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Leta Faye Leshe Family Collection, 1925-2015

Leta Faye Leshe was born in Ringgold, LA on September 11, 1943 and was a resident of Shreveport, LA for more than 50 years. Over the years she was involved in a number of organizations including membership in Desk and Derrick, International Association of Administrative Professionals, Northwest Louisiana Haiku Society, Shreveport Writers Club, Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Women of Wealth Investment Club and the Elvis Angels Fan Club. She earned her commission as Notary Public in 1973 and became a Certified Professional Secretary in 1979. She retired from the family office of Aaron Selber, Jr. and spent most of her career working in the oil & gas industry. She also volunteered her time teaching ESL classes through the Literacy Volunteers at Centenary College for many years and supported numerous fundraising events. She was a voracious reader and enjoyed writing poetry and researching family history. She ran a small publishing company from her home, Swann Publications, and produced family histories, poetry chap books, memoirs and updated and reprinted the family genealogy "An Irish Stowaway". She published several of her own collections of poetry under the pen name of Francine Swann. She loved traveling and visited destinations around the world. This collection contains letters, photographs, scrapbooks, and memorabilia from her life.

Leta Faye Leshe

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Leta Faye Leshe - Newsclip announcing her birth Church enrollment-Cradle Roll, Nursery Certificates	1943 1945; 1947
1	2	School report cards – grades 1-11	1949-1960
1	3	Diploma – Ringgold High School	1961
1	4	Senior Book	1961
1	5	Graduation Group photograph Senior Honors Day Program	1961
1	6	Letter from Honorable Overton Brooks re: Congratulations	1961
1	7	Certificates: (2) Bienville Trade School	1961
1	8	Wedding Book: Leta Faye Leshe & Richard Trant	1962
1	9	Ringgold High School reunion booklets and photographs	1971; 1981; 1996; 2001
1	10	Certificate: Light on Literacy Volunteers Certificates	2008; 2013
1	11	Obituary; biography	2015
1	12	Miscellaneous newsclips; letters	1964; 2004

James R. and Phodia Leshe

2	13	James R. Leshe – marriage certificate	1940
2	14	James R. Leshe – military identification and forms	1943-1944
2	15	Phodia Basinger – Hope High School, Fryeburg, LA Graduation invitation	1939

- 2 16 Phodia Basinger Leshe – two trip diaries; Dedication program for Fryeburg Baptist church
- 2 17 James and Phodia Leshe – 50th Anniversary guest book 1990; 2000
60th Anniversary invitation

Marion Mims Leshe

- 2 18 Marion Mims Leshe – Birth certificate: 1925
Reading certificates: 1935-1939
Report cards: 1943
Military papers: 1943
Discharge papers: 1946
- 2 19 **Cyril Leshe** – marriage certificate: 1956
- 2 20 **“Bub” Basinger** – newsclips, articles
- 2 21 **Madden**: will, court case, estate – 1870; 1972
- 2 22 Bible pages from James and Phodia’s bible (genealogy)
- 2 23 Bible pages from **John William Madden Sr.**’s bible (genealogy)
- 2 24 **Susan Leshe** – graduation program – 1967

James Michael Leshe

- 3 25 James Michael Leshe –
Memorabilia: Senior Prom; report cards 1963-1964; 1964-1965
- 3 26 James Michael Leshe – photograph (3) 1962-1964
- 3 27 James Michael Leshe – enlistment information January 1965
- 3 28 James Michael Leshe – letters to family during Navy years (2) Feb.-March 1965
- 3 29 James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (16) Feb.-Mar. 1966
- 3 30 James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (22) Apr.-June 1966

3	31	James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (18) July-Dec. 1966	
3	32	James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (16) Jan.-July 1967	
3	33	James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (16) Aug.-Dec. 1967	
3	34	James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (11) Feb.-July 1968	
3	35	James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (6) Aug.-Nov. 1968	
3	36	James Michael Leshe - letters to family during Navy years (2) August 1969	
3	37	James Michael Leshe – Newsletters (8 issues) to parents of Navy personnel aboard the Hopewell, Cunningham and USS Schofield , from the Commanders 1966-1969	
3	38	James Michael Leshe – Navy group photograph	1962-1964

Photographs

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		<i>Small envelopes</i>	
4	39	Family of James & Phodia Leshe	1945-1953
4	40	James R. Leshe – Seabees years	1943
4	41	James R. Leshe – Seabees years – friends: Dorothy & Dale Elmore	1943-1944
4	42	James R. Leshe – Seabees years- 144 th NCB – men, tents, work	1945
4	43	James R. Leshe – Seabees years – entertainers for Seabees	1945
4	44	James R. Leshe-building shop	1950s
4	45	James & Phodia Leshe	1970s
4	46	James, Phodia, children and others	1950s-1970s
4	47	Phodia Basinger Leshe	various years

4	48	Becky Leshe – school pictures	1960s
4	49	Susan Leshe	1960s
4	50	Leta and daughter Kellye	1968-1981
4	51	Kellye Trant – various ages	
4	52	Mike Leshe – various ages	
4	53	Kimberly Caskey-various ages	
4	54	Marion Mims Leshe-young man	
4	55	Leta Leshe – 30 th High School Reunion for Ringgold	1991
4	56	Leta Leshe – Desk and Derrick Club, field trip	1987

Large envelopes

4	57	Phodia Basinger – Hope High School	1935; 1949
4	58	Basinger family	
4	59	Leta Leshe – baby; school pictures	1949-1961
4	60	Leta Leshe Trant & Rick Trant	1962-1968
4	61	Leta Leshe Dudek & Fred Dudek & Kellye Trant	1975-1979
4	62	Leta with groups – undated	
4	63	Kellye Trant-young years	
4	64	Madden photos	
4	65	Krystal Lynn Rowell	
4	66	Conly Ancestors	
4	67	Annie Leshe’s grave site – 1955	

- 4 68 Family photos –most unidentified
- 4 69 Smith house
- 4 70 unidentified
- 4 71-76 CDs of Leta's travels
- 4 77 rolled item – James R. Leshe's enrollment in Neptune Society (crossing equator) 1943
- 4 78 rolled item – James R. Leshe's photo and list of Navy Seabee Battalion 1943

Box 5

Publications: *The Leche Letter* genealogical newsletter January 2001-Autumn 2005
 Two small publications of 'Memories of Leshe family'

Box 6

2 bibles (no genealogical material contained)
 2 small diaries of Leta Leshe 1959; 1960
 1 photo album of Leshe heirloom photographed and identified by Leta Leshe
 1 photo album, 1989 celebrating Leta's 46th birthday
 Publication: A Basinger Memoir by Eugene and Fannie Basinger- compiled, edited and published by Swann publishing 2004 (with index)
 Publication: An Irish Stowaway by Garnie W. McGinty and Etoile Conly 2007

Box 7

Photo Albums: Family trips 1982-1992 (few 1960)
 Travels to London and Ireland 1989
 Leta's 70th birthday party 2003
 Scrapbook: 50th Anniversary of James and Phodia Leshe 1990

Box 8

Photo Album: 1936-1962 primarily Susan and Mike's images along with other family member
 1961-1962
 1966-1967
 Scrapbook: 1943-1964 primarily memorabilia from Leta's High School years

On shelf: Family Bible of John William Madden, Sr. (genealogical material photocopied and included in collection)

Family Bible of Phodia and James Leshe (all newsclips and genealogical material photocopied and included in collection)

Separated to Louisiana Collection:

Selber, Aaron and Peggy. Our Story, Swann Publication, Shreveport, Louisiana. 2007.