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

Administrative Information
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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
Donald G. Adams papers, Accession #33, Baylor Collections of Political Materials, W. R. Poage Legislative Library, Baylor University.

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 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 15. Other Newsletters, 1975, undated
- 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 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 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 11. Texas Association of Broadcasters Directory, 1972
Box 4. Folder 3. 64th Legislature Committee Assignments, 1975, undated
Box 4. Folder 5. Adams Calendars, 1970 June-December
Box 4. Folder 13. Pamphlet on Competitive Insurance Rating, undated
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 7. Other Campaigns' Materials, 1970, 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 2. Congratulations and Thank Yous, Democratic Primary, 1972, undated
Box 6. Folder 3. J.C. Stallings, Primary Opponent, 1972, undated
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 5. Candidate Filing Fees, Correspondence and Forms, 1972, undated
Box 7. Folder 7. General Campaign Files, 1971-1972


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 5. Fiscal Accounting Reports, 1974-1976
Box 8. Folder 7. SB 218, Organization of Senate and Committees, 1975
Box 8. Folder 8. Senate Office Space Request, 1976
Box 8. Folder 10. Employee Insurance Correspondence, 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 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 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 10. Excerpts from Yarbrough Court Proceedings, Rothkopf Testimony, 1977
Box 10. Folder 11. Third Amended Original Formal Complaint, Motion to Disbar Yarbrough, 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

**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
Subseries 3. Intergovernmental Relations Committee. 1973
Box 12. Folder 7. Committee Bills, 1973

Box 13. Folder 1. House Jurisprudence Committee, 1971
Box 13. Folder 2. Bills and Analyses, 63rd Legislature (1 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 7. Budget and Revenue, 1972
Box 13. Folder 8. Drugs, 1972
Box 14. Folder 1. Hunting, 1972
Box 14. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1972
Box 14. Folder 4. Legislative Report, 1969
Box 14. Folder 6. North Texas State University, 1971
Box 14. Folder 7. Office Affairs, 1972
Box 14. Folder 15. Taxes, 1972


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 5. Banking and Loans, 1972-1976
Box 15. Folder 7. Big Thicket National Preserve, 1973
Box 15. Folder 8. Blindness, 1975
Box 16. Folder 7. Drugs, 1972-1975
Box 16. Folder 10. Education, Colleges and Universities, 1976
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 8. Fire Ants, 1975, undated
Box 18. Folder 1. Football Tickets, 1972-1976
Box 18. Folder 2. Forestry, 1972-1976
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 12. Impeachment, O.P. Carillo, 1975
Box 19. Folder 1. Independent Order of Odd Fellows Petition, Charity Homes, 1973
Box 19. Folder 2. Indian Affairs, 1975
Box 19. Folder 8. Legislation, Bills, General, 1974
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 3. Little League, 1972
Box 20. Folder 6. Military, 1974
Box 20. Folder 7. Mission Nuestra Senora Dolores de los Ais Archeological Project, Correspondence, 1976
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 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 11. Parks, 1975
Box 21. Folder 13. Photographs, undated
Box 21. Folder 15. Project “Imagine” Incorporated, Child Care, 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 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
Box 23. Folder 1. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1976
Box 23. Folder 2. Roads and Infrastructure, Highway Department, 1977
Box 23. Folder 3. Roads, Loop 224, Nacogdoches, 1975, undated
Box 23. Folder 4. Charles Schnabel Scandal, 1976
Box 23. Folder 7. Soil and Water, 1974
Box 23. Folder 8. Soil and Water, 1975
Box 23. Folder 9. Soil and Water, 1976
Box 23. Folder 10. State Bar, Sponsored Bills, 1973
Box 24. Folder 15. Welfare, 1977
Box 24. Folder 17. Invitations and Appointments, 1972 November
Box 25. Folder 1. Invitations and Appointments, 1972 December
Box 25. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 January
Box 25. Folder 3. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 February
Box 25. Folder 4. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 March
Box 25. Folder 5. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 April
Box 25. Folder 6. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 May
Box 25. Folder 7. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 June
Box 25. Folder 8. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 July
Box 25. Folder 9. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 August
Box 26. Folder 1. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 September
Box 26. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 October
Box 26. Folder 3. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 November
Box 26. Folder 4. Invitations and Appointments, 1973 December
Box 26. Folder 5. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 January
Box 26. Folder 6. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 February
Box 26. Folder 7. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 March
Box 26. Folder 8. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 April
Box 26. Folder 10. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 June
Box 26. Folder 11. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 July
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Box 26. Folder 13. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 September
Box 27. Folder 1. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 October
Box 27. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 November
Box 27. Folder 3. Invitations and Appointments, 1974 December
Box 27. Folder 4. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 January
Box 27. Folder 5. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 February
Box 27. Folder 6. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 March
Box 27. Folder 7. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 April
Box 27. Folder 8. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 May
Box 27. Folder 9. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 June
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Box 27. Folder 11. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 August
Box 27. Folder 12. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 September
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Box 28. Folder 1. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 November
Box 28. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1975 December
Box 28. Folder 3. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 January
Box 28. Folder 4. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 February
Box 28. Folder 5. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 March
Box 28. Folder 6. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 April
Box 28. Folder 7. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 May
Box 28. Folder 8. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 June
Box 28. Folder 10. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 August
Box 28. Folder 11. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 September
Box 28. Folder 12. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 October
Box 28. Folder 13. Invitations and Appointments, 1976 November
Box 29. Folder 1. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 January
Box 29. Folder 2. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 February
Box 29. Folder 3. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 March
Box 29. Folder 4. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 April
Box 29. Folder 5. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 May
Box 29. Folder 6. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 June
Box 29. Folder 7. Invitations and Appointments, 1977 September
Box 29. Folder 11. Congratulations, General, 1972-1976
Box 29. Folder 12. Congratulations, Graduations, 1974-1976
Box 29. Folder 15. Thank You Notes, 1972
Box 29. Folder 16. Thank You Notes, 1973 January-June
Box 30. Folder 1. Thank You Notes, 1973 July-December
Box 30. Folder 2. Thank You Notes, 1974
Box 30. Folder 3. Thank You Notes, 1975
Box 30. Folder 4. Thank You Notes, 1976-1977
Box 30. Folder 5. Job Recommendations and Appointments, 1973 January-June
Box 30. Folder 6. Job Recommendations and Appointments, 1973 July-December
Box 31. Folder 1. Job Recommendations and Appointments, 1974
Box 31. Folder 2. Job Recommendations and Appointments, 1975
Box 31. Folder 3. Job Recommendations and Appointments, 1976
Box 31. Folder 4. Job Requests, 1972
Box 31. Folder 5. Job Requests, 1973
Box 31. Folder 6. Job Requests, 1974
Box 31. Folder 7. Job Requests, 1975
Box 31. Folder 8. Job Requests, 1976
Box 32. Folder 1. Constituent Issues, 1973 January-June
Box 32. Folder 2. Constituent Issues, 1973 July-September
Box 32. Folder 3. Constituent Issues, 1973 October-December
Box 32. Folder 4. Constituent Issues, 1974
Box 32. Folder 5. Constituent Issues, 1975 January-June
Box 32. Folder 6. Constituent Issues, 1975 July-December
Series V: Legislative. 1967-1977, undated

Series V. Legislative contains copies of bills from Adams's time in the Texas Legislature as well as correspondence and other documents related to various bills. The series is divided into five subseries, one for each session of the Texas legislature in which Adams served. Each subseries is divided between legislation introduced or cosponsored by Adams during the session and other legislation from the session. These divisions are sorted by bill numbers if they are identified and by loose topics when a specific bill is not the folder topic. Among the major legislative issues covered during Adams's tenure are the reform of volunteer firefighters' pension programs, the overhauling of Texas's family and criminal justice codes, and the reconstruction of the Texas State Constitution (for which Adams served as a delegate). The series is in good condition.

Subseries 1. 61st Legislature. 1967-1973, undated

Box 33. Folder 4. General Correspondence, 1969-1973
Box 33. Folder 5. Voter Opinion Questionnaires, 1970, undated
Box 33. Folder 6. American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), Legislative Reports and Newsletters, 1970-1971
Box 33. Folder 7. Forestry, Correspondence and Print Materials, 1969, undated
Box 34. Folder 1. Called Session, Tax Legislation (1 of 3), 1969
Box 34. Folder 2. Called Session, Tax Legislation (2 of 3), 1969
Box 34. Folder 3. Called Session, Tax Legislation (3 of 3), 1969
Box 34. Folder 4. Called Session, Clippings, 1969
Box 34. Folder 5. Texas Constitution Amendment, Department of Public Welfare, 1969
Box 34. Folder 6. Texas Constitution Amendment, Texas Water Plan, 1969
Box 34. Folder 7. Texas Constitutional Amendments, 1969
Box 34. Folder 8. Sewage Disposal Bill, undated
Box 34. Folder 9. Interim Committee on the Imported Fire Ant, 1970
Box 34. Folder 10. Interim Penal Code Study Committee, 1970
Box 34. Folder 11. Penal Code Revision Endorsements and Materials, 1970
Box 35. Folder 1. Penal Code Revisions and Drug Legislation (2 of 2), 1970
Box 35. Folder 2. SJR 15, Texas Amendment #3, Property Tax Adjustments, 1969-1970
Box 35. Folder 4. HB 69, State Assistance for Surviving Family Members of Dead Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers, 1969, undated
Box 35. Folder 5. Amendment to HB 810, Entering Land without Consent, 1969, undated
Box 35. Folder 6. HJR 4, Texas Constitution Amendment, Assistance to Surviving Spouses and Children of Governmental Employees, 1969, undated

Subseries 2. 62nd Legislature. 1969-1972, undated

Box 35. Folder 7. General Correspondence, 1971
Box 35. Folder 8. Interim Activities Heading into 62nd Legislature, 1969-1971
Box 35. Folder 9. Resolutions about House Speakership, 1972, undated
Box 35. Folder 10. Legislative Redistricting Maps (1 of 3), 1971, undated
Box 35. Folder 11. Legislative Redistricting Maps (2 of 3), 1971, undated
Box 35. Folder 12. Legislative Redistricting Maps (3 of 3), 1971, undated
Box 35. Folder 13. Governor’s Study Committee on Automobile Insurance Rates, 1972, undated
Box 36. Folder 1. HR 75 and HB 1333, Timber Legislation, 1971, undated
Box 36. Folder 2. Parks and Recreation Bill Analyses, 1971, undated
Box 36. Folder 5. Vendor Drug and Healthcare Programs, 1971, undated
Box 36. Folder 6. Tax Bills (1 of 2), 1971, undated
Box 36. Folder 7. Tax Bills (2 of 2), 1971, undated
Box 36. Folder 8. HB 72 and HB 73, Insurance and Financial Bills, 1971, undated
Box 36. Folder 9. HB 1643, Relating to the Compensation of the Criminal District Attorney of Harrison County, 1971
Box 36. Folder 10. HB 1763, Qualifications and Examinations for Public Accountants, 1971
Box 36. Folder 11. HJR 75 and SJR 50, Amendment #3, 1972, undated
Box 36. Folder 12. HJR 266, Sharpstown Bank Investigation, 1971-1972
Box 36. Folder 13. SB 729, Amendments, Commissioner’s Court of Jefferson County, 1971
Box 36. Folder 14. SB 749, Highway Beautification, 1971
Box 36. Folder 15. SB 875, Methods of Assessing Open Space Lands, 1971
Box 36. Folder 16. SJR 50, Amendments, 1971, undated
Box 37. Folder 1. Legislative Reports, 1971-1972, undated
Box 37. Folder 2. Honorific and Memorial Resolutions, 1971, undated
Box 37. Folder 3. Proposed Legislation, Setting Amounts for Bail, 1972
Box 37. Folder 6. Correspondence, Volunteer Firemen, 1969-1971
Box 37. Folder 7. HB 326, Relating to the Use of Artificial Devices to Call Fox, 1971, undated
Box 37. Folder 10. HB 428, Repealing Previous Fish Farming Law, 1971
Box 37. Folder 11. HB 429, Jurisdiction of Appeals from Awards of Eminent Domain, 1971
Box 37. Folder 12. HB 501, Transfer of Persons to the Texas Department of Corrections Pending Appeal, 1970, undated
Box 38. Folder 1. HB 589, Child Support Payments Extended, 1969
Box 38. Folder 2. HB 591, Amending Labor Laws Regarding Hours, 1971, undated
Box 38. Folder 3. HB 657, Requiring a Jury Determine Mental Competency in a Criminal Action, 1971
Box 38. Folder 4. HB 943, Relating to Appointment of Appraisers for Letters Testamentary, 1971
Box 38. Folder 5. Amendment to HB 1255, Pornography, 1971
Box 38. Folder 6. HB 1280, False Identification, 1971
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