W. R. "Bob" Poage Personal papers.
Baylor Collections of Political Material, W. R. Poage Legislative Library
Baylor University. Waco, Texas

Summary Information
Creator

Extent (quantity/size)
122 document boxes and 75 oversized boxes.

Language
Arabic; Chinese; English; French; German; Japanese; Korean; Persian; Portuguese; Spanish

Abstract
The W. R. "Bob" Poage Personal papers cover the entirety of Poage's life (1899-1987) and extend beyond to chronicle his father's life, as well as media coverage of Bob Poage's passing. The bulk of these papers span his career as a U.S. Representative (1937-1978), but the collection also includes artifacts from his childhood, law practice, and family.

Subjects

Administrative Information
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Processing Information
Described by Ricky Shull.
Scope and Content
The W. R. "Bob" Poage Personal papers contain items from 1838 to 2008, with the bulk of the materials ranging from 1937 to 1978 (Poage's tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives). The collection consists of materials collected by Poage across his lifetime and are comprised of correspondence, legal documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, speeches, and other personal materials. The collection is arranged into six different series that reflect different biographical topics or formats.

Series I. Biographical Materials is the most expansive series in the collection and contains materials related to Poage's personal life and family. This series includes a variety of formats, including family and business correspondence, financial and legal documents, manuscripts from his published books, newspaper clippings, certificates, and more.

Series II. Law Practice is the smallest series and focuses on Poage's work as a lawyer. This series is mostly correspondence with his clients and relevant legal documents. His practice ran from 1924 to approximately 1937, and primarily dealt with delinquent notes and collections, land and mineral leases, logistics companies, and probate law.

Series III. Photographs depicts Poage's personal and professional life, portraits from friends and colleagues, travels, illustrations and decorative paintings, event coverage, and more.

Series IV. Speeches consists of transcripts from most of Poage's speeches as a Representative. Poage spoke at many conferences and events during his tenure in Congress where he was a staunch advocate for farming and agricultural laborers. These transcripts come from radio and television speeches, keynote addresses, press releases, and excerpts from The Congressional Record.

Series V. Travel is split into two subseries and covers materials related to his travels as a Representative. Poage traveled frequently in his career as an appointee to the Interparliamentary Union and as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture. Subseries I. Poage Trips consists mostly of correspondence, itineraries, official documents, and other personal or government papers related to the logistics of his travels. Subseries II. Travel Information contains mostly brochures, postcards, stickers, maps, and other mementos collected from his travels.

Series VI. Three-Dimensional Artifacts consists of oversized and oddly shaped items collected during the lifetime of W. R. Poage. A significant amount of this series consists of plaques awarded to Poage from various organizations, but also includes an assorted button collection, Congressional license plates, books, silver dining materials, Stetson hats, and more.

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 cattlemen. 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 11th 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

Related citations

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

Due to the large size of the collection, the W. R. "Bob" Poage papers are being divided into six new collections based on the existing series outline. The materials in the Personal papers were originally housed in Boxes #1022-1024, 1427-1501, 1572-1576, 1579-1633, and 1635-1667. Some loose materials have also been integrated with these files.

The Personal papers are now arranged into six series based on the original organization: I. Biographical Materials, II. Law Practice, III. Photographs, IV. Speeches, V. Travel, and VI. Three-Dimensional Artifacts.

Series 1: Biographical Materials. 1838-2008, undated

Administrative Information
Archivist's Notes: The following members of Bob Poage's family are represented within this series:

W. A. Poage (father, 1855-1920)
Helen C. Poage (mother, 1877-1971)
Conger Poage (brother, 1902-1984)  
Scott A. Poage (brother, 1908-1992)  
Robbie Lee (Tabor) Poage (Sister-in-law, married Scott A. Poage, 1909-1982)  
Scott T. Poage (Nephew, son of Scott A. Poage, 1931-2008)  
Frances C. Poage (Wife, 1901-1983)  
Robert Lee Poage (Bob’s presumed nickname from childhood)  
Jack Freeman (Nephew, birth & death unknown)  
Bob Freeman (Nephew, birth & death unknown)  
April Ann Poage (Niece, daughter of Conger Poage, birth & death unknown)  

Administrative/Biographical History  
This expansive series covers all personal materials related to Bob Poage and his family. The series includes a variety of materials, including family correspondence, financial documents, manuscripts from his published books, newspaper clippings, and more. Items are arranged chronologically with undated materials appearing at the front of the series. Folders with date ranges or broad dates are arranged at the front of the arrangement, followed by folders with more specific dates.

The documents in this series are in good condition overall. Many fragile or acidic documents have been preserved or copied, but several fragile books remain.

Box 131 OVZ. Folder 1. Ancient Order of the Stouthearted Citizen, Citation, undated  
Box 1. Folder 1. Baylor Founder’s Club, Certificate of Appreciation, undated  
Box 1. Folder 2. Belton Chamber of Commerce, Certificate of Appreciation, undated  
Box 1. Folder 3. Blackhorse Brigade, Membership Certificate, undated  
Box 128 OVZ. Folder 2. Card Files, Business Cards (455 cards), undated  
Box 130 OVZ. Folder 4. Card Files, Table Placards (24 cards), undated  
Box 1. Folder 4. Catfish Farmers of Texas, Membership Certificate, undated  
Box 1. Folder 5. Central Power Electric Cooperative, Good Turn Award, undated  
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 2. Certificate of Appreciation for Public Law 89-544, undated  
Box 1. Folder 6. Christmas Card from President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, undated  
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 3. County of Los Angeles, Citation, undated  
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence from Frances C. Poage to Helen C. Poage, undated  
Box 1. Folder 8. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, undated  
Box 1. Folder 9. General Cards, undated  
Box 1. Folder 10. Guest Editorial for National Police Officer’s Association, undated  
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 4. Helen C. Poage, Wallet, undated  
Box 1. Folder 11. “How We Lived,” Dr. B.T.A. Freeman Interview, undated  
Box 1. Folder 12. “How We Lived,” Dr. Emma Louise McDonald Harrison Interview and Materials, Notes and Edited Drafts, undated  
Box 1. Folder 13. “How We Lived,” Drafts of Dedication and Foreword, undated  
Box 1. Folder 15. “How We Lived,” Ed and George Smajstrla Interviews and Edited Draft, undated  
Box 1. Folder 16. “How We Lived,” Fowler C. West Interview and Edited Drafts, undated  
Box 1. Folder 17. “How We Lived,” Galley Proof, undated  
Box 1. Folder 18. “How We Lived,” Gus Levy Interview and Edited Draft, undated  
Box 1. Folder 20. “How We Lived,” How We Learned Drafts, undated  
Box 1. Folder 21. “How We Lived,” How We/Life Differed Drafts, undated  
Box 1. Folder 22. “How We Lived,” How We Traveled Drafts, undated  
Box 1. Folder 23. “How We Lived,” How We Worked Drafts, undated  
Box 1. Folder 24. “How We Lived,” James M. Warner Interview, undated
Box 10. Folder 6. Texas State Society, Certificate of Appreciation, undated
Box 10. Folder 7. Untitled Geography Book of Robert Lee Poage, undated
Box 10. Folder 8. W. A. Poage, Campaign Cards, undated
Box 10. Folder 9. W. A. Poage, Universalist Theological Literature, undated
Box 10. Folder 10. Waco Optimist Club Luncheon, undated
Box 10. Folder 11. West, Texas Chamber of Commerce, Citation, undated
Box 10. Folder 12. “Wife’s Illness Causes Poage to Return to Waco,” Newspaper Clipping, undated
Box 10. Folder 13. W. R. Poage Stationery, undated
Box 11. Folder 2. State of Alabama, Legal Documents, 1845-1857
Box 11. Folder 3. “Barnes’ Complete Geography,” Book of Helen Conger, 1885
Box 11. Folder 4. Mary C. Billings, Valentine’s Day Card, 1885
Box 11. Folder 5. W. A. Poage, Notes and Deposits, 1891-1909
Box 11. Folder 7. “Cowboy’s Day at the Texas Cotton Palace” Program, 1894 November 30
Box 11. Folder 8. Poage Family Correspondence, 1895-1911, undated
Box 11. Folder 9. J. P. Brown, Vendor’s Lien Notes, 1897-1900
Box 11. Folder 10. W. A. Poage, City of Waco Tax Receipts, 1897-1910
Box 11. Folder 11. W. A. Poage, Vendor’s Liens, Warranty Deeds, Leases (1 of 2), 1898-1918
Box 11. Folder 13. W. A. Poage and Helen Conger, Marriage License, 1898 June 8
Box 11. Folder 14. Frances C. Poage, Marriage License and Timesheet from Father, 1899-1901
Box 11. Folder 15. W. A. Poage, Delinquent Tax Redemption Receipts, 1899-1902
Box 11. Folder 17. R. L. Poage and W. A. Poage, Correspondence, 1900-1913, undated
Box 12. Folder 1. W. R. Poage, “Baby’s Diary”, 1900
Box 12. Folder 4. Correspondence from Friends and Family, 1906-1937
Box 12. Folder 5. W. A. Poage, General Correspondence, 1906-1913
Box 12. Folder 6. Loan Receipts, 1907-1930
Box 12. Folder 7. “Myers and Brooks Elementary”, 1907
Box 13. Folder 1. “Civil Government”, 1908
Box 13. Folder 2. “Dodge’s Geography”, 1908
Box 13. Folder 3. “Elements of Agriculture: Southern and Western”, 1908
Box 13. Folder 4. Robert Conger and O. J. Wood, Correspondence, 1908
Box 13. Folder 5. “The Debater’s Treasury”, 1910
Box 13. Folder 7. L. A. Conger, Tax Receipts, 1912-1913
Box 14. Folder 4. W. A. Poage, Newspaper Collection Agency, Correspondence, 1913
Box 14. Folder 5. W. A. Poage, Western Insurance Company, Contract, 1913
Box 14. Folder 6. H. E. Conger, Robert Lee Poage, Correspondence, 1913 June 28
Box 14. Folder 7. W. A. Poage, Downs & Webb, Correspondence, 1914
Box 15. Folder 24. General Real Estate Correspondence, 1927-1929
Box 15. Folder 25. Legal Documents and Correspondence on Waco, Texas Properties, 1927-1931
Box 16. Folder 1. Conger Poage, Correspondence on Personal Property, 1928-1929
Box 132 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1928-1945
Box 16. Folder 3. Oil and Gas Leases, Correspondence on Personal Property, 1928-1929
Box 16. Folder 4. Summary of Poage Family Estate, circa 1928
Box 16. Folder 5. Union Mutual Casualty Company, Correspondence, 1928-1936
Box 16. Folder 6. Well Record and Leases on Throckmorton County, Texas Land, 1928-1937
Box 16. Folder 7. Correspondence and Legal Documents on Gaines County, Texas Land, 1929-1930
Box 16. Folder 8. John M. Grimland, Correspondence on Real Estate Deals, 1929-1930
Box 16. Folder 9. Stock Certificates, 1929-1938
Box 16. Folder 10. Oil and Gas Leases, Correspondence on Personal Property, 1930-1933
Box 16. Folder 11. S.D. Liles, Correspondence on Throckmorton County, Texas Land, 1930-1939
Box 16. Folder 12. Helen C. Poage, Jesse Allen, Oil & Mineral Rights, 1930 April
Box 16. Folder 13. Correspondence and Legal Documents on Gaines County, Texas Land, 1930-1939
Box 16. Folder 14. General Insurance Correspondence, 1931-1937
Box 16. Folder 15. Insurance Policies, 1931-1939
Box 16. Folder 17. Helen C. Poage, Deeds of Trust, 1932-1933
Box 16. Folder 18. Mid-Western Insurance Companies, Correspondence, 1932-1938
Box 16. Folder 19. Millers Mutual Insurance, Correspondence and Policies, 1932-1939
Box 16. Folder 20. Campaign Materials for Texas State Office Candidates, 1933-1934
Box 17. Folder 1. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1934
Box 17. Folder 2. Personal Accounting Materials, 1934
Box 17. Folder 3. Correspondence, Survey, and Legal Documents on New Mexico Mineral Leases, 1935-1977
Box 17. Folder 4. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1935
Box 17. Folder 5. Income Tax and Accounting Documents, 1935
Box 17. Folder 6. Receipts for Agricultural Products at Poage Estate, 1935
Box 17. Folder 8. Correspondence on Income Tax, 1936-1937
Box 17. Folder 9. Deposit Journal with National City Bank, Waco, Texas, 1936
Box 17. Folder 10. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1936
Box 17. Folder 11. Income Tax and Accounting Documents, 1936
Box 17. Folder 12. Newspaper Clippings and Political Ads for 1936 Campaign, 1936
Box 17. Folder 13. Poage Family Correspondence, 1936-1937
Box 17. Folder 14. “Who is the Farmer’s Friend...” Campaign Literature, circa 1936
Box 17. Folder 15. Certificate of Vehicle Purchase, 1936 November 13
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Box 17. Folder 18. Income Tax and Accounting Documents, 1937
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Box 18. Folder 3. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1937 January-March
Box 18. Folder 4. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1937 April-June
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 11. Federal Bar Certification, 1937 May 17
Box 18. Folder 5. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1937 September-October
Box 18. Folder 6. Helen C. Poage, Correspondence on Loan Payment, 1937 December 8-11
Box 18. Folder 7. Correspondence on Management of Comanche County, Texas Property, 1938-1950
Box 18. Folder 8. K.J. Wright, Correspondence on Throckmorton County, Texas Property, 1938
Box 18. Folder 9. Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, Poage Wedding and First Anniversary, 1938-1939
Box 18. Folder 10. W. R. Poage, Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1938
Box 18. Folder 11. Frances C. Poage, Letter from F. E. Rightor on Departure from Office, 1938 February 9
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 12. W. R. Poage, Frances C. Poage, Marriage License, 1938 February 14
Box 18. Folder 12. Frances C. Poage, Open Letter to 11th District, 1939 January 27
Box 18. Folder 13. Resolution, Senate of Texas, Authorizing W. R. Poage Privileges of the Floor, 1939 April 27
Box 18. Folder 14. Cattle Sale Contracts, 1940-1942
Box 18. Folder 15. Correspondence and Legal Documents on Gaines County, Texas Land, 1940-1945
Box 19. Folder 1. Newspaper Clippings and Political Materials from 1940 Campaign, 1940
Box 19. Folder 2. Helen C. Poage, Oil and Gas Lease, 1940 May 10
Box 19. Folder 3. Telegraph, Fred Harris, Driver’s License Law, 1940 July 6
Box 19. Folder 4. Newspaper Clippings, 1941-1946
Box 19. Folder 5. Leases and Cancellation Notice on Skyland Place Apartment Rental, Washington, D.C., 1941-1955
Box 135 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1941-1944
Box 19. Folder 6. Personal Accounting Ledger, 1941-1944
Box 19. Folder 7. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1942-1947
Box 19. Folder 8. Personal Correspondence, 1942-1946
Box 19. Folder 11. Poage Family Correspondence, 1944-1959
Box 19. Folder 12. Robert Everett, Correspondence on Accounts and Draft Enlistment, 1944-1945
Box 19. Folder 13. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, circa 1945
Box 136 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1945-1946
Box 19. Folder 14. Texas Centennial of Statehood Commission, Certificate of Appointment, 1945 November 1
Box 129 OVZ. Folder 2. Card Files, International Cards (73 cards), 1947-1971, undated
Box 19. Folder 15. Convocation of President Truman for Honorary Degree, 1947
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Box 20. Folder 2. Throckmorton County, Texas Land Survey and Farm Agreement with R.L. Forrest, 1947-1950
Box 137 OVZ. Folder 1. 80th Congress Scrapbook, 1947-1948
Box 20. Folder 3. Personal Correspondence, 1947 January-February
Box 20. Folder 4. Personal Correspondence, 1947 March-June
Box 20. Folder 5. Personal Correspondence, 1947 July-December
Box 20. Folder 6. Deeds and Correspondence on Manchaca Grant Land, McLennan County, Texas, 1948-1979
Box 20. Folder 7. Frances C. Poage, Passport, 1948-1951
Box 20. Folder 8. Handwritten Accounting Notes with Woodson Street Bank, 1948
Box 20. Folder 9. Newspaper Clippings, 1948
Box 20. Folder 10. Poage-Smith Farm Accounting (1 of 2), 1948-1967
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Box 21. Folder 1. Baylor Ex-Students Association Cards, 1949-1951, undated
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Box 21. Folder 3. Newspaper Clippings, 1949
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Box 21. Folder 4. Poage-Smith Farm Correspondence, 1949
Box 21. Folder 5. Invitation, Truman Inauguration, 1949 January 20
Box 21. Folder 8. Newspaper Clippings (1 of 2), 1950
Box 139 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1950
Box 129 OVZ. Folder 4. Card Files, Passes and Permits (101 cards), 1951-1975, undated
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Box 130 OVZ. Folder 5. Card Files, Texas Supreme Court Certification Cards (27 cards), 1953-1976
Box 22. Folder 3. Correspondence on Lake Creek Property Rental, 1953-1979
Box 22. Folder 5. J. Raymond Kendrick, Correspondence on Acquisition of George Poage Homestead, Woodway, Texas, 1953-1959
Box 142 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1953
Box 22. Folder 6. R.L. Forrest, Elmo Forrest, Correspondence and Deposits on Woodson, Texas Property Accounts, 1953-1954
Box 23. Folder 1. Cyril Osborne, Letter of Thanks, 1953 November 14
Box 128 OVZ. Folder 3. Card Files, Congress (41 cards), 1954-1975, undated
Box 23. Folder 3. Correspondence with The Texas Collection at Baylor University, 1954-1959
Box 22. Folder 4. Event Programs, 1954
Box 143 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1954
Box 23. Folder 8. Texas Ginner’s Association, Award, 1954
Box 23. Folder 10. Belton Dam, Certificate of Appreciation, 1954 May 28
Box 23. Folder 11. National Association of Retired Civil Employees, Citation, 1954 September 30
Box 23. Folder 12. Frances C. Poage, Correspondence, 1955-1959
Box 23. Folder 13. Letter from Jack Freeman, circa 1955
Box 144 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1955
Box 23. Folder 14. Poage-Smith Farm Correspondence, 1955-1959
Box 24. Folder 1. Newspaper Clippings, 1956-1959
Box 145 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1956
Box 24. Folder 2. Election Certificate, 1956 November 6
Box 146 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1957
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 14. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1958
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 15. Induction to Empyrean Realm of Jupiter Rex by Pan American, 1958 October 6
Box 24. Folder 5. J.H. Purvis, Correspondence on Bosque County, Texas Land, 1959
Box 147 OVZ. Folder 1. Newspaper Scrapbook, 1959
Box 33. Folder 7. Letter on Purchase of Congressional Desk, 1976 December
Box 33. Folder 10. Election Certificates, 1976 November 19
Box 33. Folder 11. Correspondence on Development of Library Project, 1977-1978
Box 33. Folder 12. Correspondence on Purchase of Congressional Desk and Chair, 1977
Box 33. Folder 13. Correspondence on W. R. Poage Library Fundraising, 1977
Box 33. Folder 15. Correspondence with The Texas Collection at Baylor University, 1977-1979
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 29. Poage Calendar, 1977
Box 33. Folder 17. Trip Itinerary of Robbie Lee and Scott Poage, 1977 February
Box 131 OVZ. Folder 30. American Conservative Union Statesman Award, 1977 April 26
Box 33. Folder 20. Letter from Jimmy Carter on Gifting Pen Used to Sign Legislation, 1977 October 19
Box 33. Folder 21. Program from Presentation of Animal Agriculture Award to Poage, 1977 November 7
Box 33. Folder 23. Congressional Staff Club Certificate, 1978
Box 33. Folder 25. Correspondence on Retiring Waco Office, 1978
Box 33. Folder 26. Correspondence on Shipment of Items from Washington, D.C. to Waco, Texas, 1978
Box 34. Folder 2. Christmas Card Mailing List, 1978
Box 34. Folder 3. Guest Book, 1978
Box 34. Folder 4. “In Tribute To... Mr. Agriculture” Program, circa 1978
Box 34. Folder 5. Guest Book for Bob Poage Appreciation Banquet, 1978 March 14
Box 34. Folder 6. World of Agricultural Aviation, “Mr. Agriculture”, 1978 May
Box 34. Folder 7. J. H. Hines Sixth Grade School, Certificate of Honor, 1978 May 30
Box 34. Folder 8. Southwestern Peanut Sheller’s Association, Certificate of Appreciation, 1978 June 27
Box 34. Folder 9. Baylor University Publication Packet, 1979
Box 34. Folder 10. Inventory of W. R. Poage Estate, 1979-1981
Box 34. Folder 11. Certificate of Membership to Caritas of Waco One Hundred Club, 1979 July
Box 34. Folder 12. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Certificate of Appreciation, 1979 July 17
Box 34. Folder 13. “The Pecan Quarterly”, “Texas Growers Honor Poage... Storey... Madden”, 1979 August
Box 34. Folder 14. Program for Dedication of W. R. Poage Legislative Library Center, 1979 September 21
Box 34. Folder 15. Accepted Invitations to Plaza Forum Organization, National Pork Producers Council, 1980-1981
Box 34. Folder 17. “McLennan County-Before 1980,” Chapter 11 Correspondence and Research, 1980
Box 34. Folder 18. “McLennan County-Before 1980,” Chapter 16 Correspondence and Research, 1980
Box 35. Folder 3. General Correspondence, 1980 November-1981 March
Box 35. Folder 4. Executive Intelligence Review, “You Need to Get Things Done”, 1980 November 14
Box 35. Folder 5. General Correspondence, 1981 April-July
Box 35. Folder 6. Waco Association of Life Underwriters, Community Service Award, 1981 June 19
Box 35. Folder 7. General Correspondence, 1981 August-December
Box 35. Folder 8. Correspondence on Frances C. Poage Map Room, 1981 April
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Box 35. Folder 10. General Correspondence, 1982 January-March
Box 35. Folder 11. General Correspondence, 1982 April-June
Box 35. Folder 12. General Correspondence, 1982 July-September
Box 35. Folder 13. General Correspondence, 1982 October-December
Box 36. Folder 1. “Farm Bureau Honors Poage”, 1982 January 14
Box 36. Folder 2. General Correspondence, 1983
Box 36. Folder 3. “How We Lived,” Correspondence on Photo Acquisition, 1983, undated
Box 36. Folder 7. Miss Nellie’s Pretty Place Announcement, circa 1984
Box 36. Folder 8. Signed Christmas Card from Poage, circa 1984
Box 36. Folder 11. “My First 85 Years”, 1985
Box 36. Folder 12. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service Award, 1985
Box 36. Folder 13. Texas State Technical Institute, Certificate of Appreciation, 1985 April 22
Box 36. Folder 15. Waco Independent School District, Citation, 1985 May 23
Box 36. Folder 16. Correspondence and Remarks on Boy Scouts Distinguished Man of the Year Award, 1986
Box 36. Folder 17. Get Well Soon and Christmas Cards, 1986
Box 36. Folder 18. “My First 85 Years,” Correspondence, 1986
Box 36. Folder 20. Boy Scouts of America Program for Distinguished Citizen Award, 1986 June 26
Box 36. Folder 23. Dedication of Miss Nellie’s Pretty Place, 1987
Box 36. Folder 27. Letters Confirming Donations to Miss Nellie’s Pretty Place in honor of Poage, 1987 April-December
Box 36. Folder 32. Scott T. Poage Obituary, 2008

Series 2: Law Practice. 1924-1938, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains mostly personal correspondence between W. R. Poage and his clients, with relevant notes, legal documents, and financial records. Poage’s law office was in the Amicable (ALICO) Building, where he practiced law with Pat M. Neff, Jr. The documents in this series show his work with clients on collections, land and mineral leases, logistics companies, and probate law. The folders are arranged alphabetically by name and are in good condition.

Box 37. Folder 1. “Ada Wynne Matthews v. Floyd Milton Matthews,” Divorce, Correspondence, 1934
Box 37. Folder 2. A.E. Morrison and J.W. Morrison, Vendor’s Lien Notes, 1917-1927
Box 37. Folder 4. Allen, Mrs. Maude P. and L.S. Wright, Note Due, Correspondence, 1933-1935
Box 37. Folder 5. “Angeline Thomas v. Henry Thomas” and “Rotan Mims v. Angeline Thomas,” Correspondence and Notices, 1933-1934
Box 37. Folder 6. Assorted Legal Documents, 1934
Box 37. Folder 7. Assorted Legal Documents, 1935-1936
Box 37. Folder 8. Assorted Wills, 1924-1937
Box 37. Folder 9. Atascosa County and Frio County, Oil Leases, Correspondence, 1936
Box 37. Folder 10. Barnett Brothers, Burks & Son Common Carrier Certificate, Correspondence, 1933-1935
Box 37. Folder 11. Bateman, Wayne, Life Insurance, Correspondence, 1934
Box 37. Folder 12. Beatty, Mrs. Royal, R.M. Phillips Estate, Correspondence, 1936
Box 37. Folder 13. Bills and Statements, 1931-1935
Box 37. Folder 14. “Bobby Fuller v. Gulf Oil Company,” Correspondence and Briefs, 1936
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As a delegate to the Interparliamentary Union and a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Poage often traveled for agricultural or diplomatic purposes. This series contains many of the documents related to his travels – everything from dossiers to bumper stickers. Several foreign languages are depicted in this subseries including Arabic, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Most of the items in this series are in good condition with a few acidic and fragile items included.

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Box 126 OVZ. Folder 16. Swaziland, “The Times of Swaziland”, 1970 September 4
Box 119. Folder 19. Sydney, Australia, Auction Listing, 1956 December 10
Box 119. Folder 20. Taiwan, Postcards, undated
Box 119. Folder 21. Taormina, Italy, Postcards, undated
Box 120. Folder 1. Texas, Baylor Geological Study Magazine in Bosque County, 1963
Box 126 OVZ. Folder 17. Texas, Booklet of Maps by Humble Oil, 1930
Box 120. Folder 2. Texas, County Road Maps, 1962-1966
Box 120. Folder 3. Texas, HemisFair, Grand Teton, Folders, 1967-1968
Box 127 OVZ. Folder 10. Texas, Humorous Map of Texas, undated
Box 120. Folder 4. Texas, Pamphlets on Parks, undated
Box 120. Folder 5. Texas, Postcards, undated
Box 120. Folder 6. Texas, Randolph Air Force Base, Visit Brief, 1966 May
Box 120. Folder 7. Texas, Road Maps (1 of 2), 1931-1975
Box 120. Folder 8. Texas, Road Maps (2 of 2), 1931-1975
Box 120. Folder 9. Texas, Secretary of Agriculture’s Listening Conference, Agriculture Booklets, 1969 September
Box 120. Folder 10. Texas, Secretary of Agriculture's Listening Conference, Program, Informational Documents, Speaker List, 1969 September
Box 120. Folder 12. Texas, Topographic Map, 1956 August
Box 121. Folder 1. Thailand, Booklets, circa 1956
Box 121. Folder 2. Tunis, Postcards, undated
Box 121. Folder 3. Tunisia, “Al-Amal” Arabic Newspaper, 1964 November 19
Box 121. Folder 4. Uganda, Postcards, undated
Box 121. Folder 6. Unused Envelopes and Stationery, undated
Box 121. Folder 7. Upper Volta, Postcards, undated
Box 121. Folder 8. U.S.S.R., Postcards, Undated
Box 121. Folder 9. Utah, Booklets and Postcards, 1968 August
Box 121. Folder 10. Utah, Road Maps, 1973-1978
Box 121. Folder 11. Vaduz, Lichtenstein, Postcards, undated
Box 121. Folder 12. Venezuela, Agricultural and Guyana Reports and Booklet, 1972-1973
Box 121. Folder 13. Venezuela, Brochures and Maps, 1973
Box 122. Folder 1. Venezuela, Brochures of Guyana Region, 1971
Box 122. Folder 3. Venezuela, Newspaper Clippings, 1973 August
Box 122. Folder 4. Venezuela, Postcards, undated
Box 122. Folder 5. Vienna, Austria, Informational Packet, undated
Box 122. Folder 7. Vienna, Austria, Travel Brochures and Maps, circa 1969 March
Box 122. Folder 8. Virginia, Holly Farms Visit, circa 1967
Box 122. Folder 9. Waco, Texas, Dedication of Lee Lockwood Texas Scottish Rite Library and Museum, 1969 September
Box 126 OVZ. Folder 19. Waco, Texas, Election Results, Newspaper Clippings, 1966 November 10
Box 127 OVZ. Folder 11. Waco, Texas, Map, undated
Box 126 OVZ. Folder 20. Waco, Texas, Newspaper Clippings, 1966 November 6
Box 127 OVZ. Folder 12. “Yank The Army Weekly”, 1944 September 22
Box 122. Folder 10. Yemen, Postcards, undated

**Series 6: Three-Dimensional Artifacts. 1949-1982, undated**

**Administrative/Biographical History**

The items in this series are three-dimensional or oddly shaped items collected during Bob Poage's lifetime. A significant portion of this series consists of plaques awarded to the former Representative from a variety of organizations. The series also contains a small button collection, Congressional license plates, presidential pens, flags, Stetson hats, and more.

This series is primarily in good condition. It is organized alphabetically by item type and description. Most of the items in this series are kept in oversized boxes; however, several items are too large to fit in containers and are kept on the shelves with the collection.

Box 168 OVZ. Folder 1. Blanket with Baylor University “Sailor Bear” Logo, undated
Box 167 OVZ. Folder 1. Book, China, Blue, undated
Box 167 OVZ. Folder 2. Book, China, Dark Gray, undated
Box 167 OVZ. Folder 3. Book, China, Light Gray, undated
Box 166 OVZ. Folder 1. Box, Decorative Box with Mother of Pearl Inlay, circa 1969 August
Box OVZ. Briefcase, Brown Leather, undated
Box 165 OVZ. Folder 1. Buttons, Button Sheet #1, 20 Buttons, undated
Box 165 OVZ. Folder 2. Buttons, Button Sheet #2, 29 Buttons, undated
Box 165 OVZ. Folder 3. Buttons, Button Sheet #3, 10 Buttons, undated
Box 165 OVZ. Folder 4. Coin, U.S. Bicentennial and Telephone Centennial, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, 1976
Box 165 OVZ. Folder 5. Cotton, Packet from American Cotton Growers, Crosbyton, Texas, 1974 July 12
Box OVZ. Display, Major Minerals of Burnet County, Texas, Burnet Chamber of Commerce, undated
Box OVZ. Document Case, Green, undated
Box OVZ. Energy Meter, Texas Electric Cooperatives, 1979 July 31
Box 167 OVZ. Folder 4. Flag, Baylor University, Orange Bowl Classic, 1952
Box 169 OVZ. Folder 1. Flag, Texas State Flag, undated
Box 169 OVZ. Folder 2. Flag, U.S. Flag, Placed in Honor of W. R. Poage at Freedom Circle, Brownwood, Texas, undated
Box OVZ. Football, Brownwood High State AAA Champs, undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 1. Gavel, Wooden Gavel with Six Flags over Texas, undated
Box OVZ. Hat, Stetson One Hundred, Dark Grey, Black Box, undated
Box OVZ. Hat, Stetson One Hundred, Light Grey with “Poage” in Head Band, Grey Box, undated
Box OVZ. Hat, Stetson Twenty-Five, Light Grey, Brown Leather Travel Case, undated
Box OVZ. Leather Satchel, undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 2. License Plate, Pair of 1972 U. S. Congress Plates for Texas, 1972
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 3. License Plate, Pair of 1977 U. S. Congress Plates for Texas, 1977
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 5. Medal, Democratic National Convention Delegate Medal, 1960
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 4. Medal, Democratic National Convention Name Plate, 1952
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 6. Medal, Democratic National Convention Name Plate, 1960
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 1. Name Plate, Carved Walnut, undated
Box 174 OVZ. Folder 2. Name Plate, Office of W. R. Poage, undated
Box 171 OVZ. Folder 1. Paper Weight, House of Representatives, Clear Glass, undated
Box 171 OVZ. Folder 2. Paper Weight, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, undated
Box 171 OVZ. Folder 3. Paper Weight, Waco, Texas, Marble, undated
Box 171 OVZ. Folder 4. Paper Weight, W. R. Poage, undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 7. Pen, Interparliamentary Conference, undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 8. Pen, Presidential, Fountain Pens (2), undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 9. Pen, Presidential, Gerald Ford, Blue Pens with Signature Engraving (4), undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 10. Pen, Presidential, Harry Truman, Repeal of Margarine Tax, 1950 March 15
Box 175 OVZ. Folder 1. Pen, Presidential, Harry Truman, Rural Electrification Act, Framed with Letter, 1949 October 28
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 12. Pen, Presidential, Lyndon B. Johnson, Pens Used to Sign Legislation into Law (7), 1966-1968
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 13. Pen, Presidential, Richard Nixon (3), undated
Box 183 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, 11th Congressional District, undated
Box 187 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, 1966 Knapp-Porter Award, Texas Agricultural Service, 1966
Box 176 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, American Humane Association, 1958
Box 177 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service, American Farm Bureau Federation, 1982 January 12
Box 178 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Baylor Lawyer Award, Baylor Law Alumni Association, 1971 April 3
Box 179 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Baylor University, Outstanding Alumnus, 1967
Box 174 OVZ. Folder 3. Plaque, Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, 1976 October 29
Box 176 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Democratic Party of Texas, 1978 September 15
Box 175 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Distinguished Service Award, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 1974 February 11
Box 180 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Highway 190, Greater Killeen, Temple, Belton, Copperas Cove, Lampasas Chambers of Commerce, 1978 June 13
Box 181 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Indonesian Major General Dharsono Silawangi, undated
Box 180 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Killeen Municipal Airport, Groundbreaking, 1978 March 29
Box 178 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, McLennan-Bosque Farmers Union, 1985 April 19
Box 182 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, National Telephone Cooperative Association, 1968 January 31
Box 183 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, National Telephone Cooperative Association, 1975 April 28
Box 177 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., 1973 August 10
Box 184 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, U.S. House of Representatives, Achievements, 1978
Box 175 OVZ. Folder 3. Plaque, Public Service Award, Passage of Poage-Akin Act, Texas Association of Rural Water Corporations, 1978 February 16
Box 185 OVZ. Folder 1. Plaque, Remember the Alamo!, Texas Heritage Foundation, 1955 July 4
Box 185 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Republic of Korea, Minister of National Defense Im Chung Sik, 1969 March 4
Box 179 OVZ. Folder 2. Plaque, Troy Community Center, Rural Development Act of 1972, 1972
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 14. Plate, Baylor Bear Club, undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 15. Plate, Baylor Waco Foundation, undated
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 16. Plate, Waco Chamber of Commerce, 1951
Box 170 OVZ. Folder 17. Plate, Work Program America, undated
Box 171 OVZ. Folder 5. Printing Blocks, W. R. Poage Portrait, Multi-Sized Blocks (9), circa 1936
Box 172 OVZ. Folder 1. Silver, Bowls (2), undated
Box 172 OVZ. Folder 2. Silver, Cups (2), undated
Box 172 OVZ. Folder 3. Silver, Ladle, undated
Box 172 OVZ. Folder 4. Silver, Lids (2), undated
Box 172 OVZ. Folder 5. Silver, Trays (2), undated
Box 173 OVZ. Folder 1. Stamps, Signature Stamps and Die Casts (8), undated
Box OVZ. Telephone, National Telephone Cooperative Program, National Rural Electrification Administration Telephone Association, 1969 October 28