

W. R. "Bob" Poage Campaign papers.
Inclusive: 1898-1997, undated, Bulk: 1936-1978
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Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Summary Information

Creator	Poage, W. R. (William Robert), 1899 - 1987
Extent (quantity/size)	58 document boxes and 1 oversized box.
Language	English
Media	Photo negative; Postcards
Abstract	The W. R. "Bob" Poage Campaign papers consist of materials produced during the political campaigns of Bob Poage, primarily as the U.S. Representative for the Eleventh Congressional District of Texas from 1937 to 1978. The collection includes correspondence, financial documents, subject files, and promotional materials relating to his campaigns in Central Texas as well as the broader changes affecting the Democratic Party in the mid-twentieth century.

Subjects

Correspondence. / Financial records. / Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973. / Leath, James Marvin, 1931-2000. / Poage, W. R. (William Robert), 1899-1987. / Political campaigns -- Texas -- McLennan County. / Political campaigns -- Texas. / Promotional materials. / United States. Congress -- Constituent communication. / United States. Congress. House -- Elections. / United States. Congress. House -- Records and correspondence. / Watson, Murray.

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Scope and Content

The collection's inclusive date range covers nearly one hundred years of history (1898 to 1997) but the bulk of the materials stem from Congressman Bob Poage's career as a U.S. Representative (1937 to 1978).

Files from the late 1930's detail Poage's rise to prominence and his early years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Much of the materials focus on O.H. Cross, Poage's predecessor from the Eleventh District of Texas, as well as the effects the New Deal was having on Poage's constituents.

Materials from the 1940's relate to World War II and Poage's hope for neutrality prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. In addition to Poage's budding friendship with fellow Texan Lyndon B. Johnson, these years also reflect changes in the Democratic Party, particularly in members from the Southern states. The late 1940's and the early 1950's reflect the prominent issues of the day such as Civil Rights and communism.

The 1960's attest to Poage's friendships with and support of President John F. Kennedy and his successor Lyndon Johnson. The 1970's, Poage's final decade in Washington, D.C., focus on the Nixon Administration, the addition of new counties into the Eleventh Congressional District, and tough political opposition in candidates such as Murray Watson, Jack Burgess, and Lane Denton. The scope of the collection concludes with Poage's retirement in 1978 and his careful monitoring of the election that year, a race won by Marvin Leath.

Administrative/Biographical History

William Robert "Bob" Poage, the son of William Allen Poage and Helen Wheeler Conger, was born on December 28, 1899, in Waco, Texas. The Poage family moved to Throckmorton County shortly thereafter where William A. Poage worked as a rancher and cattleman. The Poages eventually returned to Waco in 1913. Five years later, in 1918, Poage graduated from Waco High School and joined the U.S. Navy as an apprentice seaman during the waning months of World War I.

After the war, Poage briefly attended classes at the University of Texas and the University of Colorado at Boulder before enrolling at Baylor University. In 1921, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in geology. Poage taught geology from 1922 to 1924, while simultaneously working on his law degree. In 1924, he earned his law degree from Baylor University and gained admittance to the Texas Bar.

In that same year, Poage ran for political office, winning a seat in the Texas House of Representatives. He served in the Texas House from 1925 to 1929, all while practicing law in Waco and teaching at Baylor Law School. In 1928, Poage attempted but lost a bid for a seat in the Texas Senate and briefly returned to civilian life. In 1931, Poage sought to fill a Senate seat vacated by Edgar Witt. He won the special election this time, ultimately serving in the Texas Senate from 1931 to 1937.

Striving to increase his political influence, Poage tried to unseat U.S. Representative O.H. Cross of the Eleventh Congressional District of Texas. Poage lost in 1934 but succeeded in defeating Cross in 1936. It was to be the

start of a long-tenured career for the Texas Democrat. On February 14, 1938, amidst his political successes, Poage married Frances Lenoir Cotton.

Poage served in the U.S. House from 1937 until his retirement in 1978, often running unopposed in the biennial elections. Drawing from his childhood experiences and education, Poage championed life in rural America, seeking improvements such as water and telephone services and helping to establish the Rural Electrification Administration. Often referred to as "Mr. Agriculture", Poage was a key member of the House Agriculture Committee from 1941 to 1978, chairing the committee from 1967 to 1974. Upon his retirement from the House in 1978, Poage was succeeded by Democrat Marvin Leath.

The W. R. Poage Legislative Library was opened in September 1979 in honor of Representative Poage and serves as the repository for his personal and congressional papers. Poage wrote five books during his lifetime including three in retirement: *After the Pioneers* (1969), *Politics-Texas Style* (1974), *How We Lived* (1980), *McLennan County Before 1980* (1981), and his autobiography, *My First 85 Years* (1985).

Poage passed away during open-heart surgery in Temple, Texas, on January 3, 1987, and is buried in Waco's Oakwood Cemetery.

Related Resources

Related records in other Archive collections

Mattie Mae McKee papers, Inclusive: 1940-2018, undated, Bulk: 1968-1991, 2008-2016

W. R. "Bob" Poage Texas Development papers, Inclusive: 1913-1979, undated, Bulk: 1946-1978

William Robert "Bob" Poage Papers

Marvin Leath papers, Inclusive: 1954-1994, undated; Bulk: 1979-1991

Related citations

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Archival Arrangement

The W. R. "Bob" Poage papers have been processed previously, most notably in 1995. Detailed finding aids and folder listings existed prior to this latest round of processing.

Due to the large size of the collection, the W. R. "Bob" Poage papers have been divided into six new collections based on the existing series outline. The documents in the Campaign papers were originally housed in boxes #1381-1420 and boxes #1577-1578. Some loose materials have also been integrated with these files.

This collection is now arranged according to material type. In the past, these materials were divided into Correspondence Files and Reference Files. The latter section has been renamed "Subject Files", and two other series have been created due to the prevalence of financial and promotional materials. Thus, the collection is currently arranged into four series: I. Correspondence, II. Financial Documents, III. Subject Files, and IV. Promotional Materials.

There are two arrangement schemes present in this collection. Series I. Correspondence and Series II. Financial Documents are arranged chronologically by year. Series III. Subject Files and Series IV. Promotional Materials are organized alphabetically by topic or type of material.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1936-1978

Administrative/Biographical History

Series I. Correspondence, the largest series in the collection, spans the entirety of Bob Poage's career in the U.S. House of Representatives, from his election in 1936 to his retirement in 1978. The majority of the folders are divided between correspondence with constituents, colleagues, Democratic campaign committees, and individuals or organizations from out-of-district. Folder organization changes with Poage's rising prominence in Congress and in the Democratic Party, shifting from mostly district and colleague correspondence to a wider range of topics and correspondents and a closer connection to national Democratic campaigns. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically and are in good condition.

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Processing Information Archivist's Notes: As a precaution, staff and patrons need to be careful in handling folders with pins in them.

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Series IV. Promotional Materials consists of paper-based documents and three-dimensional objects relating to Congressman Bob Poage's election campaigns for the Texas and U.S. House of Representatives as well as other politicians' campaigns in the mid-twentieth century. Prominent materials include brochures, pins, stickers, and posters. The series is arranged alphabetically by material type and is in fairly good condition.

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