

Ray Kirkpatrick papers.
Inclusive: 1939-2000, undated; Bulk: 1945-1955
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Baylor University

Summary Information

Creator	Kirkpatrick, Ray, 1922 - 1998
Extent (quantity/size)	2 document boxes, 1 oversize box
Language	English
Abstract	The Ray Kirkpatrick papers include certificates, diplomas, photographs, scrapbooks, news clippings, correspondence, and subject files. Items are inclusive of his time before, during, and after his service in the Texas House of Representatives.

Subjects

Kirkpatrick, Ray -- Archives -- Indexes. / Legislators -- Texas. / Texas. Legislature. House of Representatives. / Texas. State Board of Insurance -- Officials and employees.

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Scope and Content

The Ray Kirkpatrick papers include certificates, diplomas, photographs, scrapbooks, news clippings, correspondence, and subject files. Many items are personal in nature, however some of the topical items and photographs highlight the work he did while serving in the Texas House of Representatives. Also included are items documenting his time as a student at Baylor University, his business with the State Board of Insurance, and participation with the Masons.

Administrative/Biographical History

Ernest Ray Kirkpatrick was born in Trenton, Fannin County, Texas, on July 9, 1922. He was a graduate of Trenton High School in 1940, and served in the United States Army from 1942-1945. His tour of duty included stops in Italy, France, and North Africa.

After his return home, Ray Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, was elected to represent the 41st District in the Texas House of Representatives. He represented this district during the 50th, 51st, and 52nd Legislatures from 1947 to 1952. Kirkpatrick served on several committees, including Contingent Expenses, Federal Relations, and Military and Veterans Affairs. He was also a member of the Appropriations Committee and appointed Chairman, a record-setting accomplishment reached at the age of 26.

Ray Kirkpatrick graduated from the Baylor School of Law in 1958, and held a private practice until 1963 when he joined the State Board of Insurance. He was active with the Masons, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Kirkpatrick died on November 3, 1998.

Related Resources

Related citations

["Ray Kirkpatrick." Legislative Library of Texas. Accessed October 18, 2018.](#)

["Ray Kirkpatrick." Texas State Cemetery. Accessed October 18, 2018.](#)

Archival Arrangement

An inventory was created for this collection in 2000 and included four series. These have been retained but renamed and organized to better describe the materials. The current arrangement is as follows: Certificates, News Clippings and Scrapbooks, Photographs, and Topical.

Series 1: Certificates. 1939-1984, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Certificates series contains documents related to Ray Kirkpatrick's involvement in several state and local organizations from 1939-1984. Notable groups bestowing honors include the State Board of Insurance, Baylor Alumni Association, the Texas Legislature, and the Masons. His work on the Texas Civil War Centennial and participation in the Acacia and Rho Gamma Sigma fraternities is also recognized, as well as his appointments as Admiral of the Texas Navy and Commodore of the Brazos. This series is arranged chronologically and is in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 1. General, undated

Box 1. Folder 2. General, 1939-1947

Box 1. Folder 3. General, 1950-1959

Box 3 OVZ. Folder 1. General, Oversized, 1951-1981

Box 1. Folder 4. General, 1961-1969

Box 1. Folder 5. General, 1972-1978

Box 1. Folder 6. General, 1984

Series 2: News Clippings and Scrapbooks. 1946-1953, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The News Clippings and Scrapbook series is dated 1946-1953, and contains clippings from Ray Kirkpatrick's tenure in the Texas Legislature. Due to the condition of the original Issues scrapbook, a research copy has been created and retained. A second scrapbook will be digitized and made available as part of the library digital collections. This series is arranged chronologically and in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 7. General, undated

Box 1. Folder 8. General, 1946

Box 1. Folder 9. Issues Scrapbook, circa 1947

Box 1. Folder 10. General, 1948-1953

Series 3: Photographs. 1943-1997, undated

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Media	Photographic print
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Administrative/Biographical History

The Photographs series is dated 1943-1997, and includes personal photographs as well as those acquired while on duty for the Texas Legislature. Several military photographs can be found along with autographed photos from Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House Gib Lewis, and others. Kirkpatrick's time with the State Board on Insurance is documented as well. This series is arranged chronologically and in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 11. Banquet, undated

Box 1. Folder 12. Group Photographs, undated

Box 1. Folder 13. Jack Brooks with Ray Kirkpatrick, undated

Box 1. Folder 14. Jerry Sadler with Ray Kirkpatrick, undated

Box 1. Folder 15. Kirkpatrick in American Legion Hat, undated

Box 1. Folder 16. Sam Rayburn, Autographed, undated

Box 1. Folder 17. Searcy Bracewell with Ray Kirkpatrick, undated

Box 1. Folder 18. Speech by Waggoner Carr, undated

Box 1. Folder 19. Ray and Joyce Manford with military officer and Ray Kirkpatrick, undated

Box 1. Folder 20. Waggoner Carr with Ray Kirkpatrick, undated

Box 1. Folder 21. Military, circa 1943-1944

Box 1. Folder 22. Ray Kirkpatrick, 1945-1950

Box 1. Folder 23. Senator George Parkhouse, Autographed, 1959 April 30

Box 1. Folder 24. Appointment to State Board of Insurance, swearing in, 1972

Box 1. Folder 25. Preston Smith & Ray Kirkpatrick, Autographed, 1972 October 25

Box 1. Folder 26. State Board Insurance Staff Services, 1979-1985

Box 3 OVZ. Folder 2. Gib Lewis Autographed, 1985-1991

Box 1. Folder 27. High school reunion, Class of 1939-1940, Trenton, Fannin Co., 1997

Series 4: Topical. 1943-2000, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Topical series is dated 1943-2000, and includes pamphlets, membership cards, correspondence, military, personal, and legislative papers. Correspondence includes personal letters, constituent letters, and Dear Colleague letters. Military papers are from Kirkpatrick's time in the Army as well as in the National Guard. This series is arranged alphabetically by topic and is in good condition.

- Box 1. Folder 28. Acacia Fraternity, 1955
- Box 1. Folder 29. Affidavit of Loyalty, 1950
- Box 1. Folder 30. Campaign Speech, handwritten, undated
- Box 1. Folder 31. Coin Club, 1963
- Box 1. Folder 32. Correspondence, Baylor, 1951-1962
- Box 1. Folder 33. Correspondence, Constituents, 1947
- Box 1. Folder 34. Correspondence, Constituents, 1948
- Box 1. Folder 35. Correspondence, Constituents, 1949-1950
- Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence, Personal, 1947-1948
- Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence, Personal Postcards, 1946
- Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence, Sam Rayburn, 1960
- Box 2. Folder 4. Dear Colleague Letters, 1947-1948
- Box 2. Folder 5. Dear Colleague Letters, 1950-1961
- Box 2. Folder 6. Invitations and receptions, 1947
- Box 2. Folder 7. Legislation, 1947
- Box 2. Folder 8. Legislative Budget Board, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 9. Lists, undated
- Box 2. Folder 10. Masons, 2000
- Box 2. Folder 11. Membership cards, 1945
- Box 2. Folder 12. Military papers, U. S. Army, 1943-1951 (RESTRICTED)
- Box 2. Folder 13. Military papers, National Guard, 1949-1950 (RESTRICTED)
- Box 2. Folder 14. Newsletters, 1947
- Box 2. Folder 15. Retirement, 1985
- Box 2. Folder 16. State Board of Insurance, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 17. Speaker Candidacy, 1947-1948
- Box 2. Folder 18. Texas Civil War Centennial Commission, 1961
- Box 2. Folder 19. Texas Legislature: resolution re death of father, 1955
- Box 2. Folder 20. University of Texas transcripts, 1948-1951
- Box 2. Folder 21. Veteran's Benefits, Personal, 1947-1950