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Frank L. Wilcox Papers. Inclusive: 1923-1966, undated, Bulk 1941-1946

Summary Information

Creator	Wilcox, Frank L., 1896 - 1977
Extent (quantity/size)	This collection consists of eight document boxes.
Language	English
Abstract	The Frank L. Wilcox Papers contain the personal and professional materials of Frank Wilcox, a former mayor of Waco and the son-in-law of Pat Neff.

Subjects

Accountants -- Texas -- History. / Mayors -- Texas -- Waco. / Neff, Pat Morris, 1871-1952. / Wilcox, Frank L. / World War, 1939-1945.

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Scope and Content

The Frank L. Wilcox Papers were donated to The Texas Collection through various gifts of the Hallie Maude Neff Wilcox Estate. Hallie Maude, Frank's wife, passed away four months after her husband. Materials were given to The Texas Collection in 1978, 1979, and 1987.

This collection contains the professional and personal materials of Frank Wilcox, an accountant and former Mayor of Waco. The chronology of the materials span from 1923 to 1966, but the bulk of the materials originated during Wilcox's experiences as an auditor for the Navy during World War II as well as his tenure as mayor.

Series I. Correspondence is the largest series in the collection. Letters pertaining to Wilcox's civic involvement are prominent. Series II. Financial Documents contains audits and reports for the U.S. Navy as well as tax forms pertaining to land owned by Wilcox's father-in-law, Pat Neff. Legal documents, which comprise the third and smallest series in the collection, describe a court case between Pat Neff and C.H. Wright. The final series is comprised of speeches and articles composed by Wilcox dealing primarily with Waco financial matters.

Administrative/Biographical History

Frank L. Wilcox, the son of Edward and Fannie Wilcox, was born on 1896 June 12 in Alva, Oklahoma. He graduated from Norman High School and went on to attend the University of Oklahoma where he studied engineering from 1913 to 1914.

In 1915, Wilcox moved to Waco, Texas. After a few years of working at odd jobs, Wilcox chose accounting as the career he would pursue. In 1923, he earned his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license, becoming the first Waco citizen to do so via examination. For eleven years (1929-1939), Wilcox served as the secretary, and eventually chairman, of the Texas State Board of Public Accountants.

In the midst of his career pursuits, Wilcox married Hallie Maude Neff, the daughter of former Texas Governor and Baylor University President Pat Neff. The couple had no children, but were socially active throughout their forty-four year marriage. Hallie's personal papers also reside at The Texas Collection.

For approximately fifty years, Wilcox continued his success as an accountant. From 1940 until his death, Wilcox was the Director of the Pioneer Savings Association. Upon the United States' entry into World War II, Wilcox became an auditor for various ship building companies employed by the United States Navy. In 1949, Wilcox was elected President of the Texas Society of CPAs. A year later, he became the Vice President of the American Institute of CPAs.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Wilcox was also deeply involved in Waco community life. In the late 1930s, Wilcox was the first secretary-treasurer of the Hedonia Club, an organization which celebrated the young women of Waco and their "coming of age" through balls and pageants. From 1945 to 1946, Wilcox served as the Mayor of Waco. At other times in his life, Wilcox was the President of the Waco Symphony Society, President of the Farm and Ranch Club, and Director of the Waco Housing Authority.

Wilcox passed away on 1977 July 30 at the age of 81. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Related Resources

Related records in other Archive collections

Collection Pat M. Neff Collection, Inclusive: 1847-1952, Bulk: 1920-1947
Papers Hallie Maude Neff Wilcox

Related citations

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Archival Arrangement

Prior to processing, the collection was housed in one banker box. The folders, while well organized, were over-stuffed. Prior to 2013 April, there was no comprehensive inventory.

The former folder titles were implemented in the new organizational scheme. The Frank L. Wilcox Papers are now arranged into four series: I. Correspondence, II. Financial Documents, III. Legal Documents, and IV. Literary Productions.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1923-1964, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains personal and professional correspondence both to and from Frank Wilcox. The folder titles, which have been carried over from the collection's initial arrangement, reveal the topics of the correspondence. These include Wilcox's involvement with the city of Waco and the Hedonia Club, various newsletters that he wrote concerning the war effort, and personal letters. The series is in average condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. City of Waco, 1945 April-May
 Box 1. Folder 2. City of Waco, 1945 June 8-13
 Box 1. Folder 3. City of Waco, 1945 June 14-18
 Box 1. Folder 4. City of Waco, 1945 June 23-30
 Box 1. Folder 5. City of Waco, 1945 July 2-10
 Box 1. Folder 6. City of Waco, 1945 July 12-19
 Box 1. Folder 7. City of Waco, 1945 July 20-23
 Box 1. Folder 8. City of Waco, 1945 July 24-August 3
 Box 1. Folder 9. City of Waco, 1945 August 4-9
 Box 1. Folder 10. City of Waco, 1945 August 13-21
 Box 1. Folder 11. City of Waco, 1945 August 22-September 3
 Box 1. Folder 12. City of Waco (1 of 3), 1945 September 4
 Box 1. Folder 13. City of Waco (2 of 3), 1945 September 4
 Box 1. Folder 14. City of Waco (3 of 3), 1945 September 4
 Box 1. Folder 15. City of Waco, 1945 September 4-11
 Box 1. Folder 16. City of Waco, 1945 September 12-19
 Box 1. Folder 17. City of Waco, 1945 September 22-27
 Box 1. Folder 18. City of Waco, 1945 September 28-October 8
 Box 1. Folder 19. City of Waco, 1945 October 9-11
 Box 1. Folder 20. City of Waco, 1945 October 12-17
 Box 2. Folder 1. City of Waco, 1945 October 22-23
 Box 2. Folder 2. City of Waco, 1945 October 24-November 5
 Box 2. Folder 3. City of Waco, 1945 November 6-8
 Box 2. Folder 4. City of Waco, 1945 November 8
 Box 2. Folder 5. City of Waco, 1945 November 9-12
 Box 2. Folder 6. City of Waco, 1945 November 13-20
 Box 2. Folder 7. City of Waco, 1945 November 20-23
 Box 2. Folder 8. City of Waco, 1945 November 24-26
 Box 2. Folder 9. City of Waco, 1945 November 27-December 4
 Box 2. Folder 10. City of Waco, 1945 December 5-18
 Box 2. Folder 11. City of Waco, 1945 December 19-1946 January 4
 Box 2. Folder 12. City of Waco, 1946 January 8-30
 Box 2. Folder 13. City of Waco, 1946 February
 Box 2. Folder 14. City of Waco, 1946 March-April
 Box 2. Folder 15. City of Waco (1 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 2. Folder 16. City of Waco (2 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 2. Folder 17. City of Waco (3 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 2. Folder 18. City of Waco (4 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 2. Folder 19. City of Waco (5 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 3. Folder 1. City of Waco (6 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 3. Folder 2. City of Waco (7 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 3. Folder 3. City of Waco (8 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 3. Folder 4. City of Waco (9 of 9), circa 1945-1946
 Box 3. Folder 5. Hedonia Club, 1937-1938
 Box 3. Folder 6. Hedonia Club, 1939-1940
 Box 3. Folder 7. Hedonia Club, 1950-1954
 Box 3. Folder 8. Military Bulletins, 1942-1943 April 18
 Box 3. Folder 9. Military Bulletins, 1943 April 18-June 3
 Box 3. Folder 10. Military Bulletins, 1943 June 4
 Box 3. Folder 11. Military Bulletins, 1943 June 5-July
 Box 3. Folder 12. Military Bulletins, 1943 August 21
 Box 3. Folder 13. Military Bulletins, 1943 August 21-September
 Box 3. Folder 14. Military Bulletins, 1943 October-December
 Box 3. Folder 15. Military Bulletins, 1944 January-March
 Box 3. Folder 16. Military Bulletins, 1944 June-October
 Box 3. Folder 17. Military Bulletins, circa 1941-1945
 Box 3. Folder 18. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1923-1939
 Box 3. Folder 19. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1941-1943 May
 Box 3. Folder 20. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1943 June-October 5
 Box 4. Folder 1. Personal: Frank Wilcox (1 of 2), 1943 October 14
 Box 4. Folder 2. Personal: Frank Wilcox (2 of 2), 1943 October 14
 Box 4. Folder 3. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1943 November-1944 June
 Box 4. Folder 4. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1944 July-September
 Box 4. Folder 5. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1945 February-March
 Box 4. Folder 6. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1945 July-October
 Box 4. Folder 7. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1945 November-1953
 Box 4. Folder 8. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1954-1955 May

Box 4. Folder 9. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1955 July-1957
 Box 4. Folder 10. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1959-1962 March
 Box 4. Folder 11. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1962 May-August
 Box 4. Folder 12. Personal: Frank Wilcox, 1962 September-1964
 Box 4. Folder 13. Personal: Frank Wilcox (1 of 3), undated
 Box 4. Folder 14. Personal: Frank Wilcox (2 of 3), undated
 Box 4. Folder 15. Personal: Frank Wilcox (3 of 3), undated

Series 2: Financial Documents. 1932-1950, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains financial documents pertaining to Frank Wilcox and his father-in-law Pat Neff. There are two prominent issues represented in this series: tax documents for Pat Neff's farms and materials from Wilcox's time as an auditor for the United States Navy. The materials are in average condition.

Item List

Box 5. Folder 1. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes, 1932-1943
 Box 5. Folder 2. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes, 1944
 Box 5. Folder 3. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes, 1945
 Box 5. Folder 4. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (1 of 2), 1946
 Box 5. Folder 5. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (2 of 2), 1946
 Box 5. Folder 6. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (1 of 2), 1947
 Box 5. Folder 7. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (2 of 2), 1947
 Box 5. Folder 8. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (1 of 2), 1948
 Box 5. Folder 9. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (2 of 2), 1948
 Box 5. Folder 10. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (1 of 4), 1949
 Box 5. Folder 11. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (2 of 4), 1949
 Box 5. Folder 12. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (3 of 4), 1949
 Box 5. Folder 13. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes (4 of 4), 1949
 Box 5. Folder 14. General: Pat Neff: Farm Taxes, 1950
 Box 5. Folder 15. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1941 October-November 24
 Box 5. Folder 16. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1941 November 29-December
 Box 5. Folder 17. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 March-April
 Box 5. Folder 18. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 May-June 9
 Box 6. Folder 1. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 June 9-12
 Box 6. Folder 2. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 June 12-22
 Box 6. Folder 3. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 June 23-August 10
 Box 6. Folder 4. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 August 11-October 9
 Box 6. Folder 5. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 October 20-28
 Box 6. Folder 6. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1942 December
 Box 6. Folder 7. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1943 January-July
 Box 6. Folder 8. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1943 August-November
 Box 6. Folder 9. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox, 1943 December-1944
 Box 6. Folder 10. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox (1 of 2), circa 1941-1945
 Box 6. Folder 11. General: U.S. Navy: Frank Wilcox (2 of 2), circa 1941-1945
 Box 6. Folder 12. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 February-June
 Box 6. Folder 13. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 September-October
 Box 6. Folder 14. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 November
 Box 6. Folder 15. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 December 4-12
 Box 6. Folder 16. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 December 13
 Box 6. Folder 17. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 December 16-23
 Box 6. Folder 18. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1941 December 24-1942 January
 Box 6. Folder 19. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, 1942 February-March
 Box 6. Folder 20. Audit: U.S. Navy: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, undated

Series 3: Legal Documents. 1943-1949

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains legal documents and correspondence pertaining to a lawsuit between Pat Neff and C.H. Wright that stretched through much of the 1940s. The materials are in average condition.

Item List

Box 7. Folder 1. *Pat Neff vs. Wright et al.* (1 of 2), 1943-1949
 Box 7. Folder 2. *Pat Neff vs. Wright et al.* (2 of 2), 1943-1949

Series 4: Literary Productions. 1945-1966, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains speeches made by Frank Wilcox as well as articles that he composed concerning the state of Waco's finances during his time as mayor (1945-1946). The materials are in average condition.

Item List

Box 7. Folder 3. Article: Frank Wilcox: "This is the Problem" Series: "What is Waco Worth?", 1945 September 30
 Box 7. Folder 4. Article: Frank Wilcox: "This is the Problem" Series: "Are We Pinching Pennies?", 1945 October 7
 Box 7. Folder 5. Article: Frank Wilcox: "This is the Problem" Series: "Why Extend the City Limits?", 1945 October 14
 Box 7. Folder 6. Article: Frank Wilcox: "This is the Problem" Series: "Is Waco Inc. a Little Business?", 1945 October 21
 Box 7. Folder 7. Article: Frank Wilcox: "This is the Problem" Series: "A Fable", 1945 October 28
 Box 7. Folder 8. Article: Frank Wilcox: Waco Finances: "What About Post-War Plans?", 1945 April 1
 Box 7. Folder 9. Article: Frank Wilcox: Waco Finances: "Where Waco Gets Its Money", circa 1945
 Box 7. Folder 10. Article: Frank Wilcox: Waco Finances: "Where Waco Spends Its Money", 1945 March 29

Box 7. Folder 11. Article: Frank Wilcox Waco Finances: "Which Way Waco?", circa 1945
Box 7. Folder 12. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1950-1951
Box 7. Folder 13. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1952-1953
Box 8. Folder 1. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1954-1955
Box 8. Folder 2. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1956 January-March
Box 8. Folder 3. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1956 June
Box 8. Folder 4. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1956 August-October
Box 8. Folder 5. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1957
Box 8. Folder 6. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1958-1962 January
Box 8. Folder 7. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1962 May-1963
Box 8. Folder 8. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1964
Box 8. Folder 9. Speeches: Frank Wilcox, 1966
Box 8. Folder 10. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (1 of 7), undated
Box 8. Folder 11. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (2 of 7), undated
Box 8. Folder 12. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (3 of 7), undated
Box 8. Folder 13. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (4 of 7), undated
Box 8. Folder 14. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (5 of 7), undated
Box 8. Folder 15. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (6 of 7), undated
Box 8. Folder 16. Speeches: Frank Wilcox (7 of 7), undated