, and while there Roy traveled through the regions of Mexico.

Roy Aldrich was a member of the Missouri National Guard, and when the Spanish American War began his regiment volunteered. He left his foreman, Burgess in charge of the plantation and served as Second Lieutenant of Company "C". After the War ended in 1899 Aldrich went to work in the Copper Queen Mines at Bisbee, Arizona, and was hoisting engineer at Helvetia Copper Company. Then he tried stage coach driving and spent most of the year of 1900 around Tucson, Arizona. In early 1901 he went to Kansas City to sign as foreman for a herd of horses to be shipped to the British Cavalry who were fighting the Boer War in South Africa. After landing the horses at Cape Town in April of 1901, he traveled in that region, collecting artifacts and studying the plant life of the area.
When he left Cape Town, he traveled through England and several European countries before returned to the United States in July of 1901. In the United States, Aldrich visited New York and Canada, then settled in Hobart, Oklahoma the same year. In Hobart, he was employed as bookkeeper at the Hobart National Bank and advanced to assistant cashier, was nominated City Treasurer in 1903, and served as deputy sheriff. In 1907, Roy and Jules moved to Corpus Christi where they established the first pleasure resort and operated it for three years. Then they moved to San Antonio and set up the Aldrich Bros. Real Estate Investments.

In March of 1915, Roy Aldrich joined the Texas Rangers as a private in Company "A" under Captain John J. Sanders. He was sent to Rio Grande City to work on cattle stealing cases and was active in helping to control bandit raids on the border at the Las Norias Ranch. Private Aldrich was promoted to Sergeant of Company "D" under Captain Gray in June of 1917. In November he was commissioned as Captain of Company "H".

His border service ended when he was commissioned as Quartermaster and Paymaster of the State Ranger Force in February of 1919. Captain Aldrich assisted the Selective Service when the United States entered the War. He served as Capital office manager, was draft board inspector, and was sent to capture draft board evaders in San Augustine. Among other activities, he aided in eliminating undesirable citizens in Desdemona and Wichita Falls in 1920, helped to halt the Galveston dock worker's strike in May of 1920, stopped raiders and law violators in Breckenridge in November of 1920, raided a gambling hotel in Ranger in February of 1921, and escorted bonds and money from Wichita Falls to St. Louis.

The Ranger Force became a unit of the Department of Public Safety in August of 1935. The headquarters was moved from the Capital Building to Camp Mabry in 1937. Captain Roy W. Aldrich retired from the Texas Rangers in October of 1947 after serving as a Texas Ranger longer than any other man.

Aldrich lived in Austin on his one-hundred-ten acre estate where he maintained gardens and a private zoo. He studied botany and the sciences, read extensively, and was a member of several societies and organizations. Roy Aldrich died at his home in Austin, Texas on January 29, 1955. He was preceded in death by his brother Jules. His private collections of rare books, artifacts, and manuscripts were left to Mrs. Riley. The ten thousand volume book collection and other materials were purchased by Sul Ross State University in the Spring of 1958. The books and manuscript collection are housed in the Archives of the Big Bend. With the books came Aldrich's collection of artifacts and specimens which were donated to the Sul Ross Museum.

The manuscript material includes personal and business correspondence (including Texas Rangers), financial records, legal documents and certificates, photographs, postcards, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and brochures, periodicals, and scrapbooks. The material is housed in folders and archival boxes. Fourteen scrapbooks are housed at the end of the collection. Oversize materials are housed in oversize boxes and flat files.
The papers are arranged in the boxes and file folders according to alphabetical, subject, and chronological order. The series arrangement is as follows:

- Correspondence 1870-1955 and undated
- Business Papers 1894-1954 and undated
- Financial Records 1887-1944 and undated
- Legal Documents 1894-1947
- Library and Collections 1832-1954 and undated
- Reference / Literary c. 1847-1948 and undated
- Scrapbook Material 1885-1954 and undated
- Printed Material 1852-1959 and undated
- Biographical Material 1879-1936 and undated
- Photographs 1860s-1940s and undated

By: Jerri Garza, Assistant Archivist
NHPRC Grant Project
May 6, 1981

Housing upgraded to document boxes and photograph boxes and Guide revised
November 2008. Gaylan Corbin, Associate Archivist
Roy Wilkinson Aldrich

Date of birth: September 17, 1869, Quincy, Illinois

Father's name: Joseph Wilkinson Aldrich
Mother's name: Georgia Ann Wakeman

Date of death: January 29, 1955, Austin, Texas

Siblings: first brother died in infancy; second brother Jules W. Aldrich (called Tod) b. 1872

Primary Residences:
- Quincy, Illinois, 1869-1881
- Golden City, Missouri, 1881-
- San Luis Potosi, Mexico, 1894
- Bisbee and Tucson, Arizona, 1899-1900
- Hobart, Oklahoma, 1901-1906
- Corpus Christi, Texas, 1907-
- 1910 San Antonio, Texas, 1910-
- 1915 South Texas, 1915-1919
- Austin, Texas and Camp Mabry, 1919-1955

Principal Occupation(s): Banker and Texas Ranger
Business name: Aldrich Banking Company
Date of formation: 1881
Location of business: Golden City, Missouri

List of Owners:
Joseph Wilkinson Aldrich and Captain Niles, corporation, 1881-1890
Mrs. Georgia Ann Aldrich, Roy W. Aldrich, and Jules W. Aldrich, Corporation, 1890-
Roy W. Aldrich, Charles Crowley, and Jules W. Aldrich, partnership

Business name: Aldrich Bros. Real Estate Investments
Date of formation: 1910
Location of business: San Antonio, Texas

List of owners:
Roy W. and Jules W. Aldrich, partnership, 1910-
CORRESPONDENCE 1870-1955 and undated

Folder 1  Georgia Ann Aldrich, 1870-1910
Primarily letters from Joseph Aldrich to Georgia Ann Aldrich

Folder 2  Aldrich family 1876-1910
Georgia Ann Wakeman Aldrich and her two sons, Roy W. Aldrich and Tod (Jules W.), Aunt Sallie (Sarah Wakeman Phelps, sister to Georgia Ann Aldrich), Aunt Cornie

Folder 3  Aldrich family 1911-1915

Folder 4  Aldrich family 1916

Folder 5  Aldrich family 1917

Folder 6  Aldrich family 1918-1949

Folder 7  Personal Correspondence (Roy W. Aldrich) 1901-1954

Folder 8  Announcements & Cards, 1932-1945

Folder 9  Announcements & Cards, 1946-1942

Folder 10  Correspondence - A, 1918-1952

Folder 11  Correspondence - Maude Acree, 1919-1929

Folder 12  Correspondence - Maude Acree 1930-1954

Folder 13  Correspondence - B, 1906-1920
Includes Blackman, Bee, Brown, Blackwell, Blalock, Breazeale, Bell, Bast, Buchanan, Burcham, Brady

Folder 14  Correspondence - B, 1922-1929
Includes Bradley, Beckham, Bailey, Bryant, Blalock, Barrett, Burns, Burkhardt, Bell, Clarke, Bailey, Brizard, Bryson, Berry, Baker
Folder 15  Correspondence - B, 1930-1954

Includes Burton, Bockem, Brown, Billing, Breeden, Biggers, Baker, Blackwell, Byars, Brooks, Black, Bodenheim, Bushick, Boyett, Bate, Banks, Bracker, Brown, Blair

Folder 16  Correspondence - C, 1920-1929

Includes Cape, Cox, Cagle, Caldwell, Calvert, Camp, Conness, Carlley, Crawford, Condren, Childes Seeds Co., Campbell, Cummings, Clark, Cahill, Clark, Chisolm, Connell

Folder 17  Correspondence - C, 1930-1937

Includes Capurro, Connell, Clanton, Clark, Cockran, Campbell, Canon, Collins, Carson, Cheatham, Chapman, Cain, Fitzpatrick, Cheek, Carmichael

Folder 18  Correspondence - C, 1940-1953

Includes Chodak, Curlee, Carlisle, Carpenter, Clark, Carroll, Craven, Cook

Folder 19  Correspondence - D, 1916-1927

Includes Deetro, Davison, Dunn, Dial, Danton, Dewees, Davis

Folder 20  Correspondence - D, 1934-1945

Includes Drees, Brown, Dickson, Douglas, Donlavy, Dayton, Deats

Folder 21  Correspondence - Dobie for Governor, 1944

Folder 22  Correspondence - E, 1916-1948 and undated

Includes Erskine, McElroy, Edgerton, Edson, Elliott, Estes, Eminiar

Folder 23  Correspondence- F, 1916-1951

Includes Fowler, Ferguson, Fitzgerald, Fiveash, Fogel, Fry, Fausett, Flake, Frick, Fowler, Fox, Frasca, Fletcher
Folder 24  Correspondence - G, 1916-1929
Includes Grimes, Crasher, Goldstein, Gipson, Gourley, Gilliam, Gossett, Germany, Gray, Gordon, Goss, Gillon, Gallamore

Folder 25  Correspondence
Includes Gresham, Gault, Gebhart, Green, Gregory, Graves, Gard, Gray, Gillon, Good, Gill, Greenfield

Folder 26  Correspondence - H, 1914-1929
Includes Hevermenn, Hunter, Hill, Hicks, Hanson, Hailey, Hare, Hilliard, Head, Humphries, Barnett, Harris, Randle, Wells, Harris, Helpin, Hooker

Folder 27  Correspondence - H, 1930-1953 & undated
Includes Harris, Hicks, Hayes, Harper, Newhaus, Hefley, Hicks, Hamilton, Howes, Henderson, Howard, Houdyshel, Hayden, Howard, Hickman

Folder 28  Correspondence - Orvus Lee Howk, 1943-1954
Subjects: Quantrell, Frank Dalton, Jessie James

Folder 29  Correspondence - Ed R. Huck Family, 1918-1946 & undated

Folder 30  Correspondence - J, 1914-1944
Includes Jester, Johnigan, Jester, Johnston, Jones, Joyce, Inman

Folder 31  Correspondent- Bird Taylor Johnson, 1934-1943

Folder 32  Correspondence - K, 1920-1945
Includes Klein, Kirk, King, Koenig, Kiger, Knight, Kramar, Kelleher, Kearns

Folder 33  Correspondent - Gene Lasseter, 1938-1953 & undated

Folder 34  Correspondence - L, 1915-1933
Includes Longacre, Lowry, Langford, Lesuer, Lawton, Linden, Leonard, Goodfellow, Lolli, Lesley, Lewellen, Leigh
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Folder 35  Correspondence - L, 1935-1954

Lott, Lunt, Howard, Langley, Lochridge, Lozano, Lloyd, Lockhart, LeVan, Lenzi

Folder 36  Correspondence - M, 1914-1920

Includes McFarland, McKay, Reneau, Malone, McMillan, Millard, Miles, Moore, McQueen, McClure, Martin

Folder 37  Correspondents - M, 1921-1925

Includes Martin, McMillan, Maitland, Maybee, Mowery, Monroe, Mayes, McCarthy, McGill, McFatter, Moneckton

Folder 38  Correspondents - M, 1926-1933

Includes McGee, Monroe, McClure, Milham, Mayes, McCormick, McElroy, Marley, Mitchell, Matochek, Moss

Folder 39  Correspondents - M, 1934-1952 & undated

Includes Mayfield, Moore, McCowen, McKinney, Moss, Mootz, Meyers, McGrath, Matlock, Martin, Massengale, Moore

Folder 40  Correspondent - Moore, Ben, Sr., 1945-1952

Folder 41  Correspondents - N, 1916-1951

Includes Newton, Nelson, New Process Co., Norton,

Folder 42  Correspondents - O, 1926-1937

Includes Outdoor Recreation, Odneal, Osoba, Oster

Folder 43  Correspondents - P, 1920-1935

Includes Parry, Peterson, Patterson, Pemberton, Gray, Piehl, Parry, Pena, Priester

Folder 44  Correspondents - P, 1936-1954

Includes Parrish, Phillips, Pew, Parker, Potts, Popp, Paulas, Preusser, Parker, Parsons

Folder 45  Correspondents - R, 1917-1924

Includes Redus, Russell, Ratliff, Richardson, Ross
Folder 46  Correspondents - R, 1925-1936  
Includes Reeve, Ramsey, Roberts, Renneway, Ross, Richardson, Reid

Folder 47  Correspondents - S, 1918-1925  
Includes Swift, Sankey, Sherrill, Soule, Skelley, Skaloud, Stevens, Starkey, Sadler

Folder 48  Correspondents - S, 1926-1936  
Includes Stuart, Sheives, Sadler, Sherman, Schraub, Schnelle, Smith, Stevens, Smith, Soule, Schulz, Hall, Shrewder, Sterling, Lawrence, Collins, Silvey, Stege, Shands, Scoott, Von Stein, Starnes, Snow, Salbach, Scarborough, Sutton, Sellers, Sullivan, Steiner, Stager, Sleeper

Folder 49  Correspondents - S, 1941-1954 & undated  
Includes Smiley, Schmalzried, Sharp, Sullivan, Sandahl, Springfield, Steiner, Stemmons

Folder 50  Spanish-American War (Co. C Missouri Infantry) 1928 -1953

Folder 51  Sul Ross State Univ. Correspondents 1937-1953  
Includes Clifford B. Casey, Virginia Duncan Madison, Horace Morelock

Folder 52  Correspondents - T, 1917-1954 & undated  
Tyler, Thomason, Townsend, Taylor, Tucker, Taylor, Lott, Colley, Terrell, Thorp, Ford, Tullis, Travis

Folder 53  Correspondents - V, 1918-1933  
Includes Vance, Vineyard, Vivian, Vaughn, Valle, Vale

Folder 54  Correspondents - W, 1915 -1953  
Includes Wright, Weaver, Ward, Williams, Willis, Welborn, Woods, White, Webb, Woolems, Weaver, Woods, West, Weaver, Wick, Wells, Glasscock, Smith, Heard, Pettus

Folder 55  Correspondence - Wilkes, Jeannette Giles, 1933-1945 & undated  
NOTE: Stamps & Envelopes, 1907-1909 returned from C.B. Casey Papers 5-9-17
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Folder 56  Texas Rangers - Administrative Files 1936-1943 & undated
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Folder 73  Ranger J. M. Fox 1917-1918 (4 leaves)
Folder 74  Ranger W. T. Gonzauillas 1920-1944 (14 leaves)
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Folder 76  Ranger Tom R. Hickman 1920-1922 (28 leaves)
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  Included: funeral of Georgia Aldrich, Marathon Telephone Co. bill, John Elgin vs. Pat M. Neff

Folder 100  Business Papers - General 1926-1927

  Included: Ramsey, J. A. - $1,000 reward; new U. S. Pension law

Folder 101  Business Papers - General 1928-1930

  Included: Drawing of floor plan of RWA home; documents relating to Texas Ranger cases.

Folder 102  Business Papers - General 1931-1935

  Included: notice of jury duty; U. S. Spanish War Veterans (burial funds); Ku Klux Klan endorsement of Hunter

Folder 103  Business Papers- General 1936-1939

  Included: Nix Hospital bills (Tod Aldrich); Dudley Dobie; Gov. James Allred; Marine Firemen's Oilers' and Watertenders' Union strike call; Texas Women's Press Assn; James Polk

Folder 104  Business Papers - General 1940-1942

  Included: State Library Plan (1940); Dudley Dobie; Homer Garrison

Folder 105  Business Papers - General 1943-1946

  Included: Ranger A. Y. Allee; Dudley Dobie; Frontier Times; Homer Garrison; West Texas Historical and Scientific Society; Negro soldiers

Folder 106  Business Papers- General 1947-1949

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Folder 107 Business Papers - General 1950-1954
   Included: U. S. Spanish War Veterans; Texas State Historical Assn; Texas Folklore Society Program

Folder 108 Business Papers - General [undated]
   Included: Plat of R. W. Aldrich home; G. W. Sadler

Folder 109 Business Papers- Tax Returns 1939-1952

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Folder 132  Bank Accounts, 1907-1944 [box of 22 items]
Folder 133  Check Stubs, 1917-1951 [box of 100 items]
Ledger    Records of Aldrich Bros. Launch Business (1)

REFERENCE  c.1847-1948 & undated

Folder 134  Texas: Texas Memorial Museum Information Circulars 1939-1940
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Folder 137  Literary MSS: "Queen of the Bluebonnets" (Texas) undated
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Folder 150  Scrapbook: Richard Harding Davis: "Soldiers of Fortune"/ more Birds & Animals
Folder 151  Items used as bookmarks
Folder 152  Created/ Presentation Books

Includes Georgia Aldrich's Recipe Book; New Testament "presented to Lt. R. W. Aldrich on mustering-in day 1898"; RWA Record of Fiction Read

NOTE  FOLDER NUMBERS 153-162 NOT USED.

SB [OS]  Travel [Mexico et al./ House & Garden] (1)

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

SB [OS]  Texas Rangers; World News; Political Cartoons; WWII Maps (14 volumes)

NOTE  FOLDER NUMBERS 153-162 NOT USED.

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Includes 1881 specs. for new state capitol
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PERIODICALS 1890-1950 & UNDATED
Folder 221  Periodicals I - mainly Texas; includes "Indians at Work " (Office of Indian Affairs 1933-1941)
Folder 222  Periodicals II - includes items about Texas; Pemex Travel Club (Mexico City)
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MEMORANDA & AWARDS
Folder 224  Memorandum Notebooks, 1879-1936
Folder 225  Texas Rangers Daily Report; Names & Addresses
Folder 226  Notes, undated  
Includes list of Rangers; letter from Willie Hunter Armstrong
Folder 227  Plaque: "Capt. Roy W. Aldrich, 1869-1955 "
CORRESPONDENCE 1932-1943 and undated {840 leaves}

Correspondence includes personal and Texas Ranger correspondence. Personal correspondence pertains to the acquisition of animals for Roy Aldrich's private zoo, the purchase and sale of books, and the yearly reunions of Company "C" Veterans Club. Also found in personal correspondence is a series of letters beginning in 1935 and ending in 1940 with J. W. "Tod" Aldrich, Roy Aldrich's brother. This series of letters was written while J. W. Aldrich was living in San Antonio, Texas, under the care of a doctor. The series of letters ends upon the death of J. W. Aldrich in 1940. Texas Ranger correspondence contains inquiries about the Texas Rangers, and interdepartmental memos pertaining to personnel and other office matters.

Folder 228 Personal Correspondence, General, 1933, (26 leaves)
From/To: John M. Henrix, E.W. Morgan (Veterans Admin.), George Saunders, John M. Rooney (railroad pass), H. T. Causey, Arthur R. Henderson, Carrizo Springs ISD (School Taxes), Raymond Kyser (black racoons), and Jeanette Giles

Folder 229 Personal Correspondence, General, 1934, (4 leaves)
From/To: J. S. Milton (City Marshall, Bastrop, Tx), E.T. Zwernemann, Paula Hicks, and J.E. Vaughan

Folder 230 Personal Correspondence, General, 1935, (11 leaves)

Folder 231 Personal Correspondence, General, 1936, (13 leaves)
From/To: Pete Crawford, Gene, Gage Brothers, Jack Shipman, Dobie's Book Shop, Olive Hick, and Julia Hudson

Folder 232 Personal Correspondence, General, 1937, (47 leaves)
From/To: Eugent Howard, H. L. Fitzpatrick, C. Wharton, A. M. Wilson, Sawnie R. Aldredge, Mrs. George Garrett, Austin Mutual Life Ins. Co., E. Paul Jones, Mrs. Wootten,
Folder 232 (cont.)


Folder 233

Personal Correspondence, General, 1938, (113 leaves)

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Personal Correspondence, General, 1939, (79 leaves)
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Folder 236  Personal Correspondence, General, 1941, (32 leaves)

Folder 237  Personal Correspondence, General, 1942, (24 leaves)
From/To: S. G. Reed, Mark Aldrich, Ted Aldrich, Sarah Chokio Gross, Capt. E. E. Townsend, Jack Martin, Rev. J. W. E. Airey, Gene Lassiter, Capt. and Jerry Gray

Folder 238  Personal Correspondence, General, 1943, (2 leaves)
From/To: The State Observer

Folder 239  Personal Correspondence, General, undated, (24 leaves), From/To: TW, Delois, Virginia Duncan, L. D. Bertillion, The Texas Woman's Press Assn., and Am. Books and Pamphlets

Note: Folders 240-243 were correspondence with J. W. Aldrich. He was staying at the Elks Club in San Antonio. He was ill. The doctor found a brain tumor and he was slowly becoming paralyzed. He died in March, 1940.

Folder 240  Personal Correspondence with J. W. Aldrich, 1935-1937 (63 leaves)
Folder 241  Personal Correspondence with J. W. Aldrich, 1938 (74 leaves)
Folder 242  Personal Correspondence with J. W. Aldrich, 1939 (167 leaves)
Folder 243  Personal Correspondence with J. W. Aldrich, 1940 (17 leaves)
Folder 244  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1932-1933, (12 leaves)
    From/To: James E. Ferguson/H. T. Kimbro, Miss Edith, W. A. Hanger/ H. H. Kamsler, W. J. Bill Connell, Hutchings, and Zollie K. Campbell
Folder 245  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1934-1935, (5 leaves)
    From/To: Tim Connally, A. A. Aldrich, and Clayton
Folder 246  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1936, (14 leaves)
    From/To: DPS Transfers, Special Ranger Commissions Issued list, Will McMurrey, George E. Layne, W.W. Waid, and Sarah E. Johnson
Folder 247  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1937, (11 leaves)
Folder 248  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1938, (18 leaves)
    From/To: Edward J. Green, Harold B. Wright, Priston Bates, M. G. Cromwell, E.W. Bullard, Mary Kathryn Horn, B. W. Smith, Donald E. Watkins, Mal A. Petty, Frank J. Riley, Miss Edith, Faye Holybee, Royal G. Phillips
Folder 249  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1939, (5 leaves)
    Gib Abernathy, W. B. Wright, and Henry Wilson
Folder 250  Texas Ranger Correspondence, 1940-1941, (6 leaves)
    Leo Bishop, H. B. Purvis, JoAnn Devlin, and L. G. Deats
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS 1883-1942 and undated (214 leaves)

Found in Financial Documents are bills, receipts for paycheck advances and an inventory of property for R. W. Aldrich for the year 1938. Included also is a records of work by the hour done for Professor John Collier by W.W. Wilson during September of 1883.

Folder 251 Financial Documents, 1883, (1 leaf)
Folder 252 Financial Documents, 1920-1933, (8 leaves)
Folder 253 Financial Documents, 1934, (10 leaves)
Folder 254 Financial Documents, 1935, (32 leaves)
Folder 255 Financial Documents, 1936, (18 leaves)
Folder 256 Financial Documents, 1937, (72 leaves)
Folder 257 Financial Documents, 1938, (14 leaves)
Folder 258 Financial Documents, 1939, (22 leaves)
Folder 259 Financial Documents, 1940-1941, (12 leaves)
Folder 260 Financial Documents, 1942, (17 leaves)
Folder 261 Financial Documents, undated (8 leaves)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS 1937-1938 (3 leaves)

Included in this section are a Deed of Trust giving Captain R. W. Aldrich a second lien on property owned by H. H. Carmichael and a Subpoena summoning Captain R. W. Aldrich to appear before the District Court of Williamson County as a witness for the state of Texas vs Ray Darrell.

Folder 262 Legal Documents, 1937-1938, (3 leaves)

PRINTED MATERIAL 1931-1944 (2 unbound, 105 leaves) (2 leaves)

Printed Material contains copies of Startling Detective Adventures and True Detective. Found in Startling Detective Adventures is a story pertaining to the murder of Dr. Ramsey in the Rio Grande Valley. In True Detective is a story concerning Captain R. W. Aldrich and his library.

Folder 263 Printed Material, 1931-1944, (2 unbound, 105 leaves)

Startling Detective Adventures August, 1931
True Detective August, 1944
SAVINGS MATERIAL 1935-1942 and undated (67 leaves)

Savings Material includes greeting cards and newspaper clippings. The newspaper clippings pertain to friends of Captain R. W. Aldrich, yearly reunions of Company "C" Veterans club and other Texas interests.

Folder 264  Savings Material, Greeting Cards, 1935-1942 and undated, (62 leaves)

Folder 265  Savings Material, Newspaper Clippings, 1935-1940 and undated (5 leaves)
            Tyler (Texas) Courier-Times                        September 18, 1935
            The Fort Worth Press                                 undated
            The Daily Democrat, Lamar, Mo.                       November 13, 1939
            The Daily Democrat, Lamar, Mo.                       October 21, 1940
            This Asset Must Be Protected by Harry C. Withers.    undated

CORRESPONDENCE 1934-1937 and undated (3 leaves)

Folder 266  Correspondence, 1934-1937 and undated (3 leaves)
            From/To: Jack Patterson, Robt. Goodfellow, Wright Howes (rare books), and Mary Haynes, to the War Department offering the services of her husband to the U.S. Army.
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS 1903-1923 and undated (17 leaves)

Folder 267  Financial Documents, 1903-1923 and undated, (17 leaves)
Budget Estimates, Ranger Force, Adjutant, 1919-1921
Generals Dept.
Budget Estimates, Ranger Force, Adjutant, 1921-1925
Generals Dept.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS  undated (1 leaf)

Folder 268  Legal Documents
Cert. of U.S. Citizen, Raul Lopez, Cameron County, Tx
undated

LITERARY PRODUCTIONS  1918 (1 leaf)

Folder 269  Poem, 1918 (1 leaf)
"I'm With You" by Maude Rogers Hughes, Jan. 22, 1918

PRINTED MATERIAL  1923-1937 and undated (1 unbound, 2 leaves) (5 leaves)

Included in Printed Material are a brochure for tours into Mexico, a notice of a mass meeting in the Senate Chambers concerning bootleggers, and a copy of the "Confederate Re-Union Song" by John M. Richardson of Daingerfield, Texas.

Folder 270  Printed Material, 1923-1937 and undated (1 unbound, 2 leaves) (5 leaves)

National Railways of Mexico (Mexico Tours)
Flyer- Mass Meeting Senate Chamber (bootleggers)
The Man Who Counts-Theodore Roosevelt
(Political Advertising)
The House that Jack Built, New Braunfels, Tx.
(Museum and Curio Store)
Copy of Confederate Re-Union Song by John M. Richardson (note to Capt. Aldrich from J. Wright)
SAVINGS MATERIAL 1904-1952 and undated (1,021 leaves)

Found in Savings Material are memorabilia and newspaper clippings. Memorabilia includes a certificate of appreciation from the University of Texas for Captain Aldrich's contribution of rare plants for botanical study and for allowing the staff and students to use his library and ranch for study. Newspaper clippings contain articles on border problems, crimes, gardening, and prohibition.

Folder 271  Savings Material, Memorabilia, 1917 and undated (6 leaves)

Folder 272  Savings Material, Memorabilia, 1952 (1 leaf) (stored at end of collection)

Folder 273  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1915-1941 and undated Clippings, Border Troubles (208 leaves)

Folder 274  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1903-1936 and undated Clippings, Crimes (262 leaves)

Folder 275  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1904-1951 and undated Clippings, General Interest (334 leaves)

Folder 276  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1911-1941 and undated Clippings, Historical Reminiscence (107 leaves)

Folder 277  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1918-1935 and undated Clippings, Natural Science and Gardening (29 leaves)

Folder 278  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1922-1935 and undated Clippings, Prohibition and Drug Smuggling (49 leaves)

Folder 279  Savings Material, Newspaper, 1915-1942 and undated Clippings, World War I and II (25 leaves)
BOOK PLATE LITHOGRAPHS  c. 1830's (29 leaves)

Book Plate Lithographs consists of hand-painted lithographs of insects which were removed from books and framed. These lithographs have been removed from their frames.

Folder 280  Book Plate Lithographs, Insects, c. 1830's (29 leaves)

PHOTOGRAPHS  1948 (3 leaves)

Found in this section is a panoramic photograph of the Retraining School for Texas Rangers. These classes were held March 8 through March 13, 1948 and March 15 through March 20, 1948 at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

Folder FFOS  Photographs (see oversized file), 1948 (3 leaves)  
1 photo + 2 leaves ID

Folder 281  Aldrich's collections Shelf List (before sale to SRJ (Dobie))
ROY W. ALDRICH PAPERS, 1847-1959

PHOTOGRAPHS

For Roy Aldrich's accounts of the trips to Africa and Mexico (PH Boxes E & G), biographical information on Aldrich, his zoo, family and career, see Virginia Duncan: "The Life of Captain R. W. Aldrich," a thesis in the collections of the Archives.

PH Box A  Roy W. Aldrich: Casuals; his zoo; hunting & fishing

Includes Great Wolf Hunt of 1905 (Teddy Roosevelt); Aldrich's collections related to hunting (arrowheads, horns). Also see PH Box OS (fishing)

PH Box B  Photographs with messages to Captain Aldrich

Includes his biographer, Virginia Duncan Madison

PH Box C  Roy W. Aldrich & Texas Rangers

Includes Aldrich at Camp Mabry; Ranger Companies A, D, & E; Ranger Captains John Hughes (with Eleanor Roosevelt in one photo) and Jerry Gray; Rangers (including R. W. Aldrich and his brother Tod) in Borger, Desdemona, Galveston, Glen Rose, Longview; outlaws Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, Billy the Kid, and others.

PH Box D  Texas Rangers & Law Enforcement

Includes Rangers Bill Sterling, W. E. Naylor, Arch Miller, Bob Poole, John Hollis; Colonels Carmichael, Homer Garrison, Jr.; Dept. of Public Safety offices and cactus garden (with Capt. Aldrich); DPS radio tower; DPS staff, 1930 & undated; other law enforcement groups and individuals.

PH Box E  Texas-Mexico Border & Mexico

Includes Big Bend scenes; a hunt in Mexico; scenes of Mexico

PH Box F  Photographs associated with W. D. Smithers

Includes Animals; Glenn Springs, Texas; aviators; Mexico

Note: Not all the photographs are by Smithers; some appear in his book; some are associated here by style or subject matter.

PH Box G  Africa

Includes Hunters & hunting; Transvaal; Belgian Congo; East Africa; Swaziland natives; Zulus; Hottentots; Durban, Natal, South Africa; other.
People and places of note

Includes Missouri Voluntary Infantry (Lt. R. W. Aldrich, 1898); Rough Rider Captain Irving O'Hay; Pawnee Bill (Major Gordon W. Lillie); Baldwin Parker (son of Quanah Parker); actor Jack Moore (in military and Ranger roles); photographs of paintings of King Ranch owners; section of grand homes, boats, and planes. Also see PH Box OS (Tom Mix)

Portraits on Cardboard Mounts

Mainly studio portraits taken in Arizona, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma and Texas, mostly unidentified women, many dating back into the 1800s. One identified (Alice Lee, Chattanooga, TN), one addressed "Dear Tod" (brother of R. W. Aldrich), two dressed in Native American costume.

Joseph Wilkinson Aldrich (father of R. W. Aldrich)

Page from a photograph album which include images of the Civil War (1860-1865), one image labeled "Daddie"; a series at Laredo TX (one labeled "wounded Con. soldiers"); image of crowd in front of large building with "Miss Freedom" statue (Albany, GA?); J. W. Aldrich at house, in banks, tombstone of J. W. Aldrich (Missouri); two portraits in covers, one imprinted J. W. Aldrich. [Civil War 1860-1865]

Includes images of military life (Camp Thomas [Ohio?], battlefields); a labor crew of black prisoners; an execution by firing squad.

People and Places c. 1890

Persons named: Marguerite and Bess Wheatley (Amarillo TX); places identified: San Antonio TX, Hobart OK; town scenes with bicyclers and couples in buggies; business names visible in town scenes: W. L. Garrett Dry Goods, Painter Co. (wire fencing), Bank of Eldorado Springs; groups posed in the woods; the Aldrich home in Missouri in 1896; small Aldrich Family Portrait Album, 1890s.

Postcards (correspondence), Pass cards (Railroad, etc.) & Trade Cards

Africa, Alpine (TX), Animals, Architecture, Big Bend, Boats, Bridges, Carlsbad Caverns, Cities & Towns, Travel Souvenir Post Card sets, Texas Rangers, other
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PH Box NG  Aldrich Photograph Negatives

Includes swim party [1920s?] (with contact prints)

PH Box OS  Oversize Photographs & Art

Portraits (R. W. Aldrich with Arch Miller at Santa Elena Canyon, TX, Gene Lasseter, "Texas Queen of Song," Chas. Kirk, Tom Mix); winning photos of the Fish Photo Contest of 1924; and unidentified.

Includes Lynd Ward woodcut (cover of Alec Waugh's *Hot Countries*); J. D. Moffatt's "Water Hole" 1936 (pen and ink); Texas history prints by Norman Price; program of "Rio Rita: Musical Romance of Rio Grande;" *Concrete Country Residences*. Also see FF[OS] Moore: "The Long Range Shot"

PH Box P  Aldrich Family Card Photograph Album I

Includes Roy W. Aldrich

PH Box Q  Aldrich Family Card Photograph Album II

FF [OS]  Roy W. and J. W. Aldrich Oversize Materials

Photos: Capt. Roy Aldrich; Texas Ranger Retraining School class of 1948. Certificates: Appointment of Roy Aldrich as Captain in Texas Rangers, 1917 & 1919(2)


NP [OS]  Newspapers (1 newspaper box)

NOTE  The University of Texas in Austin also holds a manuscript collection of the papers of Roy W. Aldrich