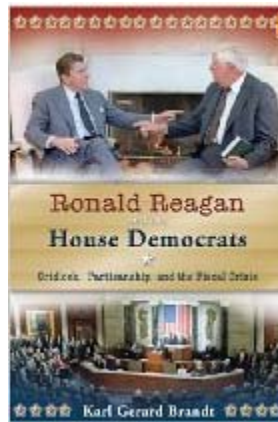




Executive Summary - May 2009

Ronald Reagan and the House Democrats: Gridlock, partisanship, and the fiscal crisis. On May 28, Poage Library hosted a book signing for Dr. Karl Brandt. Karl grew up in the Waco area and has used Poage Library resources for both his master's thesis and doctoral dissertation at LSU. After lunch hosted by the library, he signed books at an afternoon reception.



On the Road

May 2. Ben attended a Hightower bust dedication in Memphis, Texas. Hightower's 65th high school reunion was at noon and the dedication was at 2 p.m. We created a photo album for the Judge of these two occasions.

May 7. Ben went to Austin, Round Rock and Georgetown. In Austin he picked up books at Judge Hightower house then went to the office to box books signed by Texas governors. In Round Rock, Ben met with Carolene English to make plans for the Bob Bullock annual birthday remembrance on July 10. This year, the event is planned for the State Cemetery which was renovated under Bullock's leadership. In Georgetown, Ben picked up a box of LBJ materials from George Meyer which included two rare "Me and Roosevelt for LBJ" buttons.

May 6-9. Ben attended the annual meeting of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress in Washington, D.C.

May 19-23. Benna and Mary attended the annual Society of Southwest Archivists conference in Shreveport, LA.

May 21. Ben traveled to Arkadelphia to visit Dr. Herman Sandford, BU '48. He has deposited a number of family letters dating from 1848-1900, including Civil War letters.

May 26. Ben picked up a car load of books and political materials from Dr. Bob Platt in Fort Worth.

May 29. Ben returned the Jack Hamm materials used in the *Drawing Power* exhibit to his daughter at Dallas Baptist University.

Accessions

Jack Hightower sent five boxes of books plus two boxes of books signed by Texas governors.

The Texas Collection sent a number of issues of Austin magazine from Terrell Blodgett.

The Mayborn Museum sent a large packet of political materials de-accessioned from their collection.

Herman Sandford sent additions to his family papers including receipts and letters.

Bob Platt sent seven boxes of books and magazines along with a box of political materials.

George Meyer sent LBJ materials including two rare 1941 campaign buttons valued at over \$1,000 each (see image).



Researchers

- A faculty member at University of Southern Illinois requested cartoons related to Three Mile Island and nuclear power. We photocopied 171 cartoons for her. She has used our cartoons for two other projects.
- Ben Guttery, one of our donors, is doing research on Camp MacArthur and Rich Field.
- A man from Michigan researched Lake Waco Dam.

Exhibits

We are working on exhibits for our 30th anniversary, a Bob Bullock exhibit, a JFK exhibit and a Platt-Dowdy exhibit. These should all be ready by October.

Projects and Processing

Bob Bullock papers. Benna continues to process the Lt. Gov. papers along with the papers of Byron Tunnell.

Bob Platt papers are being processed as they arrive but this project is on hold for the summer as Leisel Walters went to Washington to serve as an intern in the office of Sen. John Cornyn.

Platt-Dowdy papers. The preliminary inventory is complete. Lloyd Saldanha is working on photographing the buttons for the web page.

CMS. Lloyd, Michael Holdridge and Mary Goolsby continue to work on the CMS conversion project. To date they have transferred 1328 web pages, 281 documents, 3142 images, and 23 videos. Kathy Weber is working on the templates.

Hightower papers: Edwin Cook has been writing processing guidelines for the next group of Hightower papers: US Government. Edwin is transitioning to work with The Texas Collection on the papers of Pat Neff but will remain in close contact with us when we are ready to train another graduate student. Kanisha Johnson has been working on lists of Hightower books.

Cataloging

Special Libraries Cataloging Team:

Janet Pence: Books: 66 titles books, 79 volumes; DVD: 1 title/1 vol.; 10 original Cat. OCLC; Scores: 1 title/1 vol.; 1 original cat OCLC.

Upcoming events:

- ★ **July 10.** Bob Bullock birthday luncheon at the State Cemetery.
- ★ **Oct. 3.** Poage Library 30th anniversary barbeque, invitation only.
- ★ **Oct 15.** 30th anniversary open house and exhibit.