COLLECTION SUMMARY

VALADEZ FAMILY GENEALOGY 1886-2013 and n.d.

The contents of this collection were compiled by Sharon Bunges, sister-in-law of Robert H. Valadez, Jr. and donated to the Archives of the Big Bend by Robert H. Valadez, Jr. in 2013.

The collection consists of copies of genealogical documents for the Valadez and Gallego families, as well as copies of correspondence, photographs and printed materials. In several instances the compiler has made handwritten changes and annotations to the donated materials. Originally housed in a three-ring binder, the materials have been rehoused in archival folders, retaining the original file headings and organization of the compiler. Additional loose materials consisting mainly of copies of photographs were foldered and placed at the end of the collection.

Robert H. Valadez, Jr. is the grandson of Tomas Valadez, whose extended family is the subject of this genealogy. Tomas Valadez was born in Ojinaga, Mexico, in March, 1886. He moved to Brewster County in 1903 where he worked on area ranches. He subsequently became a brick-layer and rock-mason, working on the first building constructed on the Sul Ross Normal College campus in 1919. In 1916 Mr. Valadez married Juanita Gallego, daughter of Wenseslado Gallego and Jesusita Russell de Gallego. They had fourteen children. Mr. Valadez became a leading merchant in Alpine, operating various businesses, including Valadez Grocery Store and a dry goods store. The family home is a recorded Texas Historical Landmark.

The folders in the collection are housed in an archival box and arranged as follows:

Folder 1  Family Tree
Folder 2  Document List
Folder 3  Marriages
Folder 4  Births/Christenings
Folder 5  Deaths
Folder 6  Census
Folder 7  Military
Folder 8  Miscellaneous
Folder 9  Photographs
Folder 10  Additional materials
SOURCES FOR COLLECTION SUMMARY:
