



Baylor Collections of Political Materials

REPORT JUNE 2006

ACCESSIONS

JACK WHITE donated 24 notebooks of news clippings related to the JFK assassination and is allowing us to copy a number of related DVDs. Ben made three visits to Mr. White in June.

JACK HIGHTOWER continues to add to his collection. In June he deposited three boxes of Abraham Lincoln items, three boxes of materials about the National Commission on Libraries and Information, and two boxes about the Masons.



BOB PLATT deposited over a dozen boxes of books, magazines and campaign materials along with a number of campaign posters and 3-D items such as a revolutionary soldier lamp. Ben made two visits to Dr. Platt in June.

MOODY LIBRARY sent over several newspapers related to JFK found in the bowels of the library.

CHURCH AND STATE gifted us with a box of *Moral Majority Reports* from the early 1980s.

RESEARCHERS

- We furnished several photographic scans to the Texas General Land Office.
- We mailed hundreds of photocopies of materials from the Penn Jones papers to a researcher in CO along with over twenty photographic scans.
- Our tech guy spent considerable time making a copy of a Texas map for a film maker in New Mexico.
- One researcher requested information about the Edwards-Taylor campaign and indicated an interest in visiting our library.
- Oxford Press requested a photo of Sarah Weddington found online on our W. R. Poage site.
- One researcher requested info about a civil case in the Bob Thomas judicial papers.
- Avalon Publishers requested photographs of three men associated with the JFK investigation.

VISITORS

Judge Hightower brought his friend, **Ralph Wayne**, president of the Texas Civil Defense League, to see what plans we are making for the library of the Judge. Wayne is also an old friend of Bob Bullock.

SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

- **Grace Chiuri** continues to work on the Bob Platt Vertical File attempting to reconcile two years of filing anomalies.
- **Amanda Wisch** is creating the Hightower exhibit as an intern with museum studies.

• **Michael Holdridge**, our tech guy, converted a number of Jack White JFK tapes to DVD for a web site in Europe, updated web pages, and did considerable work on the banners for the Hightower exhibit.

• **Mac McGowan** photocopied JFK assassination newsletters loaned to us by Jack White, typed a list of books donated by Bob Platt, helped Michael scan a large map of Texas, copied and labeled materials for a Penn Jones researcher, and copied a family album from the Jones family.

• **Brittney Bain** ordered books, reconciled the purchasing card notebook, and compiled lists of names and addresses for the Hightower exhibit reception.

JUNE Stats from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence. Books 21 titles 35 vol. 1 original OCLC cat.; Videocassettes 2 titles 2 volumes; Hightower vertical files: 66 titles, 89 vol., 66 titles original Bearcat cat.

GLASS BOOK VAULT

The Glass Vault project construction finally began in June! The drywall suspended from the second floor was installed, sheet rock was added and it was taped, bedded, and painted. The walls have received one coat of paint so far and the can lights have been installed. The glass wall was delayed but should be in soon..

THE HIGHTOWERS

The formal reception for the exhibit has been changed to November 30 to coincide with the Masonic dinner that night. Nevertheless, the exhibit should be finished by October 1st in time for the Library Board of Advisors' meeting on Oct. 6th and for the Archive Week Open House on Oct. 19th. We will also invite Homecoming participants to visit us on the 20th.

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BULLOCK ARCHIVE

Benna continues to work with the Bush Presidential Library in College Station to provide Bullock items for their upcoming exhibit of *100 Tall Texans*. Photographs were scanned and sent. The Bush library has insured our materials as part of the process.

The Archive is also working with the Austin endowment committee to raise additional income for the Bullock Endowment. For each \$100 contributed, the donor will receive a Bullock gavel as a gift from Jan Bullock; a \$200 contributor will receive a framed cartoon. Several gavels and cartoons have been spoken for and will be delivered when Benna and Ben attend the annual Bullock birthday luncheon at the Texas State Museum on July 10th.

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