

Guide to  
MS 260  
Lucille B. Pillow papers

Span Dates, 1899-1988  
Bulk Dates, 1956-1985

5 feet, 1 inch (linear)



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## Biographical Sketch

Lucille Ballew Pillow was born to Thomas Byrd Ballew and Amanda Lee (Arendell) Ballew on December 20, 1899 in Stephenville, Texas. Lucille attended Marfa High School and graduated in 1918. She went on to study at Tarleton State College, where she earned an associate degree in social work. After earning her degree, Lucille joined the American National Red Cross and worked for the military at Fort D.A. Russell in Marfa. Her parents owned and tended to a nearby ranch. Lucille was transferred to William Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, Texas when the military camp in Marfa closed down. In El Paso, Lucille met DeMoy Leon Pillow in 1921 while he was being treated at William Beaumont Hospital. Both attended Texas Western College during the 1920s. On April 7, 1923, Lucille and DeMoy married in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

D.L., as he was often called, was from a prominent family from Tennessee. After serving in WWI, he spent several years working for others. Later, D.L. decided to use his savings to open his own business – D.L. Pillow Company, where he sold office equipment during the 1930s. The Pillows often traveled and spent time in Europe, Mexico, Canada, and all over the United States. Additionally, they were frequently involved in service, social, community, and business activities.

In 1942, Lucille studied at Tulane University where she earned her master's degree in social work. Lucille spent much of her time helping others – she was well known in El Paso as a social worker. As a result of Lucille's wish to help others, she later joined the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) as a Welfare Officer. She worked overseas during World War II, helping displaced people.

Lucille taught sociology for three years at Texas Western College, now the University of Texas at El Paso. Lucille often donated money to the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Throughout her life, Lucille participated in many community organizations, such as serving on the YWCA Board, as a Commissioner of the City of El Paso, on the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority, a board member of the El Paso County Unit of the American Cancer Society, and on the Women's Auxiliary of Providence Memorial Hospital. She also helped at Hotel Dieu School of Nursing and was involved with the American Association of University Women, Phi Alpha Theta, National Association of Social Work, International Association of Social Work, El Paso Community Concert Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, and other groups.

DeMoy Leon Pillow passed away on September 15, 1975. Lucille Pillow died on May 9, 1986, leaving her estate to the University of Texas at El Paso. On January 14, 1988, the D.L. and Lucille B. Pillow Library Fund was established in their honor.

Reference:

Bond, Ida May. *Lucille Ballew Pillow Biography*, Lucille B. Pillow papers, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, The University of Texas at El Paso Library.

## **Series Description or Arrangement**

The Lucille B. Pillow papers are arranged in ten series:

### **Series I. Personal and Biographical, 1899-1988**

Series is divided into three sub-series - Biographies, Birth and Marriage Certificate, Health Record, and Passports, and Awards and Honors Certificates. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

### **Series II. DeMoy Leon Pillow, 1899-1975, undated**

Series is divided into seven sub-series – Birth and Death Certificates, Health Record, and Passport, Career and Activities, Correspondence, Military, Awards and Honors Certificates, Funeral Record Memorial and Keepsakes, and Realia containing Lions Club plaques and World War I dog tags and a Victory medal. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

### **Series III. Correspondence – General, 1921-1985, undated**

Arranged chronologically.

### **Series IV. Newspaper clippings, 1949-1981, undated**

Arranged chronologically.

### **Series V. Photographs and Other media, 1946-1975, undated**

Series is divided into three sub-series – Photographs, Safety Film, and Negatives. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

### **Series VI. Financial and Legal, 1954-1984**

Arranged chronologically.

### **Series VII. Career, Community, and Professional Organizations and Activities, 1920-1985, undated**

Series is divided into 11 sub-series – Resumes, Job Applications, and Memberships, Flyers and Pamphlets, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), El Paso Community Concert Association, American Association of University Women, University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association, Pleasant View Home for Senior Citizens Board, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Friends of the University of Texas at El Paso, and Sociology Lecture Notes. All sub-series are arranged in chronologically order.

### **Series VIII. Exhibit and Ephemera, 1988, undated**

Series is divided into two sub-series – Exhibit and Ephemera. All sub-series are arranged in chronologically order.

### **Series IX. Genealogy – Arendell-Arundell; Ballew-Balou-Ballou; Carter; Pillow, 1938-1985, undated**

Series is divided into four sub-series – Family Coat of Arms (Arendell, Ballou, Carter, and Pillow), Correspondence and Research, Manuscripts, and Family Trees. All sub-series are arranged in chronological order, separated by surname.

### **Series X. Scrapbooks, 1925-1972**

Series is kept in the original order that Lucille B. Pillow created. (See **Notes to Researcher**)

## **Scope and Content Notes**

These papers help document Lucille B. Pillow's career as a social worker, contributions during World War I and World War II, and community service activities. The Lucille B. Pillow papers date from 1899 to 1988, bulk 1956-1985. Types of records include biographies, birth, marriage, and death certificates, awards and honors certificates, correspondence, funeral record and keepsakes, clippings, photographs, financial and legal documents, flyers and pamphlets, various books, sociology lecture notes, a guestbook and audiotape for the D.L. and Lucille B. Pillow Library Endowment Fund, plaques, dog tags, a victory medal, and scrapbooks. The scrapbooks contain clippings, correspondence, invitations, announcements, bulletins, photographs, name tags, postcards, programs, awards, greeting cards, a patch, and motivational prose.

The Personal and Biographical series contains copies of biographies on Lucille B. Pillow, birth and marriage certificates, health record-vaccination documentation, passports, awards and honors certificates Lucille earned throughout her life including

her diplomas and degree.

The DeMoy Leon Pillow series contains birth and death certificates, a health record letter, passport, Pillow-McMasters Office and School Equipment business cards, letters and certificates from the Mystic Shrine, Lions Club, Scottish Rite Freemasons, correspondence, military registration cards, American Red Cross registration card, honorable discharge papers, awards and honors certificates, funeral record and memorial or D.L. Pillow, Lions Club plaques, World War I dog tags (Pvt. Aero. Sqdn), and a World War I victory medal.

The Correspondence-General series contains personal and business letters, invitations, booklets of poems by Ida May Bond, and announcements from friends and family.

The Newspaper Clippings series consists of clippings from the *El Paso Herald-Post*, the *El Paso Times*, and *El Herald*. Some clippings are about El Paso artist Tom Lea.

The Photographs series includes photographs of Lucille and D.L., their family, and D.L. at his funeral. There are safety film copies from Ballew relatives, and negatives from D.L. Pillow's funeral.

The Financial and Legal series contains donation receipts to the University of Texas at El Paso Library Gift Fund, an El Paso Federal Savings and Loan Association operations report, an inventory of the Pillow estate, and a few drafts of Lucille B. Pillow's will.

The Career, Community, and Professional Organizations and Activities series includes resumes and job applications, membership forms, flyers and pamphlets, books, maps, correspondence, minutes, and gifts pertaining to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), Lucille's sociology lecture notes from when she taught at Texas Western College, and documents about the El Paso Community Concert Association, American Association of University Women, University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association, Pleasant View Home for Senior Citizens Board, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy. This series also contains signed art from Jose Cisneros and the Friends of the University of Texas at El Paso.

The Exhibit and Ephemera series contains placards with information about D.L. and Lucille B. Pillow which were used on the display in the UTEP Library, and invitations, guestbook, and audiotape from the D.L. and Lucille B. Pillow Library Endowment Fund.

The Genealogy – Arendell, Ballew, Carter, and Pillow series contains correspondence, research, manuscripts, sketches of the family coat of arms (Arendell, Ballou, and Pillow), and family trees.

The Scrapbooks series contains two scrapbooks that contain clippings, photographs, correspondence, invitations, greeting cards, announcements, awards, motivational prose, and a woven patch.

## **Provenance Statement**

Donated by the Estate of Lucille B. Pillow, June 1986. Original accession number 975.

## **Restrictions**

See **Notes to the Researcher**

## **Literary Rights Statement**

Permission to publish material from the Lucille B. Pillow papers, must be obtained from the C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library. Citation should read, Lucille B. Pillow papers, C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

## **Notes to the Researcher**

Some of the Lucille B. Pillow papers are fragile and brittle, especially the Correspondence and Research sub-series under the Genealogy series and the Scrapbooks series. Please handle with care. Photocopying of materials in poor condition might be restricted.

Researchers should also view:

Woman's Department El Paso Chamber of Commerce records, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Hotel Dieu School of Nursing records, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Hotel Dieu Hospital collection, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Tom Lea papers, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

## Art and Artifacts:

### Paintings –

Painting of Mountains and River by Ben Turner. Length 3' 8", width 2'10".

Painting of old man raking leaves by E.L. Boone. Length 2' 1 ½", width 1' 9 ½".

Painting of Wilderness by E.L. Boone. Length 2' 11 ½", width 2' 5 ½".

(Frames included in the measurements)

Painting given to the Pillows from Peter Hurd, 1947.

### Awards –

Award to Lucille B. Pillow from UTEP called "La Gran Pasena"

Certificate of Appreciation to Lucille B. Pillow.

Diploma from the Academy of Certified Social Workers to Lucille B. Pillow.

Award to Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Pillow from the Chancellors Council.

Community Concerts pay tribute to Mrs. D.L. Pillow (two certificates).

Tribute to D.L. Pillow from the Board of Directors of the El Paso Federal Savings and Loan.

Diploma from the College of Mines and Metallurgy to Lucille B. Pillow.

Sterling silver tea set – This ornate set was exhibited at World's Fair, St. Louis, MO.

One coffee pot

One tea pot

One cream pitcher

One sugar bowl

One waste receptacle

One 14" by 20" silver heavy tray

### Second Floor of the UTEP Library:

Painting of D.L. Pillow by Zilphs Heid, 1972

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### Other artwork placed throughout UTEP campus and Library:

Newcastle House in Lincoln Inn Field

The Hour of Enchantment by Jack Van Foyde (UT#266603)

Vui du Grand Canal du Palaris Balbori, du Pont Realle elde Fetedes Gondola a Venise

St. Mark's Place de Venice in Italy

Getting Away

A View of the Royal Palace at Naples

Temple of Fortuna Virils

Temple of Antoninus & Faustina

The Allan Bridge and Castle of St. Angelo with part of City of Rome

A View of the Piazza of St. John de Lateran of the Cardinals College & of the Holy Stairs in the City of Rome

Chelsea Hospital

The Admiralty

Veduta & ell Arco di Tito

Veduta & ello Spedule e dalla Piazza di S Maria Nvova

Full Cry (Fox Hunt)

Ramnugur, near Bernares, on the River Ganges Drawn & engraved by Tho. Daniell (ship)

Northeast view of the Cotsea Bttang on the River Jumna, Delhi by Tho. Daniell (castle)

Venezia – Campo Deiss by Giovanni E. Paslo

George Washington by Gilbert Stuart



## Container List

### Series I. Personal and Biographical, 1899-1988, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Two different biographies on Lucille B. Pillow	undated
1	1	Birth and Marriage Certificates	1899,1923
1	1	Health Record-Vaccine	1950
1	1	Passports	1945-1947
1	1	Awards and Honors – Certificates	1918-1988

### Series II. DeMoy Leon Pillow, 1899-1975, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	2	Birth and Death Certificates	1899,1975
1	2	Health Record	1947
1	2	Passport	1946
1	2	Career and Professional Activities – Pillow-McMasters Office and School Equipment, Mystic Shrine, Lions Club, Scottish Rite Freemason	1927-1975, undated
9 [over-size]	1	Scottish Rite Freemason (large and poster sized certificates)	undated
1	2	Correspondence	1970
1	2	Military-Registration/Selective Service card, American Red Cross, Honorable Discharge	1919-1944
1	2	Awards and Honors Certificates	1967-1974
1	3	Funeral Record and Memorial for D. L. Pillow	1975
7	1	Lions Club Plaques	1971-1973
7	1	World War I dog tags: Pvt. Aero. Sqdn	circa 1914-1918
7	1	World War I Victory Medal	1918

### Series III. Correspondence-General, 1921-1985, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	4	Personal and business letters (1 of 2)	1921-1955, undated
1	5	Personal and business letters (2 of 2)	1921-1985

## Series IV. Newspaper Clippings, 1949-1981, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	6	Newspaper clippings – The El Paso Times, The El Paso Herald Post, El Heraldo	1956-1981, undated
1	6	Newspaper clipping on Tom Lea, Bullfight dedication – The El Paso Herald Post	1949
9 [over-size]	2	Newspaper clippings on Tom Lea – The El Paso Times	1952

## Series V. Photographs and Other Media, 1946-1975, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	7	Photographs	1946-1975, undated
1	7	Safety Film	1956
1	7	Negatives	1975

## Series VI. Financial and Legal, 1964-1985

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	1	Donation receipts – UTEP Library Gift Fund	1965-1985
2	1	El Paso Federal Savings and Loan Association Coronado Branch – Operations Report	1972
2	1	Assets, Appraisal, Inventory of the Pillow Estate, draft of Will (1 of 2)	1979-1984
8 [legal-size]	1	Appraisal and Inventory of Pillow Estate, draft of Will (2 of 2)	1967-1969

## Series VII. Career, Community, and Professional Organizations and Activities, 1920-1978, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	2	Resumes and Job Applications	1965-1970, undated
2	2	Memberships	1944-1966
2	3	Flyers and Pamphlets	1978, undated

2	4	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) (1 of 2)	1920-1946
2	5	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) (2 of 2)	1945-1971, undated
3	1	Sociology Lecture Notes	1957-1959
3		Bound volume-Sociology Lecture Notes	1957-1959
2	6	El Paso Community Concert Association (1 of 2)	1967-1975
8 [legal -size]	5	El Paso Community Concert Association (2 of 2)	1977-1978, undated
2	7	American Association of University Women (1 of 2)	1969
8 [legal -size]	3	American Association of University Women (2 of 2)	1971
2	8	University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association	1973-1985, undated
2	9	Pleasant View Home for Senior Citizens Board – Minutes from Meetings	1978-1981
8 [legal -size]	2	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution	1956-1959, undated
8 [legal -size]	4	United Daughters of the Confederacy	1973-1979, undated
8 [legal -size]	6	Friends of the University of Texas at El Paso – Jose Cisneros artwork 25/350, signed	1985

## Series VIII. Exhibit and Ephemera, 1988, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	10	Placards used for Pillow Exhibit	undated
7	2	D.L. & Lucille B. Pillow Library Endowment Fund – University of Texas at El Paso	1988

## Series IX. Genealogy – Arendell-Arundell, Ballew-Balou-Ballou, Carter, and Pillow, 1938-1985, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
4	1	Family Coat of Arms – Arendell, Ballew, and Pillow	undated
4	2	Arendell – Correspondence and Research (1 of 8)	1938-1956, undated
4	3	Arendell – Correspondence and Research (2 of 8)	1957
4	4	Arendell – Correspondence and Research (3 of 8)	1958
4	5	Arendell – Correspondence and Research (4 of 8)	January- June 1959
5	1	Arendell – Correspondence and Research (5 of 8)	July-December 1959
5	2	Arendell – Correspondence and Research and “The Arendell Family and Kin” by Lucille B. Pillow (6 of 8)	1960
5	3	Arendell – Correspondence and Research (7 of 8)	1960-1974
8 [legal -size]	7	Arendell Family Tree	contains family names between 1700-1945, circa 1945
5	4	Ballew – Correspondence and Research (1 of 7)	1939-1956, undated
6	1	Ballew – Correspondence and Research (2 of 7)	1957
6	2	Ballew – Correspondence and Research (3 of 7)	1958
6	3	Ballew – Correspondence and Research (4 of 7)	1959
6	4	Ballew – “The Ballew Family and Kin” by Lucille B. Pillow and The Ballew Family Journal (5 of 7)	1960, 1982
6	5	Ballew – Correspondence and Research (6 of 7)	1960-1961

8 [legal -size]	8	Ballew Family Tree	contains family names between 1066-1960, circa 1960
6	6	Carter – Correspondence and Research, “Carter Family and Kin” by DeMoy Leon and Lucille B. Pillow (1 of 2)	1956-1974
8 [legal -size]	9	Carter Family Tree	contains family names between 425-1800, undated
6	7	Pillow – Correspondence and Research, “The Pillow Family and Kin” by DeMoy Leon and Lucille B. Pillow	1958-1985
8 [legal -size]	10	Pillow Family Tree	contains family names between (1793-1950), circa 1950

## Series X. Scrapbooks, 1925-1972

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
9 [over- size]	1	Scrapbook	1925-1972
9 [over- size]	2	Scrapbook	1949-1962