The J. D. Jackson and Family Papers were donated to the Archives of the Big Bend by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holman. Mrs. J. D. Holman is the daughter of Jim and Una Servilla Jackson Casner. Several donations from the Holmans' were compiled to create one collection dealing with the Jackson family and business associates. Most of the material deals with J. D. Jackson's business dealings including Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises and the Casner Motor Company.

Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson was born on January 6, 1861 in Bell County, Texas. He was raised on his father's farm and attended a rural school close by. On December 24, 1889 he married Dorcas Carolyn Ford. They had two children—a daughter, Una Servilla and a son, Ford. J. D. Jackson died on January 17, 1943 in Alpine, Texas.

Jackson was involved in many organizations and community affairs. He was Vice-President and President of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Brewster County Commissioner, and served on the Alpine Independent School Board of-Trustees for more than 20 years. During his years on the Board of Trustees, Jackson fought to establish the Sul Ross Normal College (he later became known as "the father of Sul Ross"). In 1917 Alpine was able to secure the college primarily due to his influence.

J. D. Jackson moved to Brewster County in 1885 and opened a livery stable and butcher shop. In 1889 he became partners with Samuel Decatur (Sam) Harmon. Sam Harmon owned cattle and land in the Chalk Valley area, south of Alpine. When Sam's partner, Green Nixon, returned to his former home in San Angelo, Jackson bought up his share of the partnership. The livery stable and butcher shop were combined to create the Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises which lasted 50 years. Their first purchase was a herd of cattle from a bankrupt sale. Soon after, a 100 section ranch north of Marathon! Texas was purchased. Additional land was acquired by homesteading and purchasing through land agent, Jason James. James was hired to purchase land in his name for Jackson and Harmon. Their ranching enterprise extended throughout Brewster County with the major portion being in the Northeastern section. Together they built up one of the largest ranching enterprises in Texas. At various times they controlled over 200 sections of land and ran over 10,000 head of cattle. In 1916 the partnership (including land, cattle, and business assets) was worth $1,108,236. By 1935 Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises was in serious trouble. Their cattle were moved to Shackleford County, Texas and mortgaged to the Fort Worth National Bank to pay off outstanding debts.

The partnership dissolved in a lawsuit of Harmon vs. Jackson on October 30, 1939. Harmon sued Jackson for land and money that he believed to be rightfully his. As a result of the lawsuit, Harmon was awarded 933.77 acres of land and a monetary compensation of $10,000.
Jackson was involved outside of the Jackson-Harmon partnership in his own business affairs. The Casner Motor Company, owned by James Emory (Jim) Casner was one of them.

Jim Casner was born on March 10, 1888 in Kingsville, Texas. In 1909 he developed tuberculosis and entered a sanatorium in New Mexico for treatment. After being discharged as cured in 1914, Casner moved to Alpine, Texas and opened a car dealership. He purchased the Ford agency (owned by Murphey and Middlebrook) and renamed it the West Texas Motor Company. In 1917, he married Una Servilla Jackson. They had one daughter, Una Joy (Mrs. J. D. Holman). In 1919 he expanded his business and together with his father-in-law, J. D. Jackson, acquired the General Motors Dealership from the Texas Convertible Car Company in Ft. Worth, Texas. This dealership was named Casner Motor Company and had sales rooms in Alpine, Marfa, and Pecos, Texas. After selling the West Texas Motor Company in 1926, Casner moved to El Paso, Texas where his brothers were operating the Casner Chevrolet Company. He worked there until 1933 when he returned to Alpine to continue in the Casner Motor Company. On April 1, 1964, Casner turned the management over to Forrest Walker and Associates and focused on personal business and the development of Alpine and the Big Bend region. Jim Casner died on December 16, 1982 in Alpine, Texas.

The collection consists of Correspondence, Biographical Materials, Financial Documents, Legal Documents, Photographs, Printed Material, Records, and Scrapbook and Savings Materials. The bulk of the collection contains business papers dealing with the Jackson-Harmon partnership. A large portion of the collection also deals with biographical information about the Jackson and Casner families. Important documents to note are J. D. Jackson's last will and testament and the final agreement in the lawsuit of Harmon vs. Jackson. The material is housed in two archival storage boxes. Folders are numbered and arranged alphabetically within each category. One oversize photograph is housed in a box at the end of the collection.

By: Cindy L. Marquez
Archival Assistant

January 21, 1987
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INVENTORY OF DONATIONS

DATE: January 20, 1987
DONOR: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holman

FILE ENTRY: Jackson, Joseph Daniel (J. D.) (1861-1943)

SPECIAL NOTES: One oversize photograph of the Lone Star Motor Company is housed at the end of the collection.

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TITLE: J. D. JACKSON & FAMILY PAPERS, APPENDIX I [1939]

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Contains Xerox copies of papers dealing with the Harmon vs. Jackson lawsuit. Included in the documents were auditors reports, summons, complaints, and depositions.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY
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J. D. JACKSON AND FAMILY PAPERS

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GLOSSARY OF LEGAL TERMS

AFFIDAVIT: A written or printed declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily and confirmed by the oath or affirmation of the party making it, taken before a person having authority to administer such oath or affirmation.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS A concord of understanding and intention between two or more parties with respect to the effect upon their relative rights and duties; of certain past or future facts or performances; synonymous with “contract”.

ASSIGNMENT: A transfer or making over to another of the whole of any property, real or personal, in possession or in action, or of any estate or right therein.

BILL OF COSTS: A certified, itemized statement of the amount of costs in an action or suit.

CAPITAL STOCK: The declared money value of the outstanding stock of the corporation.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION: The grant of authority from a government to exist as a corporation. Generally replaced today by a certificate of incorporation approving the articles of incorporation.

CHATTEL MORTGAGE: A security device by which the owner of personal property transfers the title to a creditor as security for the debt owed by the owner to the creditor.

CONTRACT: A binding agreement based upon the genuine assent of the parties, made for a lawful object, between competent parties, in the form required by law, and generally supported by consideration.

DEED: An instrument by which the grantor (owner of land) conveys or transfers the title to a grantee.
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<td>DEPOSITION:</td>
<td>The testimony of a witness taken out of court before a person authorized to administer oaths.</td>
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<td>ET AL:</td>
<td>An abbreviation for et alii, &quot;and others.&quot;</td>
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<td>ET UX:</td>
<td>An abbreviation for et uxor, &quot;and wife.&quot;</td>
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<td>GRANTEE:</td>
<td>One to whom a grant is made.</td>
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<td>GRANTOR:</td>
<td>The person by whom a grant is made. A transferor of property. The creator of a trust is usually designated as the granter of the trust.</td>
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<td>HOMESTEAD DESIGNATION:</td>
<td>The dwelling house and the adjoining land where the head of the family dwells; the home farm. The fixed residence of the head of a family, with the land and buildings surrounding the main house.</td>
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<td>Term used alone or with &quot;and testament&quot; to designate the instrument which ultimately fixes the disposition of real and personal property and death.</td>
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<td>LEASE:</td>
<td>An agreement between the owner of property and a tenant by which the former agrees to give possession of the property to the latter in consideration of the payment or rent.</td>
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<td>LETTERS OF PATENT:</td>
<td>An instrument issued by a government to the patentee, granting or confirming a right to the exclusive possession and enjoyment of land, or of a new invention or discovery.</td>
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<td>NOTE:</td>
<td>An instrument containing an express and absolute promise of signor to pay to a specified person or order, or bearer, a definite sum of money at a specified time.</td>
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from land.

PASSPORT: A document identifying a citizen, in effect requesting foreign powers to allow the bearer to enter and to pass freely and safely, recognizing the right of the bearer to the protection and offices.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: An instrument authorizing another to act as one's agent or attorney. The agent is attorney in fact and his power is revoked on the death of the principal by operation of law.

PROXY: A written authorization by a shareholder to another person to vote the stock owned by the shareholder; the person who is the holder of such written authorization.

QUITCLAIM DEED: A deed by which the grantor purports only to give up whatever right or title the grantor may have in the property without specifying or warranting transfer of any particular interest.

RELEASE OF LIENS: An agreement or instrument by which the holder of a lien on property such as a mortgage lien, releases the property from the lien although the debt itself is not discharged.

TITLE: The union of all the elements which constitute ownership. The right to or ownership in land; also, the evidence of such ownership.

TRANSFER: An act of the parties, or of the law, by which the title to property is conveyed from one person to another.

VENDORS LIEN: A creature of equity, being a lien impliedly belonging to a vendor for the unpaid purchase price of land, where he has not taken any other lien or security beyond the personal obligation of the purchaser.

WARRANTY DEED: A deed by which the grantor conveys a specific estate or interest to the grantee and makes one or more of the covenants of title.
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CASNER FAMILY GENEEOLOGY

Edward Vontrees & Alice Columbia Arnold Casner

Children:
Mable Leslie Casner
Millie Belle Casner
James (Jim) Emory Casner - Una Servilla Jackson
Una Joy Casner Holman - J. D. Holman
Pat Holman
Unalee Holman
Jodie Holman
Emory Holman
Ross Edward Casner
Annie Lola Casner
Stanley Wayne Casner
Norman Lindsey Casner
Rainey Sam Casner
Roscoe Arnold Casner
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JACKSON FAMILY GENEEOLOGY

Jacob & Jane Jackson

Children:

George W. Jackson - Addie Miers
J. D. Jackson - Mollie L. Modisett
Joe D. (J. D.) Jackson - Dorcas Carolyn Ford
  Ford Jackson - Jeanne Brannon (married James Scott after Ford died)
  *Carolyn Jeanne (Ford Servilla) Jackson - Robert H. Well
  Diane Well
    Robert Henry Well
    Carolyn Jean Well
  Una Servilla Jackson - James Emory Casner
  (dec.) Una Joy Casner - J. D. Holman
    Pat Holman
    Unalee Holman
  (dec.) Jodie Holman
    Emory Holman
Miss Lou Jackson
Mrs. Julia C. Jackson Hewett - J. D. Hewett

*Carolyn Jeanne Jackson's name was legally changed to Ford Servilla Jackson when her father, Ford Jackson, died. She was five years old at the time.
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SHEET: Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson

MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD (Continued):

Board of Regents of the Texas State Teachers’ Colleges
Brewster County Commissioner
Delegate of Democrat State Convention
Delegate to St. Louis Convention
Draft Board Committee – Clerk for World War I
First Christian Church
Independent Oil Corporation – President
Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad – Director
Texas House of Representatives
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association – First Vice President, President
Twelfth District Christian Church – President

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson (con’t):

1. COLLECTION TITLE  J. D. Jackson and Family Papers

2. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson

3. DATE OF BIRTH January 6, 1861  PLACE OF BIRTH Bartlett, Texas

4. DATE OF DEATH January 17, 1943  PLACE OF DEATH Alpine, Texas

5. FATHER'S NAME Jacob Jackson  MOTHER'S NAME Jane Jackson

6. NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:
   J. W. Jackson (December 29, 1850 - ?)
   George W. Jackson (March 16, 1854 - ?)
   Miss Lou Jackson
   Mrs. Julia C. Jackson Hewett

7. EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, DATES OF ATTENDANCE):
   Rural school, Bell County, Texas

8. DATE OF MARRIAGE December 24, 1889  NAME OF SPOUSE Dorcas Carolyn Ford

9. CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:
   Ford Jackson (November 6, 1895 - May 19, 1932)
   Una Servilla Jackson Casner (November 28, 1890 - December 25, 1977)

10. PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:
    Bartlett, Bell County, Texas (1861 - 1885)
    Alpine, Texas (1885 - 1943)

11. PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S)  Rancher

12. MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:
    Alpine Commercial Club (Alpine Chamber of Commerce) - President
    Alpine Independent School District - President
    Alpine Public School Board of Trustees - First President
    Alpine Publishing Company - President
    Alpine West Texas Dry Farm Congress - Barbecue Committee
    Board of Regents of Randolph College of Cisco, Texas

13. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE:
    1910’s  As President of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association, J. D. Jackson was reponsible for the reduction of freight rates on cattle in transit which saved millions to cattle raisers. He also helped establish the state quarantine line when he was involved in the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.
1. **COLLECTION TITLE** J. D. Jackson and Family Papers

2. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON** Dorcas Carolyn Ford Jackson (Mrs. J. D.)

3. **DATE OF BIRTH** November 8, 1866 **PLACE OF BIRTH** Bell County, Texas

4. **DATE OF DEATH** January 23, 1946 **PLACE OF DEATH** Alpine, Texas

5. **FATHER’S NAME** Isaac M. Ford **MOTHER’S NAME** Servilla Miers Ford

6. **NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:**
   - Mrs. Texana Wright

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

8. **DATE OF MARRIAGE** December 24, 1889 **NAME OF SPOUSE** Joseph Daniel (J.D.) Jackson

9. **CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:**
   - Ford Jackson (November 6, 1895 – May 19, 1932)
   - Una Servilla Jackson Casner (November 28, 1890 – December 25, 1977)

10. **PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:**
    - 1866 – 1889 Holland, Texas
    - 1889 – 1946 Alpine, Texas

11. **PRINCIPLE OCCUPATION(S)** Teacher

12. **MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:**
    - First Christian Church, Alpine
    - International Sunday School Association – District Secretary
    - Ladies Aid Society

13. **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE:**
    - 1887 – Received her teaching certificate
1. COLLECTION TITLE: J. D. Jackson and Family Papers

2. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON James Emory (Jim) Casner

3. DATE OF BIRTH: March 10, 1888
   PLACE OF BIRTH: Kingsville, Texas

4. DATE OF DEATH: December 16, 1982
   PLACE OF DEATH: Alpine, Texas

5. FATHER’S NAME: Edward Vontrees Casner
   MOTHER’S NAME: Alice Columbia Arnold

6. NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:
   - Mable Leslie Casner (October 11, 1884 - January 1915)
   - Millie Belle Casner (February 15, 1886 - ?)
   - Ross Edward Casner (September 15, 1889 - November 29, 1918)
   - Annie Lola Casner (January 2, 1892 - ?)
   - Stanley Wayne Casner (January 21, 1894 - ?)
   - Norman Lindsey Casner (March 14, 1896 - April 1946)
   - Rainey Sam Casner (April 15, 1899 - ?)
   - Roscoe Arnold Casner (March 25, 1904 - 1940)

7. EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, DATES OF ATTENDANCE):
   - Business school in Austin, Texas - 1905
   - Business school in Waco, Texas

8. DATE OF MARRIAGE: September 5, 1917
   Name of Spouse: Una Servilla Jackson

9. CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:
   - Una Joy Casner (Mrs. J. D. Holman)

10. PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:
    - 1888 - 1905: Kingsville, Texas
    - 1905 - ?: Austin, Texas
    - 1909 - 1911: Wilcox, Arizona
    - 1911: Silver City, New Mexico
    - 1912 - 1914: Wilcox, Arizona
    - 1915: Alpine, Texas
    - c. 1930: El Paso, Texas
    - 1933 - 1982: Alpine, Texas

11. PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S): Car Dealer

12. MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:
    - Alpine Chamber of Commerce - President
    - Alpine Commandery
    - Alpine Rotary Club
    - Candelilla Company, Inc. - President
    - Casner Industries - President
    - Casner Motor Company - President
    - Casner Oil Company - President
    - El Maida Shrine
    - El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies
    - J. E. Casner Land Company - President
    - Masonic Lodge

13. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE:
    - Helped form Big Bend National Park.
1. COLLECTION TITLE J. D. Jackson and Family Papers

2. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON Una Servilla Jackson Casner

3. DATE OF BIRTH November 28, 1890
   PLACE OF BIRTH Bell County

4. DATE OF DEATH December 25, 1977
   PLACE OF DEATH Alpine, Texas

5. FATHER’S NAME J. D. Jackson
   MOTHER’S NAME Dorcas Carolyn Ford

6. NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:
   Ford Jackson (November 6, 1895 – May 19, 1932)

7. EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, DATES OF ATTENDANCE):
   University of Texas – 1912 graduation
   Perry’s School of Expression in Boston

8. DATE OF MARRIAGE September 5, 1917
   NAME OF SPOUSE James Emory (Jim) Casner

9. CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:
   Una Joy Casner (Mrs. J. D. Holman)

10. PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:
    1890 – 1915 Alpine, Texas
    c. 1930 – 1933 El Paso, Texas
    1933 – 1977 Alpine, Texas

11. PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) Teacher

12. MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:
    Alpine Pilot Club – Director
    American Association of University Women
    Daughters of the American Republic
    First Christian Church – historian
    Order of Eastern Star

13. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE:
    1908 Provided music and recreational activities for the Alpine Mexican Baptist Mission.
    1917 Accompanied Alpine High School Students who went to State Meet in Austin, Texas.
1. COLLECTION TITLE J. D. Jackson and Family Papers

2. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON Samuel Decatur Harmon

3. DATE OF BIRTH September 29, 1862 PLACE OF BIRTH Delta County, Texas

4. DATE OF DEATH February 25, 1956 PLACE OF DEATH Alpine, Texas

5. FATHER’S NAME William H. Harmon MOTHER’S NAME

6. NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:

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

8. DATE OF MARRIAGE not married NAME OF SPOUSE

9. CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:
None

10. PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:
    1862 – 1874 Delta County, Texas
    1874 – 1880 Denton County, Texas
    1880 – 1881 Palo Pinto County, Texas
    1881 – 1882 Panhandle of Texas
    1882 – 1888 Tom Green County, Texas
    1889 – 1930’s Alpine, Texas
    1930’s – 1935 Shakleford County, Texas
    1935 – 1956 Brewster County, Texas

11. PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) Rancher – Cowboy

12. MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:

13. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE:
    1885 Sam Harmon moved to Brewster County with 2,300 head of cattle. He leased Land in the Chalk Valley area (south of Alpine) from the Southern Pacific Railroad. He became partners with Alfred Irby. Following Irby’s death, Harmon went into partnership with Green Nixon.

    1889 Sam Harmon entered into a partnership with J. D. Jackson that lasted 50 years.

    1939 Lawsuit of Harmon vs. Jackson over land and money he (Harmon) believed to be rightfully his.
COLLECTION TITLE J. D. Jackson and Family Papers


PRINCIPAL NAME AROUND WHICH COLLECTION IS FORMED Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson

DATE OF FORMATION PLACE Alpine, Texas

DATE OF DISSOLUTION PLACE

REASON FOR DISSOLUTION Sold by Casner family and opened under the name of Haas Motor Company

LIST PURPOSE OF BUSINESS:
Car dealership

LIST OWNERS OF BUSINESS, DATES OF OWNERSHIP, AND TYPE OF BUSINESS STRUCTURE (partnership, corporation, single owner, etc):
Corporation
J. E. Casner
N. L. (Buck) Casner
Stanley W. Casner
R. S. Casner

LIST EMPLOYEES, POSITIONS, AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT:
Numerous employees throughout years of operation

PRIMARY LOCATIONS AND DATES:
Alpine, Texas 1915 – present (1987)

LIST OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY:
In 1915, Mr. Casner purchased the dealership and opened up a business under the trade name of West Texas Convertible Car Company which later changed names to Casner Motor Company and Haas Motor Company. Mr. Jackson was a financial backer to Mr. Casner’s endeavors in the car business.
COLLECTION TITLE J. D. Jackson & Family Papers

NAME OF BUSINESS (GIVE NAME CHANGES AND DATES) Jackson - Harmon Ranching Enterprises

PRINCIPAL NAME AROUND WHICH COLLECTION IS FORMED Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson

DATE OF FORMATION 1889 PLACE Alpine, Texas

DATE OF DISSOLUTION October 30, 1939 PLACE Alpine, Texas

REASON FOR DISSOLUTION Lawsuit dissolved the partnership.

LIST PURPOSE OF BUSINESS:

To purchase land and raise cattle.

LIST OWNERS OF BUSINESS, DATES OF OWNERSHIP, AND TYPE OF BUSINESS STRUCTURE (partnership, corporation, single owner, etc):

Partnership

In 1889 - 1939 in Brewster County, Alpine, Texas
J. D. Jackson and Sam D. Harmon

LIST EMPLOYEES, POSITIONS, AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT:

J. D. Jackson 1889 - 1939
Sam D. Harmon 1889 - 1939
Jason James 1907 -
Dom Adams

PRIMARY LOCATIONS AND DATES:

Brewster County, Alpine, Texas 1889 - 1939

LIST OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY:

Jackson & Harmon raised large amounts of cattle to secure their notes as collateral for their land purchasing endeavors. Together they built up one the largest ranching enterprises in Texas. At various times they controlled over 200 sections of land and ran over 10,000 head of cattle. In 1916 the partnership (including land, cattle, and business assets) was worth $1,108,236.
SEE ALSO:

Archives Vertical File

Jackson, Joseph Daniel (J.D.)
J. D. JACKSON & FAMILY PAPERS 1886-1980 & n.d.

BOX #1

CORRESPONDENCE 1891-1980 & n.d. (352 leaves)

Contains Business and Personal Correspondence associated with Jackson, Harmon, and Casner. Business Correspondence File includes correspondence to Jackson and Harmon from various people and corporations pertaining to their cattle business, land acquisitions, and automobile dealership. Also included are J. D. Jackson’s personal business correspondence. Letters to stockholders of Waldron Quicksilver Properties concerning the merger with Rainbow Mining Company can also be found in the business correspondence.

Personal correspondence contains letters dealing with the Casner, Ford, And Jackson families and a section of Christmas Cards sent to Mr. and Mrs. Casner in 1972.

BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE 1908-1965 & n.d. (131 leaves)

Folder #1 Business Correspondence 1908-1965 & n.d., (111 leaves)
Folder #2 Envelopes 1913-1957 & n.d. (20 leaves)

CHRISTMAS CARDS 1972 & n.d. (111 leaves)

Folder #3 Christmas Cards 1972 (25 leaves)
Folder #4 Christmas Cards 1972 (34 leaves)
Folder #5 Christmas Cards 1972 (29 leaves)
Folder #6 Christmas Cards 1972 (23 leaves)

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE 1891-1980 & n.d. (110 leaves)

Folder #7 Casner 1930-1980 & n.d. 73 leaves)
Folder #8 Ford 1891 (2 leaves)
Folder #9 Jackson 1892-1940 & n.d. (35 leaves)

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS c.1905-1963 & n.d. (10 unbound, 81 leaves) (48 leaves)

Contains biographical information on the Casner, Ford, and Jackson Families in the form of newspaper and magazine articles.

Folder #10 Casner, Edward Vontrees 1952 (1 unbound, 5 leaves)
Folder #11 Casner, James Emory 1925-[1963] (20 leaves)
Folder #12 Ford Family 1913 & n.d. (2 leaves)
Folder #13 Jackson, Dorcas (Mrs. J. D.) 1937-1946 (4 unbound, 60 leaves)(1 leaf)
Folder #14 Jackson Family c.1905-1932 & n.d. (3 unbound, 10 Leaves)(4 leaves)
Folder #15 Jackson, Joseph Daniel (J. D.) 1914-1963 (2 unbound, 6 Leaves)(21 leaves)

BOX #1
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS c.1895-1980 & n.d. (1 bound, 73 leaves) (86 leaves)

Contains financial papers of Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises, J. D. Jackson, and James E. Casner. In the Jackson & Harmon Business Papers file, financial statements of their net worth as partners can be found.

Folder #16 Casner Financial Papers 1980 (3 leaves)
Folder #17 Jackson & Harmon Business Papers c.1895-1941 (1 bound, 73 leaves) (56 leaves)
Folder #18 J. D. Jackson Family Personal Papers 1917-1933 & n.d. (27 leaves)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS 1891-1944 & n.d. (27 unbound, 120 leaves) (639 leaves)

Contains legal papers dealing with the Jackson & Harmon cattle and land purchasing business. In 1939 Harmon sued Jackson to dissolve their partnership and regain land that he thought was rightfully his. Harmon was awarded 933.77 acres of land and a monetary compensation of $10,000. The deposition of Mrs. J. D. Jackson in regards to that lawsuit can be found within this section. Also included in legal documents are Jackson’s personal legal papers and his Last Will and Testament.

Folder #19 Agreements/Contracts 1901-1931 (5 unbound, 23 leaves) (23 leaves)
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Folder #29 Deeds of Trust 1911-1938 (3 unbound, 9 leaves) (22 leaves)
Folder #30 Deeds—Quit Claim 1904-1919 (1 unbound, 5 leaves) (8 leaves)
Folder #31 Deeds—Warranty 1891-1921 (1 unbound, 4 leaves) (26 leaves)
Folder #32 Deposits 1939 (7 leaves)
Folder #33 Homestead Designations 1932 (1 leaf)
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PHOTOGRAPHS 1890-1973 & n.d. (165 leaves)

Photographs deal with the Jackson-Harmon Ranch, Casner Motor Company, and the families involved in this collection. Some of the more important photographs have been cataloged to be more accessible to researchers. A complete list of photographs and their catalog numbers can be find at the end of the inventory. The photographs that have not been cataloged have been separated and placed in appropriate categories.

CATALOGED 1890-1973 & n.d. (56 leaves)

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UNCATALOGED n.d. (109 leaves)

Folder #63 Domestic Life n.d. (37 leaves)
Folder #64 Holy Land n.d. (49 leaves)
Folder #65 The Man-Made Environment n.d. (6 leaves)
Folder #66 Ranching n.d. (17 leaves)

PRINTED MATERIAL 1911-1967 & n.d. (18 unbound, 99 leaves)(54 leaves)

Includes information about prominent people in the collection, Casner Motor Company, Texas Cattle Raisers Association, a special edition of the Alpine Avalanche, and ephemera. Ephemera includes tourist guides to Naples and Jerusalem, graduation announcements, bulletins, a drawing of J. D. Jackson, and other printed material.

Folder #67 Alpine Avalanche-Special Edition 1962 (1 unbound, 32 leaves)
Folder #68 Casner, James Emory 1954-1965 (1 unbound, 4 leaves)(1 leaf)
Folder #69 Casner Motor Company 1967 & n.d. (3 leaves)
Folder #70 Casner. Una Jackson 1912-1948 & n.d. (1 unbound, 2 leaves)(3 leaves)
Folder #71 Jackson, Dorcas (Mrs. J. D.) 1935 & n.d. (2 leaves)
Folder #72 Jackson, Ford Servilla 1944-c.1947 (2 leaves)
Folder #73 Jackson & Harmon 1913-1914 & n.d. (3 leaves)
Folder #74 Jackson, Mrs. Ford 1924 (1 leaf)
Folder #75 Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. 1911-1942 & n.d. (7 leaves)
Folder #76 Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. n.d. (2 leaves)
Folder #77 Texas Cattle Raisers Association 1913-1931 (7 unbound, 13 leaves)(13 leaves)
Folder #78 Ephemera 1906-1975 & n.d. (8 unbound, 48 leaves)(17 leaves)

RECORDS 1903-1939 & n.d. (3 bound, 163 leaves)(48 leaves)

Contains notes written by Dorcas Carolyn Ford Jackson (Mrs. J. D.) about her trip to the Holy Land in 1935. Also included are students school notes, field notes, a geologist report on Jackson land, and cattle and acreage notes.

Folder #79 Notes 1903-1939 & n.d. (3 bound, 163 leaves)( 48 leaves)
SCRAPBOOK AND SAVING MATERIALS 1886-1937 & n.d. (4 bound, 72 leaves) (195 leaves)

Contains scrapbooks, poems, and postcards. Scrapbooks contain newspaper articles, poems, sermons, and postcards.

Folder #80  Poems 1886 (9 leaves)
Folder #81  Postcards n.d. (19 leaves)
* Scrapbook #1 1895-1900 (1 bound, 17 leaves) (67 leaves)
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The J. D. Jackson & Family Papers includes correspondence, financial documents, legal documents, photographs, printed and scrapbook and savings materials. The bulk of the collection contains business papers dealing with the Jackson-Harmon partnership. A large portion of the collection also deal with biographical information.

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The J. D. Jackson and Family Papers are a group of documents dealing with Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises and the Casner Motor Company.

Joseph Daniel (J. D.) Jackson was born on January 6, 1861 in Bell County, Texas. He was raised on his father's farm and attended a rural school close by. On December 24, 1889 he married Dorcas Carolyn Ford. They had two children a daughter, Una Servilla and a son, Ford. J.D. Jackson died on January 17, 1943 in Alpine, TX.

Jackson was involved in many organizations and community affairs. One of his greatest accomplishments was the establishment of Sul Ross Normal College in 1917 (he later became known as "the father of Sul Ross").

J. D. Jackson moved to Brewster County in 1885 and opened a livery stable and butcher shop. In 1889 he became partners with Samuel Decatur (Sam) Harmon. This was the beginning of the Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises which lasted 50 years. Land was acquired by homesteading and purchasing through land agent, Jason James. James was hired to purchase land in his name for Jackson and Harmon. Their ranching enterprise extended throughout Brewster County and together they built up one of the largest ranching enterprises in Texas. At various times they controlled over 200 sections of land and ran over 10,000 head of cattle. In 1916 the partnership (including land, cattle, and business assets) was worth $1,108,236. By 1935 Jackson-Harmon Ranching Enterprises was in serious trouble. Their cattle were mortgaged to the Fort Worth National Bank to pay off outstanding debts.

The partnership dissolved in a lawsuit of Harmon vs. Jackson on October 30, 1939. Harmon sued Jackson for land and money that he believed to be rightfully his. As a result of the lawsuit, Harmon was awarded 933.77 acres of land and a monetary compensation of $10,000.

Jackson was involved outside of the Jackson-Harmon partnership in his own business affairs. The Casner Motor Company, owned by James Emory (Jim) Casner was one of them.

Jim Casner was born on March 10, 1888 in Kingsville, Texas. In 1914 he moved to Alpine, Texas and opened a car dealership. He purchased the Ford agency and renamed it the West Texas Motor Company. In 1917, he married Una Servilla Jackson. They had one daughter, Una Joy. In 1919 he expanded his business and together with his father-in-law, J. D. Jackson, acquired the GM Dealership from the Texas Convertible Car Company in Ft. Worth, Texas. This dealership was named Casner Motor Company and had sales rooms in Alpine, Marfa, and Pecos, Texas. Jim Casner died on December 16, 1982 in Alpine, Texas.

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