

THOMAS BENJAMIN WAITE JR. COLLECTION
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SUMMARY

Size	1.04 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Lower Rio Grade Valley, Hidalgo County
Inclusive Dates	1909-1974
Bulk Dates	1953-1964
Languages	English
Summary	The Thomas Benjamin Waite Jr. Collection houses a myriad of financial, legal, and agricultural documents belonging to Waite and his family. Notable items in the collection are Waite's tax records and detailed maps of his land and crops, as well as three posters from Waite's political campaign.
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Related Collections	
Citation	Thomas Benjamin Waite Jr. collection. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
Stack Location(s)	RGDOC 205 E:34, RGDOC 368 E:34, OSDOC 1 L:18

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Thomas Benjamin Waite Jr. was born October 27, 1912 and was a farmer, lawyer, politician, army veteran who lived in the Rio Grande Valley. His father, T. B. Waite Sr. came to Brownsville, Texas with the railroad in 1904 as a brakeman, and he was promoted to conductor in 1912. Waite Jr. was also Mayor of McAllen, Texas from 1946-1948, and was Hidalgo County Judge for 1948-1950. Waite Jr. died in 1989.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection holds many of Waite's tax return records along with records of his farm, including ledgers, receipts, insurance claims, maps, and local USDA correspondence. There are also documents including a warranty deed, stock certificates, a land title abstract, agricultural information booklets, and posters from Waite's Hidalgo County Judge campaign.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

- I. Financial Records (1909-74)**
 - a. Warranty Deed (1909)**
 - b. Stock Certificates (1922)**
 - c. Tax Records (1951-74)**
 - d. Ledger: Josephine H. Waite (1952-64)**
- II. Land Title Abstract (1944-48)**
- III. Agriculture Documents (1950-1968)**
- IV. Political Campaign (undated)**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

- I. Financial Records (1909-74)**

The financial records found in this collection largely consist of tax return records and receipts of farming expenses. There is also a warranty deed to the La Blanco Agricultural Company's Subdivision of land in Hidalgo County, Texas, consisting of roughly 17.5 acres. Among other relevant documents are a detailed ledger and 3 copies of stock certificates to 13 shares of La Blanco Agriculture Company, worth \$100 each.
- II. Land Title Abstract (1944-48)**

Housed in this folder are documents relevant to the purchase of the land including: letters, handwritten notes, receipts, estate records, court documents and notary public files.
- III. Agriculture Documents (1950-68)**

Waite's agriculture documents consist of insurance and construction correspondence, requests for USDA aid after 1959 flood damage, receipts, hand-drawn maps of: land, inclusive property, and crop locations. Also included are leaflets regarding cotton, peanuts, rice, tobacco, and wheat marketing quotas.
- IV. Political Campaign (undated)**

Found in this folder are three posters from Waite's political campaign for Hidalgo County Judge. Waite held this position from 1948 to 1950.

INDEX TERMS

Waite, Josephine H
Waite, Thomas Benjamin Jr.

Hidalgo County, (Tex)

Campaign posters
Income tax
Farm records
Farm management--Records and correspondence
Stock certificates

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
RGDOC	205	1	Financial Records: Warranty Deed. 1909
		2	Financial Records: Stock Certificates. 1922
		3	Land Title Abstract. 1944, 1946-48
		4	Agriculture Documents. 1953-68
		5	Agriculture Documents. 1950-66
		6	Agriculture Documents. 1953-60
		7	Financial Records: Tax Records. 1947
		8	Financial Records: Tax Records. 1951-59
		9	Financial Records: Tax Records. 1960-69
RGDOC	368	1	Financial Records: Tax Records. 1972-74
		2	Agriculture Documents: Booklets. 1953-57
		3	Financial Records: Ledger. 1952-64
		4	Financial Records: Ledger, Loose Papers
OSDOC	1	1	Political Campaign. undated