



The Wittliff Collections

Guide to the Jean Lee Papers

1954-2003 (Bulk dates: 1996)

Collection SWWC-WG002

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Lee, Dorothy Jean
Title:	Guide to the Jean Lee Papers
Dates:	1954-2003 (Bulk dates: 1996)
Abstract:	The Jean Lee Papers are comprised of correspondence, funeral and memorial papers, legal documents, and artifacts.
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Biographical Notes

Dorothy Jean Smith was born in Vernon, Texas on April 13, 1908 to Eugene Lamar Smith and Shirley (Tennie) Lowe. She began writing for the *Dallas Times-Herald* when she was a high school student and continued a regular column while she attended Southern Methodist University. Jean moved to New Orleans in the mid thirties to live with her sister. In New Orleans, she met and worked with Russell Lee, a photographer for the Farm Security Administration, and they eventually married in 1939. Jean and Russell Lee moved to Austin in 1947. Jean worked as a campaign manager for Emma Long, the first woman to be elected to the Austin City Council. Jean, involved in humanitarian efforts for many years, donated her house to the Austin Community Foundation. She died in Austin, Texas on October 19, 1996.

Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of correspondence, funeral and memorial papers, legal documents and artifacts. The bulk of the collection is formed by correspondence to Jean Lee by her friends and correspondence regarding the estate of Jean Lee.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research

Preferred Citation

Jean Lee Papers, The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dow Chapman and Wally Ellinger.

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Related Materials

The Wittliff Collections also hold the Russell Lee Papers (SWMP 001).

Controlled Access Headings

- Photographers' spouses
- Women journalists

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Correspondence , 1954-1958

Box Folder

1	1	General Correspondence
1	2	Correspondence - Austin Community Foundation
1	3	Correspondence - ACLU
1	4	Correspondence - UT Austin
1	5	Address Book

Series II: Funeral and Memorial

1	6	Memorial
1	7	Guest register
1	8	Weed Corley-Fish Funeral Home

Series III: Legal Documents

Box 2	9	Legal Documents
Box 2	10	Probate
Box 2	11	Inventory

Series IV: Clippings

Box 2	12	Clippings
Box 2	13	Clippings by Maury Maverick

Series V: Artifacts

Box 2	14	Award
Box 2	15	Pictures
Box 3		Typewriter