Byron Tunnell Papers.
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Summary Information

Creator
Tunnell, Byron, 1925 - 2000

Extent (quantity/size)
28 document boxes and 3 oversized boxes.

Language
English

Abstract
This collection consists of the personal and public papers of a long-time Texas public servant, Byron Tunnell. Records include awards and certificates, biographical materials, campaign materials, correspondence, legislation, photographs, speeches, and press files accumulated throughout his career.

Subjects

Administrative Information

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Processing Information
Described by Sylvia Hernandez and released on 2019-05-29.

Scope and Content
The timeline of the Byron Tunnell papers begins in the early 1950's and concludes in 1999 shortly before his death. Materials in the collection depict his years of public service, primarily as a member and Speaker in the Texas House of Representatives and later as Texas Railroad Commissioner. Additional materials related to his time as Vice President of Tenneco, Inc., are also housed in this collection, as well as items from his appointments to the Employee Retirement System and State Conservatorship Board.
Tunnell's papers are arranged in eleven series and include awards, certificates, biographical materials, campaign materials, correspondence, legislation, photographs, and press files.

Series 1. Appointments covers the positions to which Tunnell was assigned duties later in life. As a member of the Employee Retirement System and State Conservatorship Board, he created reports, commissions, funding manuals, newsletters, clippings, and other materials. Series 2. Campaign materials, which are arranged chronologically, include Tunnell's races for the Texas House of Representatives (1956-1964) and for the Railroad Commission (1966-1972).

Series 3. Correspondence includes topical and personal letters, including some from Tunnell’s friend and former law partner, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock. Series 4. Court Cases highlights Tunnell’s appearance in the U.S. Supreme Court for the 1958 case *Hawkins v. United States* as well as other cases from the 1990's.

Materials in Series 5. Elected Positions are divided according to Tunnell's service on the Railroad Commission and in the Texas House of Representatives. Tunnell was Railroad Commissioner from 1965 to 1973 during an energy crisis, therefore, the materials are primarily focused on topics such as oil and gas. The Texas House of Representatives Subseries is divided according to each legislature and includes administrative files, correspondence, commemorative legislation, publications, and topical materials.

Series 6. Events chronicle Tunnell's attendance at banquets, luncheons, receptions, conferences, conventions, and several Texas inaugurations. The Lobbyist Series reflects Tunnell’s experiences at Tenneco, Inc., an oil and gas company based in Houston. The series includes awards and certificates presented to Tunnell, travel itineraries, guestbooks, day planners, political cartoons, and other related items.

Series 9. Photographs ranges in date from 1935 to 1999 and documents personal and business moments throughout Tunnell's life. Campaign headshots, golf outings, Christmas photos, and several hunting and fishing trips are represented. The Press Series includes news clippings and newsletters from Tunnell’s career. Series 11. Speeches includes nearly 200 speeches given by Tunnell, including a eulogy for Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock. These items, dated 1961-1999, kept in Tunnell’s original order, highlight the number of organizations and individuals he was involved with during his life.

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Byron M. Tunnell was born on October 14, 1925, in Tyler, Texas. He was educated in the Tyler public school system and attended Tyler Junior College. Following military service in the Naval Air Corps during World War II, Tunnell attended Baylor University where he earned a law degree in 1952. Tunnell then returned to his hometown of Tyler and served as an assistant district attorney before entering private practice. In 1959, Bob Bullock, future Texas Comptroller and Lieutenant Governor, joined the practice. Tunnell and Bullock developed a close friendship over the next forty years, sharing a passion for public service to their native Texas. When Bullock passed away in 1999, Tunnell delivered one of two eulogies at the funeral.

Tunnell was active with the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycee’s) and by the 1950's turned his attention toward politics. He was elected to serve in the Texas House of Representatives from 1956 to 1965 and was appointed Speaker of the House from 1963 to 1965 by his peers. A second term as Speaker was projected, but to the surprise of many, Tunnell joined the Texas Railroad Commission in 1965. His tenure with the Railroad Commission coincided with the energy crisis of the early 1970's which led to his collaboration with the Interstate Oil Compact Commission.

On September 15, 1973, Tunnell resigned from the Railroad Commission to become a vice-president and lobbyist for Tenneco Inc., an oil and gas company based in Houston. In the 1990's, Tunnell returned to public service, first as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Employee Retirement System of Texas, and then as a member of the State Conservatorship Board. He was appointed by George W. Bush as a co-conservator to overhaul the struggling Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Tunnell died of cancer at his home in Lake Palestine, Texas, on March 7, 2000.
Related Resources


Archival Arrangement

The Byron Tunnell papers have been processed previously. The first instance concluded with no inventory or finding aid for the collection. In 2013, the papers were organized and described by Debbie Todd utilizing many existing folder titles in two series with multiple subseries each.


Administrative/Biographical History

In addition to serving as a legislator and lobbyist, Byron Tunnell was appointed to several positions. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Employee Retirement System and on the State Conservatorship Board as co-conservator of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This series, dated 1991-1998, includes reports, commissions, funding manuals, newsletters, clippings, resignations, and other materials. Each subseries is organized chronologically and are in good condition.


- Box 1. Folder 1. Congratulations, 1991
- Box 1. Folder 2. Oath of Office, 1991
- Box 1. Folder 3. Service Credit, 1991
- Box 1. Folder 5. Growth Portfolios, 1993
- Box 1. Folder 6. Travel Expenses, 1993-1997
- Box 1. Folder 7. Legislative Retirement Benefits, 1997
- Box 1. Folder 8. Anniversary, 1997
- Box 1. Folder 10. Retiree Raises, 1997


- Box 1. Folder 11. Commission, 1995
- Box 1. Folder 13. Funding Requests, 1995
- Box 1. Folder 15. Newsletter, New View, Vol. 5, No. 5, 1995 December
- Box 1. Folder 17. Report, Sixty Day Reports #1-6, 1995-1996
- Box 1. Folder 19. Resignation, 1996


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Series 2. Campaigns, dated 1958-1973, documents Byron Tunnell’s political campaigns for public office including the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Railroad Commission. Materials include correspondence, brochures,
newspaper clippings, administrative documents, and advertisements. This series is arranged chronologically by year and is in good condition.

**Subseries 1. Railroad Commission. 1965-1973, undated**

- Box 1. Folder 20. Re-Election Announcement, undated
- Box 1 OVZ. Folder 1. Re-Election Poster, undated
- Box 1. Folder 21. Itinerary, 1965 March 10-14
- Box 1. Folder 22. General, 1966
- Box 1. Folder 23. Administrative, 1966
- Box 1. Folder 24. Biography, 1966
- Box 1. Folder 25. County Chairmen Memos, 1966 February-April
- Box 1. Folder 26. Newspaper Clippings (1 of 4), 1966
- Box 1. Folder 27. Newspaper Clippings (2 of 4), 1966
- Box 1. Folder 28. Newspaper Clippings (3 of 4), 1966
- Box 1. Folder 29. Newspaper Clippings (4 of 4), 1966
- Box 1. Folder 30. Opposition, 1966
- Box 1. Folder 31. Press Release, 1966 April 6
- Box 2. Folder 1. Support, 1966
- Box 2. Folder 2. Vote Totals by County, 1966 May 7
- Box 2. Folder 3. General, 1972
- Box 1 OVZ. Folder 10. Advertising, 1972, undated
- Box 2. Folder 4. Advertising, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 5. Ballot Certification, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 6. Biography, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 8. Editorials, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 9. Support, 1972
- Box 2. Folder 10. Swearing In, 1973 January

**Subseries 2. Texas House of Representatives. 1958-1964, undated**

- Box 2. Folder 11. Campaign Advertisements, undated
- Box 1 OVZ. Folder 16. Flotorial Representative, undated
- Box 2. Folder 12. Flotorial Representative, undated
- Box 2. Folder 13. Radio Advertisement Recording, undated
- Box 2. Folder 14. State Representative (1 of 2), undated
- Box 2. Folder 15. State Representative (2 of 2), undated
- Box 2. Folder 18. Primary Candidates List, 1960 May 2
- Box 2. Folder 19. General, 1964
- Box 2. Folder 20. Correspondence, 1964 February-March
- Box 2. Folder 21. “A Special Evening on Byron Tunnell”, 1964

**Series 3: Correspondence. 1961-1995**

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Series 3. Correspondence includes personal and topical letters that were received by Byron Tunnell from 1961 to 1995. Several entries are included from Bob Bullock who was a business partner and close friend. The series is arranged alphabetically and is in good condition.

Series 4: Court Cases. 1952-1994

Administrative/Biographical History

Series 4. Court Cases, which consists of materials from 1952 to 1994, includes documents related to Byron Tunnell’s legal practice. Materials such as court documents, contracts, newspaper clippings, and correspondence from his Supreme Court appearance in *Hawkins v. United States* is present as well as items from the Alfaro and George Green cases. This series is arranged chronologically and is in good condition.

Box 4. Folder 5. Supreme Court, Admission Documents, 1952-1958
Box 4. Folder 16. *George Green vs. Texas Department of Human Services*, Correspondence, 1994 May-June
Box 4. Folder 17. *George Green vs. Texas Department of Human Services*, Legislative Budget Board, 1994

Series 5: Elected Positions. 1957-1979, undated

Administrative/Biographical History


The Texas House of Representatives Subseries is further divided by the appropriate legislature. Representative Tunnell served during the 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th State Legislatures and was elected Speaker of the House for his final term. Administrative files, correspondence, commemorative legislation, publications, and topical materials on subjects such as apportionment of state legislatures, PKU, education, and finances are included within the subseries. Items related to Tunnell’s time as Speaker of the House are also present.

The Railroad Commission Subseries is divided into two sub-subseries: General and Interstate Oil Compact Commission. The General Sub-subseries includes annual reports, correspondence, newsletters, and topical materials primarily concerning oil and gas. The Interstate Oil Compact Commission Sub-subseries contains meeting minutes, correspondence, and items related to several committees including Energy Resources, Environmental Affairs, and Environmental Protection Advisory Committees as well as the Resolutions Subcommittee. Each subseries is organized alphabetically and in good condition.

Subseries 1. Texas House of Representatives. 1957-1965, undated

Sub-subseries 1. 55th Legislature. 1957

Box 4. Folder 19. Special Session, 1957 October-December
Box 4. Folder 20. Topical, Alcohol, 1957
Box 4. Folder 22. Topical, Insurance, 1957 May

Sub-subseries 2. 56th Legislature. 1959-1960

Box 4. Folder 23. Address to Joint Session, Lieutenant General Bernard Schriever, 1959
Sub-subseries 3. 57th Legislature. 1960-1963, undated

- Box 4. Folder 32. Correspondence, Constituent, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 33. Correspondence, General, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 35. Speaker Campaign, Announcement, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 37. Speaker Campaign, Correspondence, Support, 1962-1963
- Box 4. Folder 38. Speaker Campaign, Newsletter, 1960
- Box 4. Folder 39. Speaker Campaign, Support, undated
- Box 4. Folder 40. Speaker Campaign, Will Ehrle, 1961 March 22
- Box 4. Folder 41. Topical, Education, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 42. Topical, Filing for Record Procedure, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 43. Topical, Judicial, Appeals, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 44. Topical, Judicial, Suits, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 45. Topical, Loans, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 46. Topical, Taxes, 1961
- Box 4. Folder 47. Topical, Transportation, Farm-to-Market Roads, 1961

Sub-subseries 4. 58th Legislature. 1960-1965

- Box 5. Folder 1. Commemorative Legislation, Family, 1963
- Box 5. Folder 2. Committee Appointments and Requests, 1962-1963
- Box 5. Folder 3. Committee Requests, 1963-1965
- Box 5. Folder 4. Correspondence, General, 1963
- Box 5. Folder 5. Correspondence, General, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 6. Correspondence, Grover, Henry, 1962-1963
- Box 5. Folder 7. Correspondence, Harris, O.H. “Ike”, 1962-1963
- Box 5. Folder 8. Correspondence, Hendryx, Gene, 1963-1964
- Box 5. Folder 9. Correspondence, Hughes, Robert, 1962-1964
- Box 5. Folder 10. Correspondence, Isaacks, Maud, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 11. Correspondence, LaValle, Peter, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 12. Correspondence, Murray, Menton, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 13. Correspondence, Mutscher, Gus, 1963
- Box 5. Folder 14. Correspondence, Nugent, James, 1962-1963
- Box 5. Folder 15. Correspondence, Parker, Carl, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 16. Correspondence, Pool, Joe, 1963
- Box 5. Folder 17. Correspondence, Prentice, George R., 1964
- Box 5. Folder 18. Correspondence, Purcell, Graham, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 19. Correspondence, Ramey, Thomas, 1963-1964
- Box 5. Folder 20. Correspondence, Rogers, Walter, 1964
- Box 5. Folder 21. Correspondence, Texas Legislative Council, 1965
- Box 5. Folder 22. Correspondence, Tower, John, 1964
Box 5. Folder 23. Existing Rules, 1962 December
Box 5. Folder 24. Guest Register, 1963-1964
Box 5. Folder 25. Honorary Commission, Texas Ranger, 1964
Box 5. Folder 26. Installation Program, 1963
Box 5. Folder 27. Opening Session, 1962 December
Box 5. Folder 31. Resignation, 1965 January 8
Box 5. Folder 32. Speaker’s Apartment Inventory, 1965 May
Box 5. Folder 33. Speaker Campaign, General, 1963
Box 5. Folder 34. Speaker Campaign, Acceptance Speech, 1965
Box 5. Folder 35. Speaker Campaign, Correspondence, Support, 1964
Box 5. Folder 36. Speaker Campaign, Opposition, 1962 June
Box 5. Folder 37. Speaker Campaign, Support, 1964
Box 5. Folder 38. Speaker Campaign, Support, 60th Legislature, 1964
Box 5. Folder 39. Speaker’s Day, 1963 April 17
Box 5. Folder 40. Speaker’s Day, 1964 November 24
Box 5. Folder 41. Special Election, 36th District, 1963
Box 5. Folder 42. Standing Committees, 1961 August 8
Box 5. Folder 43. Topical, Apportionment of State Legislatures, Bills and Population Maps, 1960-1964
Box 5. Folder 44. Topical, Apportionment of State Legislatures, Clippings, 1964
Box 5. Folder 45. Topical, Apportionment of State Legislatures, Correspondence, 1963-1964
Box 5. Folder 46. Topical, Apportionment of State Legislatures, Court Cases, 1964
Box 5. Folder 47. Topical, Apportionment of State Legislatures, National Commission on Constitutional Government, 1964
Box 5. Folder 49. Topical, Apportionment of State Legislatures, Testimonies, 1964 July 22
Box 5. Folder 50. Topical, Education, Special Education, 1963 July
Box 6. Folder 1. Topical, Health, PKU, Correspondence, 1963-1964
Box 6. Folder 2. Topical, Health, PKU, Louisiana, 1963
Box 6. Folder 3. Topical, Health, PKU, Massachusetts, undated
Box 6. Folder 5. Topical, Law and Order, Criminal Procedure, 1963
Box 6. Folder 6. Topical, State Finances, 1963

Subseries 2. Railroad Commission. 1965-1979


Box 6. Folder 7. 75th Anniversary, 1967
Box 6. Folder 9. Conference, Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, 1967
Box 6. Folder 11. Correspondence, 1965
Box 6. Folder 12. Invitation, Joint Session of the 59th Legislature Speaker, 1965
Box 6. Folder 13. Newsletters, 1965
Box 6. Folder 17. Newsletters, 1973
Box 6. Folder 18. Oil and Gas Conservation Laws, 1971
Box 6. Folder 20. Resignation, 1973
Box 6. Folder 21. Rules and Regulations of the Texas RRC Oil & Gas, 1973
Box 7. Folder 2. Topical, Texas Committee on Public Education, AFL-CIO, 1966
Box 7. Folder 3. Topical, Texas Oil Centennial, 1966
Box 7. Folder 4. Topical, Transportation Division, 1972

Sub-series 2. Interstate Oil Compact Commission. 1968-1979

Box 7. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1970-1973
Box 7. Folder 7. Energy Resources Subcommittee, 1970
Box 7. Folder 8. Environmental Affairs Committee, 1979
Box 7. Folder 9. Environmental Protection Advisory Committee, 1972
Box 7. Folder 11. Texas Oil Journal, 1970

Series 6: Events. 1943-1997, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

Series 6. Events documents Byron Tunnell's event attendance from 1943 to 1997. The series is divided into three subseries: General, Conferences and Conventions, and Texas Inaugurations. The General Subseries includes printed materials, invitations, and other items related to banquets, receptions, luncheons, and reunions. The Conferences and Conventions Subseries consists primarily of travel itineraries, work materials, and personal memorabilia from events such as the National Legislative Conference and the Democratic National Convention where Tunnell served as a Texas delegate. The Texas Inaugurations Subseries houses invitations, programs, and other documents pertaining to Texas inaugural ceremonies. Each subseries is arranged chronologically and is in good condition.

Subseries 1. General. 1943-1997, undated

Box 7. Folder 12. Invitations, undated
Box 7. Folder 13. Tyler High School Commencement Program, 1943
Box 7. Folder 15. Grace Tunnell Marriage Ceremony, 1958-1959
Box 7. Folder 17. Speaker’s Day Gift Books, 1963 April 24
Box 7. Folder 18. Commemorations, 1964
Box 7. Folder 19. Henderson County Historical Survey Committee, 1965 January 17
Box 8. Folder 1. Jaycees, Reunion, 1967
Box 8. Folder 2. Washington’s Birthday Celebration, 1971
Box 8. Folder 3. Lyndon B. Johnson Library Dedication, 1971 May 22
Box 8. Folder 4. State Dinner and Ball, 64th Annual National Governor’s Conference, 1972 June 6
Box 8. Folder 5. Recognition Luncheon, 1972-1973
Box 8. Folder 7. Texas Oil Reports, 1977-1979
Box 8. Folder 9. Memorial, Mangum, Preston, 1982
Box 8. Folder 11. Memorial, Ramsey, Ben, 1985
Box 8. Folder 13. Capitol Centennial Celebration, 1988
Box 8. Folder 17. Memorial, Barbeck, Arthur, 1993
Box 8. Folder 18. Memorial, Connally, John B., 1993
Box 8. Folder 22. Texas State Cemetery Dedication, 1997

**Subseries 2. Conferences and Conventions. 1956-1979**

- Box 8. Folder 23. President’s Conference on Occupational Safety, 1956
- Box 9. Folder 2. Democratic National Convention, General, 1964

**Subseries 3. Texas Inaugurations. 1957-1995**

- Box 10. Folder 2. General, 1967 January 15-17
- Box 10. Folder 4. General, 1971 January 19
- Box 10. Folder 5. General, 1973 January 16
- Box 10. Folder 6. General, 1975 January 21
- Box 10. Folder 7. General, 1983 January 18
- Box 10. Folder 9. General, 1995

**Series 7: Lobbyist. 1975-1987, undated**

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Byron Tunnell resigned his post as Railroad Commissioner of Texas on September 15, 1973, and was appointed vice-president and lobbyist for Tenneco, Inc., an oil and gas company based in Houston, Texas. Materials found in Series 7. Lobbyist, ranging in date from 1975 to 1987, include schedules, notes, newsletters, and presentation slides from Tunnell’s work during this time. The folders in this series are arranged in alphabetical order and are in good condition.

- Box 10. Folder 11. Daily Schedule, undated
- Box 10. Folder 12. Historical Review, undated
- Box 10. Folder 13. Lease, 1986
Series 8: Personal. 1948-2005, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
The Personal Series is divided into three subseries: General, Awards and Certificates, and Travel. The General Subseries includes political cartoons, guestbooks, day planners, official license plates, and items related to the Jaycees and other personal and business interests. The Awards and Certificates Subseries contains plaques and certificates given to Tunnell by organizations he visited while in office, election certificates from the Texas House and Railroad Commission, the Jaycees, and other civic organizations, as well as commemorative flags flown over the state capitol. The Travel Subseries documents Tunnell’s travel as part of his jobs as well as personal business. Family vacations are mostly documented with itineraries, research material, and small mementos. Each subseries is organized chronologically and is in good condition.


- Box 11. Folder 5. General, undated
- Box 11. Folder 6. Biographical Information, IRA Earl Tunnell, undated
- Box 11. Folder 7. Commemorative Name Tags, undated
- Box 11. Folder 8. Family, Bette Tunnell, undated
- Box 11. Folder 9. Hobbies and Recreation, undated
- Box 11. Folder 10. Jaycees, undated
- Box 12. Folder 1. Jaycees, Outstanding Young Texans, undated
- Box 12. Folder 2. Membership Cards, undated
- Box 12. Folder 3. “Navy Nightmare” by Lawrence E. Byrum, undated
- Box 1 OVZ. Folder 13. Personalized Souvenir “Wanted” Posters, undated
- Box 12. Folder 4. Political Cartoons, undated
- Box 12. Folder 5. Political Cartoon, Speaker Re-Election, undated
- Box 12. Folder 6. Scottish Rite, undated
- Box 1 OVZ. Folder 17. Sketch of Tunnell, General Committee on State Relations, undated
- Box 12. Folder 7. Thank You Note, undated
- Box 12. Folder 8. Tyler Junior College Caricatures, undated
- Box 12. Folder 9. Land Deed, 1954
- Box 12. Folder 15. Tyler, Texas, 1961-1964, undated
- Box 12. Folder 16. Speaker’s Day Autographs, 1963
- Box 1 OVZ. Folder 14. Political Cartoons, Fairness, Bullock’s Raiders, 1966-1976
- Box 13. Folder 2. Day Planner, 1970
- Box 13. Folder 3. Day Planner, 1973
- Box 13. Folder 4. State Official License Plate, 1973
Box 13. Folder 5. Day Planner, 1974
Box 13. Folder 6. Day Planner (1 of 2), 1975
Box 13. Folder 7. Day Planner (2 of 2), 1975
Box 14. Folder 1. Legislative Handbooks and Rosters, 1975-1986
Box 14. Folder 2. Day Planner, 1976
Box 14. Folder 3. Family, John H. Tunnell (Grandfather), 1976
Box 14. Folder 4. Day Planner, 1977
Box 14. Folder 5. Tyler High School 35th Class Reunion, 1978
Box 15. Folder 1. Day Planner, 1980
Box 15. Folder 2. Tyler High School Caribbean Gathering, 1980
Box 15. Folder 3. Friday Club, 1980-1989
Box 15. Folder 4. Day Planner, 1981
Box 15. Folder 5. Friday Club, Speeches, 1981-1983
Box 15. Folder 7. Day Planner, 1982
Box 16. Folder 1. Day Planner, 1983
Box 16. Folder 2. Day Planner, 1984
Box 16. Folder 3. Texas State Cemetery Application, 1984
Box 16. Folder 4. Day Planner, 1985
Box 16. Folder 5. Day Planner, 1986
Box 17. Folder 1. Day Planner, 1987
Box 17. Folder 2. Baylor University Alumni Association W. R. White Meritorious Service Award, Correspondence and Programs 1998
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Junior Chamber of Commerce Speak Up Contest, undated
Box 17. Folder 4. Baylor University Distinguished Alumni, Clippings and Correspondence, 1990
Box 17. Folder 5. Texas Civil Justice League, 1994
Box 17. Folder 7. Memorial Service, 2000 March

Subseries 2. Awards and Certificates. 1948-1998, undated
Box 17. Folder 9. General, undated
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Junior Chamber of Commerce Speak Up Contest, undated
Box 18. Folder 1. General, 1948-1955
Box 18. Folder 2. Jaycees, 1953-1964
Box 1 OVZ. Folder 12. General, 1953-1993, undated
Box 18. Folder 3. Pollard Memorial Methodist Church, 1955
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Service to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1955-1957
Box 18. Folder 4. Election Certificate, 1956 November 26
Box 18. Folder 5. General, 1957
Box 18. Folder 7. General, 1959
Box 18. Folder 8. General, 1960
Box 18. Folder 9. W.C. Windsor Award, Tyler Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1960
Box 18. Folder 11. General, 1961
Box 18. Folder 13. Alamo Flag, 127th Anniversary (1 of 2), 1963
Box 3 OVZ. Folder 1. Alamo Flag, 127th Anniversary (2 of 2), 1963
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 3. Plaque, Tyler Junior College Ex-Students Association Outstanding Ex-Student, 1963
Box 18. Folder 15. Election Certificate, 1964 November 20
Box 18. Folder 17. Railroad Commission, Election Certificates, 1965-1973
Box 18. Folder 22. General, 1973-1974
Box 18. Folder 26. Texas Inaugural Committee Flag (1 of 2), 1995
Box 3 OVZ. Folder 2. Texas Inaugural Committee Flag (2 of 2), 1995
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 4. Plaque, Baylor Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award, 1990
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 5. Plaque, Texas Civil Justice League Achievement Award, 1990
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 6. Plaque, Appreciation from Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 1996
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 7. Plaque, Baylor University W. R. White Meritorious Service Award, 1998

Subseries 3. Travel. 1962-1997, undated
Box 18. Folder 27. Family Vacation, Mississippi, undated
Box 18. Folder 28. General, undated
Box 18. Folder 29. North Dakota, undated
Box 18. Folder 31. Family Vacation, Texas, 1962
Box 18. Folder 32. California, 1963 August 24-25
Box 18. Folder 33. New York, 1964
Box 18. Folder 34. Nevada, 1966
Box 18. Folder 35. Bahamas, 1968
Box 18. Folder 36. Texas, 1968-1973
Box 18. Folder 37. Alaska, 1969
Box 18. Folder 38. Ohio, 1970

Series 9: Photographs. 1925-1999, undated
Summary Information
Media Glass plate negative; Photo negative; Photographic print; Portrait photograph

Administrative/Biographical History
Series 9. Photographs, dated 1925-1999, documents the many facets of Byron Tunnell's life. This series is divided into four subseries: General, Events, Family, and Hunting and Fishing. The General Subseries consists of campaign headshots, group photographs, golf outings, and material from the House floor. The Events Subseries houses items related to Tunnell's time in office, golf tournaments, travel, meetings, and dedications. The Family Subseries includes family portraits, wedding photos, and Christmas photos. The Hunting and Fishing Subseries follows roughly thirty years of trips
Tunnell took with family and friends, including Bob Bullock. Each subseries is in chronological order and in good condition.

### Subseries 1. General. 1938-1995, undated

| Box 18. Folder 40. Byron Tunnell, Speaker of the House, undated |
| Box 18. Folder 41. Campaign Headshots (Glass Plate Negatives), undated |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 1. Dolph Briscoe, Preston Smith, undated |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 2. Gib Lewis and Byron Tunnell, undated |
| Box 18. Folder 42. Golf Outings, undated |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 3. Group Photos, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 1. Headshots and Group Photos, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 2. House Chambers, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 3. Panama Canal, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 4. Photo Negatives, undated |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 4. Portraits, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 5. Shriners, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 6. Texas Capitol, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 7. Texas House, Floor Photos, undated |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 5. University of Texas Clock Tower, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 8. Herman Brown, 1938 |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 15. Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Composite, 1955-1957 |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 18. 58th Legislature House Composite, Formal Portrait, 1963, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 13. Chamber Photo (circa 1960’s), 1981 March 24 |
| Box 19. Folder 15. Travel with Waggoner Carr, 1990 |

### Subseries 2. Events. 1960-1999, undated

| Box 19. Folder 18. Lake Trip, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 20. Speaker’s Day, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 21. Swearing-In, undated |
| Box 19. Folder 22. Texas Trip, undated |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 19. Royal A. Ferris, Jr. Memorial Reunion (Shriners), 1960 |
| Box 19. Folder 23. Inauguration, 1963 |
| Box 19. Folder 24. Tunnell with Gun from Waggoner Carr’s Collection, 1963 |
| Box 19. Folder 27. Humble Oil Hawkins Dedication, 1971 March |
| Box 19. Folder 29. Perdido Trip, 1971 September |
| Box 19. Folder 30. Golf Tournament, 1972 August |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 20. Legislative Day, 1974 |
| Box 1 OVZ. Folder 6. Speaker’s Day, 1975-1979 |
Subseries 3. Family. 1925-1988, undated

Box 20. Folder 10. Byron and Bette Tunnell, undated
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**Series 10: Press. 1953-1994, undated**

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Series 10. Press contains materials from 1953 to 1994 and is divided into two subseries: News Clippings and Newsletters. Most of the news clippings highlight the work Tunnell did as a member of the Jaycees, when he was serving as a Representative and Railroad Commissioner. Articles related to Bob Bullock are also prominent in the subseries. The newsletters relate primarily to Tunnell’s contributions to the Employee Retirement System Board. Both subseries are arranged chronologically and are in good condition.

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- Box 22. Folder 5. *Pension Observer*, 1993
- Box 22. Folder 7. *Texas Civil Justice League Advocate*, 1993 February
- Box 22. Folder 8. *Texas Civil Justice League Advocate*, 1993 April
- Box 22. Folder 11. *Legislative Digest*, 1993 June 8

**Series 11: Speeches. 1961-1999, undated**

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Series 11. Speeches, dated 1961-1999, was organized and indexed by Byron Tunnell. Contents include legislative addresses, speeches given to the Jaycees and other civic organizations, and several regarding the oil and gas industry.
Others include workshop speeches, retirement affairs, and eulogies. The final speech is the eulogy Tunnell prepared for his long-time friend, Bob Bullock. The series is in chronological order and is in good condition.

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