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### Wheelock (Eleazar Louis Ripley) Papers, 1833-1875

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## A Guide to the Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock Papers, 1833-1875

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Wheelock, Eleazar Louis Ripley, 1793-1847
<b>Title:</b>	Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1833-1875
<b>Creator Abstract:</b>	New Hampshire native and War of 1812 veteran Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock (1793-1847) brought his family to Texas in 1833. He established the town of Wheelock in what is now Robertson County and there served as a surveyor, land agent and commissioner, lawyer, rancher, farmer, Indian commissioner, and soldier.
<b>Content Abstract:</b>	The collection contains letters, survey field books, legal documents, and financial records related to the business activities of E. L. R. Wheelock and his family.
<b>Identification:</b>	Doc 5215
<b>Extent:</b>	18 items (18 folders)
<b>Language:</b>	Materials are in English.
<b>Repository:</b>	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

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### Biographical Note

Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, on 1793 March 31, the son of Col. Eleazar Wheelock, Jr., a Revolutionary War veteran, and Thankful Pennock. Wheelock saw active duty with the army during the War of 1812, fought in the Black Hawk War (1832), and throughout his adult life was active as a militiaman in several states. Wheelock settled in Illinois, where he became a successful businessman and, in 1818, married Mary Prickett; the couple had one daughter and four sons.

Wheelock started investing in Texas real estate as early as 1820 and first visited there three years later. In 1833, he brought his family to Texas and joined Sterling C. Robertson's Colony, acting as assistant surveyor. The following year, he established the town of Wheelock in what is now Robertson County. Wheelock's military service earned him an officer's commission in the army, and he organized and captained a company of Texas Rangers during the Revolution. Occupied as a lawyer, rancher, and farmer, at various times

Wheelock also served as a surveyor, land agent and commissioner, Indian commissioner, and soldier.

Returning to Texas from Washington, D. C., Wheelock died unexpectedly in Edwardsville, Illinois, on 1847 May 14.

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## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains letters, survey field books, legal documents, and financial records related to the business activities of E. L. R. Wheelock and his family. Three field books contain notes on Wheelock's surveys in the Robertson Colony in 1835 and in Robertson County in 1839; other items record financial and legal transactions. In the papers is an undated constitution for a lyceum society, possibly in the town of Wheelock. A letter from Wheelock's brother describes the circumstances of his death. Later items are related to family members and include a notebook apparently belonging to Bruno D. Wheelock containing entries on his grandfather's mining projects.

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### **Access Restrictions**

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## Index Terms

### Personal Names

Wheelock, Eleazar Louis Ripley, 1793-1847.

Wheelock, Bruno D., b. 1858.

### Subjects

Real property--Texas--Robertson County.

Lyceums.

Surveyors--Texas--Robertson County.

### Locations

Robertson Colony--Surveys.

Robertson County (Tex.)--Surveys.

Robertson County (Tex.)--History--Sources.

### Genres/Formats

Personal papers.

Correspondence.

Deeds.

Field notes.

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## Related Material

[Eula Frances Dunn Peacock Papers, 1771-1995, Col 8116](#), DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Killough Family Papers, 1835-1900, Doc 11283, DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

[Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock Papers, 1814-1935](#), Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

### **Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock Papers, 1833-1875**

#### **Folder**

1 Deed: Anselmo Poliño to Michael Boren, San Felipe de Austin, Texas, 1833 November 19.

#### **Folder**

2 Agreement: Jennet Bowen, obligation to E. L. R. Wheelock, 1835 December 15.

#### **Folder**

3 Field book: E. L. R. Wheelock, 1835.

#### **Folder**

4 Field book: E. L. R. Wheelock, 1839.

#### **Folder**

5 Field book: E. L. R. Wheelock, Deputy Surveyor, Robertson County, Texas, 1839.

#### **Folder**

6 Field notes: Eaton's League survey, circa 1830-1839.

#### **Folder**

7 Mining patent: Republic of Texas to E. L. R. Wheelock [copy], 1844 October 15.

#### **Folder**

- 8 Bill and attached receipt: George W. Smith to E. L. R. Wheelock, Wheelock, Texas, 1846 February 2.
- Folder**
- 9 Letter: E. L. R. Wheelock to Mary Prickett Wheelock [incomplete], circa 1846.
- Folder**
- 10 Letter of introduction: to Franklin H. Delano, New York [incomplete], circa 1846.
- Folder**
- 11 Letter: D. Ayres, Center Hill, Texas, to E. L. R. Wheelock, Robinson [Robertson] County, Texas, [circa 1840-1849] December 24.
- Folder**
- 12 Statement: E. L. R. Wheelock on counterfeit Indiana currency, circa 1840-1849.
- Folder**
- 13 Letter: W. L. Rogers to E. L. R. Wheelock, circa 1840-1849.
- Folder**
- 14 Constitution: Kappa Lambda Society, circa 1840-1849.
- Folder**
- 15 Letter: William W. Wheelock, Alton, Illinois, to George Ripley Wheelock, Robinson [Robertson] County, Texas, 1847 June 1.
- Folder**
- 16 Sheriff's deed: William H. Wheelock to possibly Philip Chalk, Robertson County, Texas, 1853 May 5.
- Folder**
- 17 Deed: James C. Walker to James L. Forson, McLennan County, Texas, 1875 January 1.
- Folder**
- 18 Notebook: Bruno Darst Wheelock, undated.