

*From the Middleton Family Photo Album ...*

## **Oscar and Sibyl Middleton: Gone Fishing!**



*Photo of Midd and Sibyl Middleton taken sometime in the late 1950's, Port Isabel, Texas*

Fish stories abound. This really isn't much of a story; it certainly is not a tale about the one that got away. Look at the size of those fish! Midd (as Oscar was known) and Sibyl both enjoyed deep-sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. It was the effort and the excitement of casting and reeling in a big one. They must have been quite proud of their catch on this particular day.

During the 1950's, Midd and Sibyl were snowbirds, spending several months each winter in southern Texas, where daughter Ann and her family lived. By this time, the couple had retired from their law practice in Gibson City, IL. They kept their home in the Midwest, but also purchased a small 2-bedroom bungalow in Harlingen. This town is located at the southern tip of Texas, thirty miles from the Mexican border and thirty miles from the Gulf of Mexico and Port Isabel (where this photo was taken). Here they could enjoy mild winters, visiting with their grandchildren, traveling in Mexico, reading, relaxing ... and fishing.

This is a great photo of Midd and Sibyl in their later years, evoking the pleasures of retirement before the ravages of time (and perhaps cigarettes) took their toll.