

Wright Patman collection.
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Summary Information

Creator	Donor, Unknown
Extent (quantity/size)	1 document box
Language	English
Abstract	A collection of materials pertaining to Congressman Wright Patman who represented Texas's 1st District from 1929 until his death in office, March 1976.

Subjects

Patman, Wright, 1893-1976. / Texas -- Politics and government -- 1929-1976. / United States. Congress -- Constituent communication. / United States. Congress. House.

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Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of a small amount of campaign items, correspondence sent to constituents by Patman's administrative assistant after the death of the congressman. A list of bills introduced by Patman from 1929-1970, which appears to be compiled at the same time, is included along with a relatively small number of Patman's weekly letters which were published in local papers or mailed to constituents. The current arrangement is in four series: Campaign, Correspondence, Legislative, and Press.

Administrative/Biographical History

Wright Patman was born at Patman's Switch, Cass County, TX, on August 6, 1893. He graduated from Hughes Springs High School in 1912, and Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN, in 1916. He was assistant county attorney of Cass County from 1916-1917, when he joined the US Army as a private and machine-gun officer during World War I.

Patman served in the Texas State House of Representatives from 1924-1929, when he was elected as a Democrat to the 71st Congress. He served the 1st Congressional District from 1929 until his death on March 4, 1976.

Related Resources

Related citations

"PATMAN, Wright." Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. Accessed December 13, 2018.

Archival Arrangement

Prior to this finding aid, the collection contained materials from other Poage collections. Although provenance is unclear, it may be this collection was part of the papers of Patman's successor Sam B. Hall, and was removed to make an artificial collection. The current arrangement is in four series: Campaign, Correspondence, Legislative, and Press.

Series 1: Campaign. 1955-1975

The Campaign series is comprised of one folder containing correspondence, 1972 election results by county, and Patman's platform for the 1975 election. Although two pieces are from 1955 and 1962, the bulk of the items are from the 1970s. This series is in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 1. General, 1955-1975

Series 2: Correspondence. 1976 March-June

The Correspondence series contains outgoing mail written to constituents after the death of Congressman Patman, explaining that their concerns would be passed on to his successor. This series is in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 2. March, 1976

Box 1. Folder 3. April (1 of 2), 1976

Box 1. Folder 4. April (2 of 2), 1976

Box 1. Folder 5. May-June, 1976

Series 3: Legislative. circa 1975

The Legislative series contains a listing, by Congress, of the bills introduced by Patman from the 71st to the 91st Congresses. The bill number, date of introduction, title, and all resolutions are included. This series is in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 6. Introduced Bills by Congress, 71st-84th (1929-1956), circa 1975

Box 1. Folder 7. Introduced Bills by Congress, 85th-91st (1957-1970), circa 1975

Series 4: Press. 1961-1962, 1971-1976

The Press series contains a general file with press releases, news clippings, and other information of interest to constituents. The newsletter file contains 92 of Patman's "Weekly Letters" arranged chronologically. This series is in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 8. General, 1962-1976

Box 1. Folder 9. Newsletters, 1961-1976