ARCHIVES OF THE BIG BEND
INVENTORY OF DONATIONS

DATE: March 9, 1982    DONOR: Gladys Slight Bennett

FILE ENTRY: Bennett, Gladys Slight

TITLE: GLADYS SLIGHT AND D.M. BENNETT COLLECTION 1892 -1982

SPECIAL NOTES: Nine photographs of early Alpine transferred to photograph collection.

Donation: February 1, 1982

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Inventoried By: Beverly Case

Typed By: Deann Randle & Beverly Case

Approved By: Ken Perry
DATE OF BIRTH: December 1, 1899  
PLACE OF BIRTH: Alpine, Texas  

FATHER'S NAME: Ralph Bernal Slight  
MOTHER'S NAME: Charlotte Williams Slight  

DATE OF DEATH: December 9, 1987  
PLACE OF DEATH: Alpine, Texas  

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND INDICATE IF OLDER OR YOUNGER THAN PERSON LISTED ABOVE: 
Richard Bernal Slight, February 24, 1902 (died, June 18, 1969)  

EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES DATES OF ATTENDANCE): 
Elementary school through: 10th grade, Alpine, Texas  

DATE OF MARRIAGE: July 15, 1917  
NAME OF SPOUSE: Denzil McBride (Nig) Bennett  

PLEASE LIST CHILDREN IN ORDER OF BIRTH: 
Merle Tilley Bennett Friesen, November 10, 1918  
Robert Douglas Bennett, April 25, 1924  

PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN: 
Alpine, Texas  

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S): Homemaker and reporter for Alpine Avalanche  

MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD: 

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GLADYS SLIGHT AND D.M. BENNETT COLLECTION 1892-1982

ARCHIVES OF THE BIG BEND  BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION  ACCESSION NUMBER
SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY  SHEET  ACCESSION DATE

COLLECTION TITLE: GLADYS SLIGHT AND D. M. BENNETT COLLECTION

PRINCIPAL NAME AROUND: Denzil McBridle (Nig) Bennett

WHICH COLLECTION IS FORMED:

DATE OF BIRTH: May 21, 1894  PLACE OF BIRTH: Denton County, Texas

FATHER'S NAME:  MOTHER'S NAME: Rebecca Bennett

DATE OF DEATH: June 24, 1968  PLACE OF DEATH: Alpine, Texas

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND INDICATE IF OLDER OR YOUNGER THAN PERSON LISTED ABOVE:

1. Floyd  6. Even (twins)
2. John  7. Flossie (twins)
3. Claude  8. Josie
4. Roy  9. Denzil McBride (Nig) Bennett, May 21, 1894
5. Vane

EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES DATES OF ATTENDANCE):

elementary—at "subscription" school
apprenticed as "printer's devil" at age 12

DATE OF MARRIAGE: July 15, 1917  NAME OF SPOUSE: Gladys Slight

PLEASE LIST CHILDREN IN ORDER OF BIRTH:

Merle Tilley Bennett Friesen, November 10, 1918
Robert Douglas Bennett, April 25, 1924

PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:

Denton County, Texas 1894-c. 1896
Indian Territory c. 1896-1914
Alpine, Texas 1914-1963

Alpine, Texas

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S): editor, Alpine Avalanche; partner. West Texas Motor Co.; Owner, Alpine Bottling Works

MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:

Alpine Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce
Alpine Rotary Club
Alpine Business Men's Athletic Committee
**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SHEET CONT:** Denzil McBride Bennett

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COLLECTION TITLE: GLADYS SLIGHT AND D. M. BENNETT COLLECTION

PRINCIPAL NAME AROUND

Ralph Bernal (Bob) Slight

WHICH COLLECTION IS FORMED:

DATE OF BIRTH: October 25, 1868

PLACE OF BIRTH: Nottingham, England

FATHER'S NAME: Ralph Bernal Slight

MOTHER'S NAME: Charlotte Williams Slight

DATE OF DEATH: August 26, 1953

PLACE OF DEATH: Alpine, Texas

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND INDICATE IF OLDER OR YOUNGER THAN PERSON LISTED ABOVE:

Fred A. Slight

EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES DATES OF ATTENDANCE):

read law in Nottingham, England 4 years prior to 1886

DATE OF MARRIAGE: 1) 1896 2) 1910

NAME OF SPOUSE: 1) Charlotte Williams (d. 1904) 2) Mary Sanford

PLEASE LIST CHILDREN IN ORDER OF BIRTH:

1. Gladys (1899) deceased in 1953:
   Bernal (1902) Mary, Haley, Ralph

2. Mrs. Stewart Winton
   Mrs. George Lucas
   Fred Slight

PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:

Nottingham, England 1868-1886
San Antonio, Texas 1886-1888
Alpine, Texas 1888-1953 (lived short time in Lincoln County, New Mexico, ___ to 1930)

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) owner, operator, Alpine Drug Store; rancher; Brewster County Judge

MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:

Masons, Alpine Lodge 1897-1953
Member, Board of Alpine Methodist Church
Brewster County Judge, 1932-1948
1886--came to San Antonio, Texas, worked as bookkeeper
1888--came to Alpine, Texas and worked on Lawrence Haley's ranch. Later worked on Brockenbrow G4, Gage and other ranches.
1894--herding cattle up Chisholm trail
1896--married Charlotte Williams
1898-1900--worked for C. H. Larkin(Kincaid?) General Store
1900-1919--owned and operated Alpine Drug Store
1906--established first electric ice plant in Alpine, partner J. H. Derrick
1910--married Mary Sanford of Alpine
1917--received on death of Lawrence Haley half of Haley's cattle
1917-1930--ranched with George Brown (Alpine) and in Lincoln County, New Mexico
1930--returned to Alpine, Texas
1932-1948--County Judge, Brewster County
1953--died, Alpine, Texas
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Box #1

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS  1951 (10 leaves)

Folder #1  Sul Ross Scoreboard Fund

Bank deposit slips, September 7, 1953-October 23, 1953 (6 leaves)
Receipt, October 23, 1953, 1 leaf
Note, n.d., 1 leaf
List of Donations, October 23, 1953, 1 leaf

LITERARY PRODUCTIONS  1982 (3 leaves)

Folder #2  Manuscript

Biography of D.M. Bennett and Richard Bernal Slight, by Gladys Slight
Bennett, January, 1982 (3 leaves)

PHOTOGRAPHS  1892-1958 & n.d. (10 leaves)

Folder #3  Family photographs

Photo 1  Ralph Bernal Slight and family, 1912, 1 leaf
Photo 2  D.M. "Nig" Bennett, age 19, 1913, 1 leaf
Photo 3  D.M. Bennett and granddaughter, Suzanne Bennett, n.d.,
         (1 leaf)
Photo 4  D.M. Bennett, 1958, (1 leaf)
Photo 5  Group photograph, n.d., copy of 1909 photo, (1 leaf)
         Mamie Weyerts, Aunt Metta Harms, Minnie Munsey,
         Bernal Slight, Freida Weyerts, Mettie Weyerts, Gladys
         Slight
Photo 6  Gladys and Bernal Slight, age 4 and 2, n.d., copy of photo
        c. 1904, (1 leaf)
Photo 7  Group photograph of cowboys and child, R.B. Slight and
        Gene Parr identified, 1892 and copy of photo, n.d.,
        (2 leaves)
Photo 8  R.B. Slight's 1907 automobile, n.d. framed, 1 leaf
Photo 9  Framed certificate appointing R.B. Slight Commissioner of
        the Texas Centennial of Statehood, 1945 (1 leaf)

PRINTED MATERIAL  1950-1969 (1 unbound, 6 leaves) (1 leaf)

Folder #4  Periodicals & Newspaper Clippings

West Texas Publisher, vol. 4, no. 2, October, 1950, 1 unbound,
(6 leaves)
“A Tribute to Nig Bennett,” Alpine Avalanche, January 2, 1969,
(1 leaf)