

W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

Baylor Collections of Political Materials

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – JUNE 2008

NEW ARRIVALS



Mary Goolsby joined our staff in June to help us with a variety of duties including taking care of our book and vertical file collections as well as directing special projects and events. Mary arrived on June 26 and is already working on the Hightower signed editions. Welcome Mary!

Ben Branstetter joined us in June as a summer substitute to help with our Jack White correspondence special project. He is arranging, photocopying, filing and listing materials related to the JFK assassination.

ACCESSIONS

Randy Lackovic, Darling Marine Center in Walpole, ME deposited items which belonged to his grandfather. Materials covered JFK/LBJ, NASA, John Lennon, MLK, the Pope, the U.S. Bicentennial, Iran, El Salvador, the Youth Movement, and American legends.

George Meyer, a collector of LBJ materials in Georgetown, TX, donated two books when Ben visited him at his home: *Behind the Scenes with LBJ in '48* by Joe Phipps and *Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1908-1973, Reflections in history: a personal collection* by Dwayne A Bridges. Mr. Meyer has the research materials of the authors from both these books but has sold these along with his entire LBJ collection to a dealer in Las Vegas. We have offered to copy some materials before they leave the Texas nation.

Leah Tunnell, daughter of Byron Tunnell, former Texas Speaker of the House, donated another large box of papers from her father, two bags of papers, a large oil painting of her father, and a large photo of the Texas capitol. Leah is also working with a friend in Austin to make a video of Jack Hightower describing his signed book collection.

Jack Hightower sent four boxes of signed books related to foreign dignitaries such as Winston Churchill, the Shah of Iran, David Lloyd George, Lady Churchill, Kind Fahd, Queen Victoria and Margaret Thatcher.

Carolene English, our Bullock consultant donated four books: *What happened: inside the Bush White House and Washington's culture of deception* signed by the author, Scott McClellan; *Bob Bullock, God Bless Texas* signed by authors Dave McNeely and Jim Henderson; *The Captures: a true story of abduction by Indians on the Texas frontier* by Scott Zesch; and *Walking backward in the wind* by Helen Mangum Fields. She also gave us a Willie Nelson T-shirt from his 1993 benefit concert to restore the Hill County courthouse.

Clyde Pederson, aka **C. P. Houston**, sent fourteen original editorial cartoons for our exhibit this fall. He also plans to attend on September 18th and take part in the events.

Sam Houston Regional Library in Liberty, Texas, mailed us a large envelope of campaign materials from their collection. These included the 2004 Texas Democratic Party state convention program and campaign materials from Bill Blakley, Tom Delay, Price Daniel, and Bob Krueger, as well as a brochure, *How to lobby from your kitchen table*.

Dawna Walsh, daughter of Jack Hamm, loaned us several boxes of materials which belonged to her father. Erin will use these items for our exhibit in the book vault area this fall. Dawna is head of the art department at Dallas Baptist University.

ON THE ROAD

Ben made several visits to material donors in June:

- Bob Platt in Fort Worth for his 80th birthday. Our library presented the Platts with a bound photo album of their visit to Waco in April and photos of the *Race for the White House* exhibit.
- George Meyer in Georgetown, Texas, to see and envy his LBJ collection before it goes to Las Vegas;
- Leah Tunnell in Austin to pick up materials from her father;
- Jack and Colleen Hightower in Austin to pick up boxes of signed books of foreign dignitaries
- Carolene English in Round Rock Texas to pick up books and make plans for the annual Bullock luncheon in July at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.
- Dawna Walsh at Dallas Baptist University to talk about her father Jack Hamm and to pick up materials about him for the exhibit this fall.

EXHIBITS

• **Editorial Cartoons.** Four cartoonists have now agreed to attend the reception and dinner for the cartoon exhibit on Sept. 18th: Ben Sargent, Austin; Clyde Paterson (C.P. Houston), Houston; Dan Foote, Allen, TX; and Bill DeOre, Dallas.

PROJECTS AND PROCESSING

Bob Bullock papers. Benna continues to process the Lt. Gov. Issue Series and papers of Byron Tunnell.

Jack White papers. Matthew and Ben B. have been sorting, arranging, filing and photocopying materials related to the JFK assassination.

CMS. Michael H. and Edwin continued converting existing web pages to CMS. Kathy Weber set up 38 sites for us, one for each collection. We have transferred 261 pages, 101 images and 123 documents of the current 10,000 items on the existing website.

Book Vault. The 150 glass shelves for the vault delivered in May were not up to par, so they are being recalled for further processing.

CATALOGING

Special Libraries Cataloging: Janet Pence: 125 titles
160 vol. Books; 4 original OCLC inputs.

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