

DONALD G. ADAMS PAPERS
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Summary Information

Creator	Adams, Donald G., 1938 -
Extent (quantity/size)	60 document boxes
Language	English; Spanish
Abstract	The Donald G. Adams papers offer a glimpse into Adams's work as a Texas State Representative and Senator in Austin, spanning from 1962 to 1980. The collection is primarily comprised of legislation related to the congressional sessions Adams sat in and correspondence between Adams and constituents or Adams and other Texas politicians. In addition, the collection contains a mixture of books, pamphlets, clippings, campaign literature, and speech materials.

Subjects

Adams, Donald G. / Agriculture -- Texas. / Baylor University -- Alumni and alumnae. / Democratic Party (Tex.) / Education -- Texas. / Elections -- Texas. / Insurance -- State supervision -- Texas. / Judges -- Texas. / Labor -- Texas. / Law enforcement -- Texas -- History -- 20th century. / Public health -- Texas. / Public utilities -- Texas. / Railroads -- Texas. / Texas -- Politics and government -- 1951- / Texas. Department of Parks and Wildlife. / Texas. Legislature. House of Representatives. / Texas. Legislature. Senate. / Transportation--Texas. / Universities and colleges -- Texas. / Water resources development -- Texas.

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Scope and Content

The Donald G. Adams papers contain materials related to Adams's political career in the Texas House of Representatives (61st and 62nd legislatures) and Texas Senate (63rd-65th legislatures). Included are correspondence between members of government and legislative constituents, copies of legislation, clippings, and campaign materials. Outlying materials provide additional context to Adams's private life while working in state government.

Adams's career coincided with a tumultuous series of events in Texas history. The Sharpstown Banking scandal became a salient issue in the 1972 election, leading to widespread disruption of the established legislative power structure and creating a more liberal legislature as many moderates became tarnished by their connections to this financial legislation/stock fraud scandal. Adams's senate run skirted this issue fairly successfully despite his opponent J.C. Stallings's consistent efforts to utilize the scandal against Adams in both print and radio advertisements. Stallings's use of his personally owned radio stations in the campaign became a part of the depiction of Stallings as an unscrupulous and litigious individual, which characterizes Adams's approach to the issue. After defeating Stallings in the primary, Adams faced no opposition in the general election.

Adams's Senate career also coincided with the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1974. Materials related to the Texas Constitution appear throughout Adams's career. In addition to serving as an elected delegate at the convention, Adams proposed several amendments to the Constitution in the legislature and voted on other amendments introduced in legislative sessions. Along with constitutional amendments, Adams worked to amend the Texas Criminal Code and Family Code, especially as it related to parental rights of illegitimate children and foster families. In addition to these sweeping legislative issues, Adams was also a consistent advocate for both volunteer and professional firefighters, proposing legislation to improve their economic standing.

While in the legislature, Adams was a member of multiple committees and served as chairman of the Senate Administration Committee in the 64th and 65th sessions. Despite his varied and consistent committee membership, the only committees represented in this collection are the Administration, Jurisprudence, Intergovernmental Relations, and Counties Committees. Adams was a member of the House Counties Committee during the 62nd Legislature.

Adams diligently responded to constituent correspondence and appeared at community events when his schedule permitted it. This collection contains letters related to a broad range of legislative, community, and personal issues as well as a number of Adams's responses.

Administrative/Biographical History

Donald G. Adams was born in 1938 in Jasper, Texas, to county judge T. Gilbert Adams and Dess Hart Adams. He attended Baylor University from 1957 to 1963, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Laws. After his graduation, Adams took up legal practice in Lufkin for two years before returning to Jasper and forming a legal partnership with his father.

Adams announced his candidacy for the Texas House of Representatives in 1968. After his nomination by the Democratic Party, Adams was elected unopposed. As the Representative from District 7, Adams represented Hardin, Jasper, Newton, and Tyler counties. During his time in the Texas House, Adams served on several committees including Agriculture, Counties, Criminal Law, Criminal Jurisprudence, Insurance, Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Motor Transportation, and Imported Fire Ant Infestation. Adams largely avoided the political fallout that accompanied the Sharpstown Bank scandal that ensnared Governor Preston Smith, Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes, and House Speaker Gus Mutscher.

In 1972, Adams announced his candidacy for the Texas Senate, District 3. Adams endured a slightly contentious primary battle with J.C. Stallings, a radio station owner from Nacogdoches who attempted to play up Adams's connections to the ousted Mutscher and the Sharpstown scandal. Regardless, Adams received his party's nomination and ran unopposed in the general election. Adams served in the Texas Senate from 1973 to 1977, representing Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, and Tyler Counties. During his senatorial career, he was a member of the Administration, Finance, Intergovernmental Relations, and Jurisprudence Committees in addition to numerous subcommittees and temporary topical committees. In 1974, Adams served as a delegate to the Texas State Constitution Convention. In 1977, Adams was elected by the Senate as President Pro Tempore ad Interim for the 65th Legislature.

In 1978, Adams resigned from his Senate seat to become Chief Legal Counsel for the Governor of Texas. He was appointed to the Texas Industrial Commission (TIC) in October of the same year, was elected TIC Chairman in 1979, and was appointed to a full six-year term on the Commission in 1983.

Adams is also a member of various community organizations including Kiwanis Club, the Texas Bar Association, and Chamber of Commerce. Don and his wife, Linda Cullum Adams, have three children: Don Jr., Debra, and Dinah.

Related Resources

Summary of related Archive materials

Lola Hopper collection #51

Related citations

Kinch Jr., Sam. "Sharpstown Stock-Fraud Scandal." Texas State Historical Association Handbook of Texas. Accessed August 7, 2019. [book]

Legislative Reference Library of Texas. "Don Adams." Accessed August 7, 2019. [web site]

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Archival Arrangement

The Adams papers were, for the most part, unprocessed prior to this latest round of processing. A preliminary inventory and folder listing had been prepared by staff in 1994.

Currently, the Adams papers are arranged into series according to topic and material type. There are six series altogether including I. Administrative, II. Campaigns, III. Committees, IV. Correspondence, V. Legislative, and VI. Personal.

These series are divided even further into subseries. The divisions are based on legislative session, chronology, and topic and are further explained at the series level.

Series 1: Administrative. 1962-1977, undated

Series I. houses administrative material from Donald Adams, his campaigns, and his Texas House and Senate offices. The series is divided into three topics: District, Press, and General. This material includes various documents produced by Adams and his office to be circulated among his constituents and the press, as well as books and documents Adams collected to inform his political decision making.

The District subseries contains documents relating to specific community issues within Adams's senatorial district. Press contains press releases and directories. General contains miscellaneous materials pertaining to Adams's time in the legislature including Capitol brochures, Adams's calendars, and general committee assignments. Within each topic the materials are organized further by loose topics. The series is in good condition.

Box 1. Folder 1. District Directory – Anderson-Henderson Counties, undated

Box 1. Folder 2. District Directory – Jasper-Rusk Counties, undated

Box 1. Folder 3. District Directory – Sabine-Tyler Counties, undated

Box 1. Folder 4. Angelina and Cherokee County Correspondence, 1973-1977

Box 1. Folder 5. Hardin County Correspondence, 1975-1977

Box 1. Folder 6. Henderson County Correspondence, 1972-1977

Box 1. Folder 7. Jasper County Correspondence, 1972-1977

Box 1. Folder 8. Kaufman County Correspondence & Resource Directory, 1976-1977, undated

Box 1. Folder 9. Nacogdoches & Panola County Correspondence, 1975-1977

Box 1. Folder 10. Rusk County Correspondence and County Improvement Materials, 1975-1977

Box 1. Folder 11. San Augustine County Correspondence, 1975-1976

Box 1. Folder 12. Shelby County Correspondence, 1975-1977

Box 1. Folder 13. Tyler County Correspondence, 1975-1977, undated

Box 1. Folder 14. Adams Newsletters, 1973-1977, undated

Box 1. Folder 15. Other Newsletters, 1975, undated

Box 1. Folder 16. Angelina & Neches Scientific Area – Documents & Correspondence, 1972-1973, undated

Box 1. Folder 17. Appointments & Job Requests, 1973-1975

Box 2. Folder 1. Councils of Governments, 1971, undated

Box 2. Folder 2. District Democratic Primary Results [1 of 2], 1974, undated

Box 2. Folder 3. District Democratic Primary Results [2 of 2], 1974, undated

Box 2. Folder 4. Employment Applications & Requests, undated

Box 2. Folder 5. General District-Related Correspondence, 1975-1977, undated

Box 2. Folder 6. General Supreme Court Records/Reports [1 of 2], 1962-1970

Box 2. Folder 7. General Supreme Court Records/Reports [2 of 2], 1964-1973

Box 2. Folder 8. Government Reports, 1973-1975

Box 2. Folder 9. Neches River Conservation District, 1973, undated

Box 2. Folder 10. Newspaper Rates & Correspondence, 1973-1974, undated

Box 2. Folder 11. Pardons & Paroles Correspondence, 1975

- Box 2. Folder 12. Programs and Services of the Texas Industrial Commission, 1974
- Box 3. Folder 1. Public & State Employee Salary Increases, 1973-1975, undated
- Box 3. Folder 2. Radio and Television Station Correspondence, 1973-1975
- Box 3. Folder 3. Regional Jail Correspondence, 1972
- Box 3. Folder 4. Rusk County Savings & Loan Shareholders Directory, undated
- Box 3. Folder 5. Sabine River Correspondence, 1972-1977
- Box 3. Folder 6. Stephen F. Austin State University Appropriations, 1973-1975
- Box 3. Folder 7. Toledo Bend Reservoir Park, 1972
- Box 3. Folder 8. Veterans of Foreign Wars Resolutions, 1971
- Box 3. Folder 9. Wayne Sellars – Texas Railroad Board of Managers, 1973
- Box 3. Folder 10. Press Releases & Related Documents, 1973-1977, undated
- Box 3. Folder 11. Texas Association of Broadcasters Directory, 1972
- Box 3. Folder 12. Comptroller of Public Accounts Biennial Revenue Estimate 1973-1975, 1973
- Box 3. Folder 13. Annual Report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts Part 1B: Receipts and Disbursements of State Funds, 1973
- Box 4. Folder 1. Annual Report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts Part 1A: Receipts and Disbursements of State Funds, 1974
- Box 4. Folder 2. 1972 Expense Reports – House, 1972
- Box 4. Folder 3. 64th Legislature Committee Assignments, 1975, undated
- Box 4. Folder 4. “A New Constitution for Texas: Text, Explanation, Commentary”, 1973
- Box 4. Folder 5. Adams Calendars, 1970 June-December
- Box 4. Folder 6. Adams House Expense Reports, 1969-1971, undated
- Box 4. Folder 7. Adams House Expense Reports, 1969-1970
- Box 4. Folder 8. Audit Report – Parks & Wildlife Dept., 1970
- Box 4. Folder 9. Campaign of 1972, 1972
- Box 4. Folder 10. Press Release – Campaign of 1972, 1972
- Box 4. Folder 11. Constitutional Revision Convention Recommendations and Resolutions, 1974, undated
- Box 4. Folder 12. General Legislative Brochure, 1975-1977, undated
- Box 4. Folder 13. Pamphlet on Competitive Insurance Rating, undated
- Box 5. Folder 1. Personnel Lists – Independent Bankers & Association Executives, 1972-1973, 1975
- Box 5. Folder 2. Legislative Calendars, 1973, undated

Series 2: Campaigns. 1968-1972, undated

Series II. contains materials related to and produced by Donald Adams's political campaigns. The series is split into two subseries based on the offices he campaigned for, State Representative and State Senator. The State Representative subseries includes correspondence related to the campaign, clippings, directories, and promotional materials. The State Senator subseries contains advertising correspondence, endorsement letters, campaign contributions, and papers related to the contentious 1972 Democratic Primary between Donald Adams and J.C. Stallings, a radio station owner from Nacogdoches. The materials within each subseries are organized by topic, and then alphabetically where appropriate. The series is in good condition.

Subseries 1. State Representative. 1968-1970, undated

- Box 5. Folder 3. Campaign Files and Directories, 1968, undated
- Box 5. Folder 4. Campaign Materials and Correspondence (1 of 2), 1969-1970
- Box 5. Folder 5. Campaign Materials and Correspondence (2 of 2), 1969-1970

- Box 5. Folder 6. Campaign-Related Clippings, 1969-1970
- Box 5. Folder 7. Other Campaigns' Materials, 1970, undated

Subseries 2. State Senator. 1970-1972, undated

- Box 5. Folder 8. Adams Biography, 1972, undated
- Box 5. Folder 9. Endorsement Letters, 1972, undated
- Box 5. Folder 10. Announcements of Candidacy, 1971, undated
- Box 5. Folder 11. Correspondence, 1972
- Box 5. Folder 12. Campaign Issues, Clippings and Correspondence, 1971-1972
- Box 6. Folder 1. Campaign Issues, Reports and Legislation, 1971
- Box 6. Folder 2. Congratulations and Thank Yous, Democratic Primary, 1972, undated
- Box 6. Folder 3. J.C. Stallings, Primary Opponent, 1972, undated
- Box 6. Folder 4. Radio Advertising Correspondence and Contracts, 1971-1972, undated
- Box 6. Folder 5. Campaign Advertising, Radio and Television, 1971-1972, undated
- Box 6. Folder 6. Campaign Advertising, Newspapers, 1971-1972
- Box 6. Folder 7. Campaign Advertising, General, 1971-1972
- Box 6. Folder 8. 1972 Primary Results, 1972
- Box 7. Folder 1. Television Advertising Correspondence and Contracts, 1972
- Box 7. Folder 2. Campaign Clippings and Issues, 1970-1972
- Box 7. Folder 3. Campaign Contributions (1 of 2), 1971-1972, undated
- Box 7. Folder 4. Campaign Contributions (2 of 2), 1971-1972, undated
- Box 7. Folder 5. Candidate Filing Fees, Correspondence and Forms, 1972, undated
- Box 7. Folder 6. County Election Results and Population Statistics, 1970-1972, undated
- Box 7. Folder 7. General Campaign Files, 1971-1972

Series 3: Committees. 1970-1977, undated

Series III. Committees is a collection of materials produced by Adams's committee assignments. It is divided into four subseries covering the four major committees Adams served on: the Administration Committee, Counties Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and Jurisprudence Committee. The materials are organized within each subseries by topic.

The series includes correspondence between Adams and other members of the various committees, legislation referred to the committees, and material about the various issues raised during Adams's time on these four committees. Of particular note, the Administration Committee subseries contains information about Don Yarbrough's impeachment from the State Supreme Court. Overall, this series is in good condition.

Subseries 1. Administration Committee. 1973-1977, undated

- Box 7. Folder 8. Correspondence, 1973-1975, undated
- Box 7. Folder 9. Correspondence (1 of 2), 1976
- Box 8. Folder 1. Correspondence (2 of 2), 1976
- Box 8. Folder 2. HCR 3 and SCR 15, Rules for the 63rd Legislative Session, 1973
- Box 8. Folder 3. Staff and Department Lists, 1976, undated
- Box 8. Folder 4. Administrative Committee Policy Manual, 1976
- Box 8. Folder 5. Fiscal Accounting Reports, 1974-1976
- Box 8. Folder 6. Personnel and Financial Documents, 1976, undated

- Box 8. Folder 7. SB 218, Organization of Senate and Committees, 1975
- Box 8. Folder 8. Senate Office Space Request, 1976
- Box 8. Folder 9. Personnel Job Applications, References, and Resignations, 1976
- Box 8. Folder 10. Employee Insurance Correspondence, 1976
- Box 8. Folder 11. Personnel Department Handbook/Procedures and Employee Retirement System, 1976
- Box 8. Folder 12. Fiscal and Planning Reports and Vouchers (1 of 2), 1975-1976
- Box 9. Folder 1. Fiscal and Planning Reports and Vouchers (2 of 2), 1975-1976
- Box 9. Folder 2. Senate Personnel Payroll Data and Proposed Raises, 1976
- Box 9. Folder 3. Committee Lists, Reports, and Studies, 1975-1976, undated
- Box 9. Folder 4. Senate Structure and Operations Reports, 1976
- Box 9. Folder 5. Committee Minutes, 1976
- Box 9. Folder 6. Newsletters, Reports, and Court Reports, 1976
- Box 9. Folder 7. Committee Reports, 1976, undated
- Box 9. Folder 8. 1976 Texas Constitution, Yarbrough Clippings, 1977, undated
- Box 9. Folder 9. Texas Legislative Council, "Actions and Papers Relative to the Address of the Governor...for the Removal from Office of Donald B. Yarbrough" (1 of 3), 1977
- Box 9. Folder 10. Texas Legislative Council, "Actions and Papers Relative to the Address of the Governor...for the Removal from Office of Donald B. Yarbrough" (2 of 3), 1977
- Box 10. Folder 1. Texas Legislative Council, "Actions and Papers Relative to the Address of the Governor...for the Removal from Office of Donald B. Yarbrough" (3 of 3), 1977
- Box 10. Folder 2. Yarbrough Grand Jury Testimony, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 3. Yarbrough and Rothkopf Conversation Transcripts (1 of 2), 1977
- Box 10. Folder 4. Yarbrough and Rothkopf Conversation Transcripts (2 of 2), 1977
- Box 10. Folder 5. Adams's Notes and Questions for Yarbrough Hearing, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 6. SCR 1 and HCR 2, Yarbrough Removal, Motions by Case Proponents and Respondents, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 7. SCR 3, Subpoenas and Correspondence, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 8. Printouts of Case Law and Precedent with Adams's Notes, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 9. Yarbrough Investigation Documents, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 10. Excerpts from Yarbrough Court Proceedings, Rothkopf Testimony, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 11. Third Amended Original Formal Complaint, Motion to Disbar Yarbrough, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 12. Yarbrough Restraining Order, Draft of Proponent's Response to Objections, 1977
- Box 10. Folder 13. Financial and Personnel Information, Case Law, and Reports (1 of 2), 1975-1977
- Box 11. Folder 1. Financial and Personnel Information, Case Law, and Reports (2 of 2), 1975-1977
- Box 11. Folder 2. Committee Report on the Meier Resolution of January 6, 1976, 1977
- Box 11. Folder 3. Attorney General's Investigation of the Secretary of the Senate, 1976
- Box 11. Folder 4. Purchasing, Rental, and Inventory Policies (1 of 2), 1974-1977
- Box 11. Folder 5. Purchasing, Rental, and Inventory Policies (2 of 2), 1974-1977
- Box 11. Folder 6. Administrative Form Copies, undated
- Box 11. Folder 7. Administrative Equipment and Office Machine Information (1 of 2), 1975-1976, undated
- Box 11. Folder 8. Administrative Equipment and Office Machine Information (2 of 2), 1975-1976, undated

Subseries 2. Counties Committee. 1971, undated

- Box 11. Folder 9. Subcommittee on Salary Compensation, Bills, Correspondence, and Notes, 1971
- Box 11. Folder 10. Committee Meetings and Bill Analyses, 1971, undated
- Box 12. Folder 1. Legislation Referred to Committee, House Bills (1 of 4), 1971
- Box 12. Folder 2. Legislation Referred to Committee, House Bills (2 of 4), 1971

- Box 12. Folder 3. Legislation Referred to Committee, House Bills (3 of 4), 1971
- Box 12. Folder 4. Legislation Referred to Committee, House Bills (4 of 4), 1971
- Box 12. Folder 5. Legislation Referred to Committee, Senate Bills, 1971
- Box 12. Folder 6. HB 384, Subcommittee on Salary Compensation, 1971

Subseries 3. Intergovernmental Relations Committee. 1973

- Box 12. Folder 7. Committee Bills, 1973

Subseries 4. Jurisprudence Committee. 1970-1973, undated

- Box 12. Folder 8. General Articles and Printed Case Law (1 of 2), 1970-1972
- Box 12. Folder 9. General Articles and Printed Case Law (2 of 2), 1970-1972
- Box 13. Folder 1. House Jurisprudence Committee, 1971
- Box 13. Folder 2. Bills and Analyses, 63rd Legislature (1 of 3), 1973, undated
- Box 13. Folder 3. Bills and Analyses, 63rd Legislature (2 of 3), 1973, undated
- Box 13. Folder 4. Bills and Analyses, 63rd Legislature (3 of 3), 1973, undated

Series 4: Correspondence. 1968-1977, undated

Series IV contains the correspondence sent to and from Donald Adams during his time in the Texas House and Texas Senate. Series IV is divided into two subseries, State Representative and State Senator. Within each subseries, the materials are sorted alphabetically by topic, then chronologically where appropriate.

Adams' constituents sent him a large amount of correspondence, much of which he answered personally. This correspondence covered a wide variety of issues, including agriculture, education, public utilities, and the Equal Rights Amendment. Beyond legislative and political issues, Adams also received requests for help with various predicaments from his constituents, including difficulties receiving social security and insurance payouts, worker's compensation, parole, military leave, etc. Finally, Adams received invitations from different organizations, some of which asked him to deliver a speech. These invitations and Adams's replies are contained in this series, sorted chronologically by month. This series is in generally good condition, with a few faded but still legible documents.

Subseries 1. State Representative. 1968-1972, undated

- Box 13. Folder 5. Agriculture, 1969-1972
- Box 13. Folder 6. Airports, 1971-1972
- Box 13. Folder 7. Budget and Revenue, 1972
- Box 13. Folder 8. Drugs, 1972
- Box 13. Folder 9. Education, 1969-1972
- Box 13. Folder 10. Elections, 1972
- Box 13. Folder 11. Employment Applications, 1969-1972
- Box 13. Folder 12. General, 1968-1972
- Box 13. Folder 13. Health and Welfare, 1969-1972
- Box 14. Folder 1. Hunting, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 3. Jails, Criminal Justice, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 4. Legislative Report, 1969
- Box 14. Folder 5. New Constituents, 1971, undated

- Box 14. Folder 6. North Texas State University, 1971
- Box 14. Folder 7. Office Affairs, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 8. Parks, Community Improvements, 1971-1972
- Box 14. Folder 9. Prisoners of War, 1971, undated
- Box 14. Folder 10. Probate, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 11. Rivers, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 12. Roads, Transportation, 1971-1972
- Box 14. Folder 13. Speeches on Texas Constitutional Amendments, 1970, undated
- Box 14. Folder 14. State Employees, 1972
- Box 14. Folder 15. Taxes, 1972

Subseries 2. State Senator. 1972-1977, undated

- Box 14. Folder 16. Abortion, 1972-1976
- Box 14. Folder 17. Agriculture, 1972-1977
- Box 14. Folder 18. Agriculture Extension Service, 1972-1976
- Box 14. Folder 19. Air Pollution, 1973-1976, undated
- Box 14. Folder 20. Airports, 1973-1976
- Box 14. Folder 21. Alcohol, 1973-1975
- Box 14. Folder 22. Alcoholism, 1972-1976
- Box 15. Folder 1. 1975 Appropriations Bill Correspondence (1 of 2), 1975
- Box 15. Folder 2. 1975 Appropriations Bill Correspondence (2 of 2), 1975
- Box 15. Folder 3. Austin State Hospital, Adult Education Program, 1974-1976
- Box 15. Folder 4. Auto Insurance, Auto Industry, and Licensing, 1972-1977
- Box 15. Folder 5. Banking and Loans, 1972-1976
- Box 15. Folder 6. Bicentennial Celebration and Preparation, 1973-1976
- Box 15. Folder 7. Big Thicket National Preserve, 1973
- Box 15. Folder 8. Blindness, 1975
- Box 15. Folder 9. Business and Industry, 1973-1976
- Box 15. Folder 10. Capital Punishment, Life Sentences without Parole, 1973-1977, undated
- Box 15. Folder 11. Carter Presidential Campaign, 1976
- Box 16. Folder 1. Children, Childcare, 1973-1977
- Box 16. Folder 2. Children and Youth Commission, Annual Report, 1977
- Box 16. Folder 3. Civil Rights, Racism, 1972-1976
- Box 16. Folder 4. Committees, 1972-1976
- Box 16. Folder 5. Cosmetology, 1972-1976
- Box 16. Folder 6. Daylight Savings Time, 1973-1977
- Box 16. Folder 7. Drugs, 1972-1975
- Box 16. Folder 8. Education, Adult Education, 1972-1976
- Box 16. Folder 9. Education, Colleges and Universities, 1972-1975
- Box 16. Folder 10. Education, Colleges and Universities, 1976
- Box 16. Folder 11. Education, County School Superintendents, 1973-1976
- Box 16. Folder 12. Education, English Classes [Letters in Spanish], 1974
- Box 17. Folder 1. Education, Schools, 1972-1973
- Box 17. Folder 2. Education, Schools, 1974-1975
- Box 17. Folder 3. Education, Schools, 1975
- Box 17. Folder 4. Education, Schools, 1976

- Box 17. Folder 5. Education, Teacher Retirement, 1972-1977
- Box 17. Folder 6. Elections, 1975-1976
- Box 17. Folder 7. Equal Rights Amendment, 1973-1975
- Box 17. Folder 8. Fire Ants, 1975, undated
- Box 17. Folder 9. Firefighters, 1975-1976, undated
- Box 18. Folder 1. Football Tickets, 1972-1976
- Box 18. Folder 2. Forestry, 1972-1976
- Box 18. Folder 3. Gambling, 1973-1975
- Box 18. Folder 4. Gun Control, 1975-1977
- Box 18. Folder 5. Health, Health Insurance, and Health Department, 1972
- Box 18. Folder 6. Health, Health Insurance, and Health Department, 1973
- Box 18. Folder 7. Health, Health Insurance, and Health Department, 1974
- Box 18. Folder 8. Health, Health Insurance, and Health Department, 1975
- Box 18. Folder 9. Health, Health Insurance, and Health Department, 1976
- Box 18. Folder 10. Health, Health Insurance, and Health Department, 1977
- Box 18. Folder 11. Hunting and Fishing, 1972-1977
- Box 18. Folder 12. Impeachment, O.P. Carillo, 1975
- Box 18. Folder 13. Impeachment, Richard Nixon, 1974, undated
- Box 19. Folder 1. Independent Order of Odd Fellows Petition, Charity Homes, 1973
- Box 19. Folder 2. Indian Affairs, 1975
- Box 19. Folder 3. Judicial and Legal, 1973-1977
- Box 19. Folder 4. Juvenile Crime, 1973-1974
- Box 19. Folder 5. Labor and Employment, 1972-1976, undated
- Box 19. Folder 6. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, 1972-1977
- Box 19. Folder 7. Legislation, Bills, General, 1972-1973
- Box 19. Folder 8. Legislation, Bills, General, 1974
- Box 19. Folder 9. Legislation, Bills, General, 1975
- Box 19. Folder 10. Legislation, Bills, General, 1976
- Box 19. Folder 11. Legislation, Bills, General, 1977
- Box 20. Folder 1. Letters from Schoolchildren, 1975
- Box 20. Folder 2. Libraries and Archives, 1973-1976
- Box 20. Folder 3. Little League, 1972
- Box 20. Folder 4. Marriage and Family, 1973-1976
- Box 20. Folder 5. Mental Health, 1972-1976
- Box 20. Folder 6. Military, 1974
- Box 20. Folder 7. Mission Nuestra Senora Dolores de los Ais Archeological Project, Correspondence, 1976
- Box 20. Folder 8. Mission Nuestra Senora Dolores de los Ais Archeological Project, Report on Investigations, 1976
- Box 20. Folder 9. National Federation of Independent Businesses, Surveys, 1974
- Box 20. Folder 10. Office Affairs and Management, 1972
- Box 20. Folder 11. Office Affairs and Management, 1973
- Box 20. Folder 12. Office Affairs and Management, 1974
- Box 21. Folder 1. Office Affairs and Management, 1975
- Box 21. Folder 2. Office Affairs and Management, 1976
- Box 21. Folder 3. Office Affairs and Management, 1977
- Box 21. Folder 4. Oil, Energy Crisis, 1972-1973

Box 21. Folder 5. Oil, Energy Crisis, 1974
Box 21. Folder 6. Oil, Energy Crisis, 1975
Box 21. Folder 7. Oil, Energy Crisis, 1976
Box 21. Folder 8. Oil, Energy Crisis, 1977
Box 21. Folder 9. Parks, 1972-1973
Box 21. Folder 10. Parks, 1974
Box 21. Folder 11. Parks, 1975
Box 21. Folder 12. Parks, 1976
Box 21. Folder 13. Photographs, undated
Box 21. Folder 14. Probate, Wills, 1973-1976
Box 21. Folder 15. Project "Imagine" Incorporated, Child Care, 1977
Box 21. Folder 16. Public Employees, 1972-1977
Box 21. Folder 17. Public Utilities, 1973
Box 22. Folder 1. Public Utilities, 1974
Box 22. Folder 2. Public Utilities, 1975
Box 22. Folder 3. Public Utilities, 1976
Box 22. Folder 4. Public Welfare Book Copies, undated
Box 22. Folder 5. Railroads, 1973-1977
Box 22. Folder 6. Right to Work, 1973-1975
Box 22. Folder 7. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1972
Box 22. Folder 8. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1973 January-June
Box 22. Folder 9. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1973 July-December
Box 22. Folder 10. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1974
Box 22. Folder 11. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1975
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