



71-0326 - 71-0370  
BALLINGER, WILLIAM PITT  
MATERIALS, 1846-1882; 45 items, MS, printed.

Correspondence, editorials, poetry, an address, and a license, concerning the Civil War, slavery, and Terry's Texas Rangers. Materials were donated by the Estate of Thomas G. Rice in 1969. See also 50-0001.

William P. Ballinger Papers in the Rosenberg Library  
Galveston, Texas

These collections include correspondence, both personal and family, business matters including a law suit, and miscellaneous items such as an editorial Ballinger wrote. The Rosenberg Library also has Ballinger's original diary and a typed transcription of that diary. Copies of the transcript of the diary are also held by the Houston Public Library and the Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin. The index for the diary was published separately from this document.

This collection is in two groups: Folders Numbered 68-0081 to 68-0093 and 71-0326 to 71-0370. Both groups are included in this inventory and index.

The first group [68-0081 to 68-0093] is a collection of letters concerning a real estate deal in Burnet County, Texas. Mrs. Prosins land is being sold with Ballinger, Mott & Terry representing the estate of her late husband. John G. Conlon is her son-in-law. Conlon is Master Mechanic at the shops of the New York, Texas & Mexican Railway in Victoria, Texas. Martin & Crews is a real estate company, land agents in the parlance of the day, in Burnet, Texas. H. M. Truehart & Co. is a Galveston based real estate company.

The second group [71-0326 to 71-0370] is a collection of mainly personal correspondence of the Ballinger family during the Mexican-American War and Civil War, with a few miscellaneous items such as drafts of speeches, an editorial, and draft of a letter for Gen. E. Kirby Smith's signature. The contents of the letters are mainly news of the day, condition and fate of mutual friends in the Civil War, yellow fever, etc.

68-0081 Letter: John G. Conlon to W. P. Ballinger; Victoria, TX, May 1, 1884.

68-0082 Letter: Martin & Crews to Ballinger, Mott & Terry; Burnet, TX, September 1, 1884.

68-0083 Letter: Martin & Crews to Ballinger & Mott; Burnet, TX, March 3, 188.

68-0084 Letter: Ballinger, Mott & Terry to Martin & Crews; Galveston, TX, April 30, 1884.

68-0085 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to J. G. Conlon; Galveston, TX, April 30, 188

68-0086 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to J. G. Conlon; Galveston, TX, September 2, 188, 2 pages.

68-0087 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to John G. Conlon; Galveston, TX, August 11, 188, 2 pages.

68-0088 Letter: Ballinger to Martin & Crews; \_\_\_, August 11, [1884].

- 68-0089 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to J. G. Conlon; Galveston, TX, April 26, 188.
- 68-0090 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to John G. Conlon; Galveston, TX, August 9, 1884.
- 68-0091 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to Martin & Crews; \_\_\_\_, September 5, [8]4.
- 68-0092 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to John G. Conlon; Galveston, TX, August 13, 1884.
- 68-0093 W. P. Ballinger to J. G. Conlon; Galveston, September 5, 1884. acknowledgment of receipt of letter.
- 71-0326 Letter: William P. Ballinger to Mrs. Laura H. Jack; Pt. Isabel, [TX], July 10, 1846.  
Letter of introduction for the wife and daughter of Col. Kennett of the Missouri Volunteers.
- 71-0327 Letter: William P. Ballinger to Mrs. Laura H. Jack; near Camargo, Mexico, August 21, 1846.
- 71-0328 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to Dear Madam [probably Mrs. Jack]; Galveston, TX, December 21, 1849.
- 71-0329 Letter to the editor:
- 71-0330 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, TX, January 13, 1862. On Ballinger & Jack letterhead.
- 71-0331 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, TX, January 18, 1862.
- 71-0332 W. P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, TX, January 26, 1862.
- 71-0333 William P. Ballinger to daughter; Houston, TX, March 11, 1862.
- 71-0334 Letter: William P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, TX, April 3, 1862.
- 71-0335 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, Sunday, April 20, 1862.
- 71-0336 Letter: William P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, TX, April 30, 1862.
- 71-0337 Letter: William P. Ballinger to wife; Houston, TX, November 13, 1862.
- 71-0338 Letter: William P. Ballinger to wife; Houston, TX, December 5, 1862.
- 71-0339 Letter: William P. Ballinger to wife; December 8, 1862.

71-0340 Letter: William P. Ballinger to Lucy; Houston, TX, December 11, 1862.

71-0341 One page of a multi-page letter: No date.

71-0342: Father to My Dear Lucy: Houston, TX, January 28, 1863, 44 pages.

71-0343 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to Mother; Houston, TX, June 10, 1863, 3 pages.

71-0344 Letter: Father to Lucy; Houston, TX, September 22, 1863, 2 pages.

71-0345 Letter: Father to My Dear Daughter; Houston, TX, October 11, 1860, 4 pages.

71-0346 2 pages of a longer letter, no date.

71-0347 W. P. Ballinger to Dear Mother; Houston, TX, June 4, 186, pages.

71-0348 First draft of a letter from General E. Kirby Smith to Hon. Pendleton Murrah [Governor of Texas]; near Hempstead, TX, July, 1864.

71-0349 Letter: Husband to My Darling Wife; Houston, TX, November 11, 1864.

71-0350 Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ to My Darling Wife; \_\_\_\_, November 26, 1864.

71-0351 Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ to My Darling; \_\_\_\_ November 28, 1864, 2 pages.

71-0352 Letter: W. P. Ballinger to General; Houston, TX, December, 1864, 2 pages.

71-0353 Letter: Husband to My Darling; \_\_\_\_, December 1, 1864.

711-0354 United States Internal Revenue License to W. P. Ballinger; Galveston, TX, December 27, 1865. Printed document.

71-0355 Letter: W. P. B. to Mother, \_\_\_\_, December 27, 1865, one page of a multi-page letter.

71-0356 Letter?: William to ?; No date.

71-0357 Letter: W. P. B. to ?; No date.

71-0358 Letter: \_\_\_\_ to Dear Mother; No date. 2 pages.

71-0359 Letter: \_\_\_\_ to My Darling Wife; No date, 2 pages.

71-0360 Letter: W. P. D. to Dear Laura Bryan; Houston, TX, [1864?], 4 pages.



71-0361 Extracts from letter of W. P. Ballinger to Judge Miller; No date, 7 legal size pages.

71-0362 Draft of letter: W. P. Ballinger to O. M. Roberts [Governor of Texas]; Galveston, TX, July 2, 1879.

71-0363 Draft of a speech or toast given at a reunion of Terry's Texas Rangers [8<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry].

71-0364 Letter: Husband to My Darling Wife; No date [probably 1880's].

71-0365 Illegible letter, 2 pages.

71-0366 Draft of a speech given at a convention, 2 pages.

71-0367 Printed pages: "Four Poems of Thought" from Washington, GA, *Gazette*, No date.

71-0368 Letter: \_\_\_ to My Darling Little Niece; Peach Point [plantation], Brazoria County, TX), no date, 3 pages.

71-0369 Letter: \_\_\_ Peel to Ballinger; no date, 2 pages.

71-0370 Recipe for rum or brandy punch.