

The Geurt L. Tilma, Jr., D.O. & Janice Tilma Collection



Dr. Tilma, 1938-2013

Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Geurt L. Tilma, Jr., DO and Janice Tilma
- Title:** The Geurt L. Tilma, Jr., D.O. & Janice Tilma Collection
- Inclusive Dates:** 1962-2011
- Abstract:** The Geurt L. Tilma, Jr., D.O. & Janice Tilma Collection consists of documents and memorabilia collected by the Tilmas while Dr. Tilma was a student at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and Janice was president of the Student Wives Association. The materials include scrapbooks, books, documents and memorabilia.
- Extent:** 2 boxes, 2 ½ linear feet
- Language:** English
- Repository:** Archives, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Gibson D. Lewis Library.

Historical Note

Geurt Levi Tilma, Jr., D.O. was born December 13, 1938. He and his brother, Anthony, grew up on a farm in Plainview, Texas. Dr. Tilma earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Texas Tech and one in Pharmacy from the University of Texas in Austin. Geurt and Janice Foster were married May 2, 1964. He served in the Air Force during the Viet Nam War as a Pharmacist. He attended medical school at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he graduated third in his class in 1976. Janice was active in the Student Wives Association from 1972-1976. She was president 1974-1975. In 1975 she was very active in the effort to make TCOM a state supported school. In 1976-1977 she was an advisor to the Student Wives Association. Janice stated, "I think something that is important to me is that all of the people who started the school, and for whom most of the buildings are named for were dear friends, who did a great job of mentoring the early classes. Also that GL started the classes in the "Bowling Alley" Also equally important to me is the fact that I have the very first TCOM sign that was outside of the Stokes(both of them worked there) office. When the school got bigger it was thrown away. I was at a SWA garage sale, next to the dumpster. I saw it and grabbed it."



Dr. Tilma completed his internship and residency in Radiology at the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital. As a Radiologist, he continued to serve the Air Force on active duty and as a contract physician. He also had a private practice in Manchester, TN. Dr. Tilma and his wife Janice have one son, Mark Levi Tilma. Mark is married to Megan Marie Montgomery. Dr. Tilma passed away August 29, 2013 and is buried at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Restrictions	The collection is open for research. The collection is non-circulating and can be viewed by appointment.
Provenance	The Geurt L. Tilma, Jr., D.O. & Janice Tilma Collection was formed by the Tilmas during the time Dr. Tilma was a student at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and Janice was president of the Student Wives Association. The collection was donated to the archives by Mrs. Tilma in April, 2016, and is therefore a part of the institutional archives.
Citation	The Geurt L. Tilma, Jr., D.O. & Janice Tilma Collection, Boxes OS 00052-00053, The University of North Texas Health Science Center, Gibson D. Lewis Library, Archives.

Container List:

Box Number	Title	Date
OS 00052	2011 TCOM Alumni Reunion pin	2011
OS 00052	Copy of a telegram from President Gerald C. Ford to the 1976 graduating class	1976 May 31
OS 00052	Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital ID Card belonging to Dr. Tilma	Undated
OS 00052	G.L.Tilma, Extern pocket ID	Undated
OS 00052	Gibbs, Marian Garrett & Wolfram, Joydelle Garrett In Our Hearts San Antonio, TX: Naylor Company, 1962	1962
OS 00052	Newspaper article: Osteopathic Medical Students Stress Class Unity, North Texas – TCOM Alliance Provides Mutual Benefits	Undated
OS 00052	Paperweight: TCOM Class of 1976	1976
OS 00052	Program & Menu: Aloha, Seniors	Undated
OS 00052	Scrapbook	1975
OS 00052	Scrapbook	1974
OS 00053	Scrapbook: Student Wives Association	1974-1975
OS 00052	Stationary that the Auxiliary sold for a fund raiser	undated
OS 00052	Stokes, C. Ray & Alter, Judy Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine: The First Twenty Years Fort Worth, TX: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine with the University of North Texas Press, 1990	1990
OS 00052	Support TCOM Fort Worth's Medical School bumper sticker	Undated
OS 00052	TCOM Alumni Association certificate: Geurt Levi Tilma, Jr., DO	1976 May 30
OS 00052	TCOM Key ring	Undated
OS 00052	Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine information booklet	Undated
OS 00052	UNTHSC Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library dedication bookmark	1993 Dec 3
OS 00052	Various ID pins belonging to G.L. Tilma, Student Doctor	Undated