

Collection: House Papers of Lyndon B. Johnson [NAID 7614388]

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Scope and content note:

This finding aid describes the papers that were accumulated by Lyndon Baines Johnson while a member of the United States House of Representatives from the Tenth Congressional District of Texas from April, 1937, to January, 1949. The papers include a few documents of earlier and later dates. They were accumulated in Mr. Johnson's Washington office as well as in the Austin office, which was opened during political campaigns and when Congress was not in session.

Most of the papers were transferred to the National Archives Building from the attic of the Old Senate Office Building in December of 1964; a few were transferred from the Executive Office Building on February 11, 1965. A revised checklist was prepared in June of 1967, and the completed finding aid was finished in January, 1977.

Throughout Johnson's House of Representatives Papers (1937 1949), there are notes from Mary Rather, who had worked for Mr. Johnson during his Congressional and Presidential days. These informational and administrative notes were inserted into the House of Representative Papers during 1973 1974 and reflect Mary Rather's reminiscences of various events and people as they pertain to Lyndon B. Johnson. The original Mary Rather notes were removed in 1976, and in their place were inserted a "Removal Notice" (Removal Notice of a Mary Rather Note, No. ____ See Mary Rather Reminiscences, 1973-74). If a researcher wants to examine a Mary Rather note pertaining to a certain document, he should fill out a Request Slip for Mary Rather Reminiscences, Note No.

- Date range: 1900-1974
- 160 linear feet
- Partially available for research



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Series Information

Political Correspondence:

These files relate to Mr. Johnson's campaigns for election and reelection to the House of Representatives and to his 1941 and 1948 Senate campaigns. The correspondence also includes files relating to Mr. Johnson's participation in the Democratic National Committee, the national Democratic Congressional campaign of 1940, and in the selection of the Texas delegation to the 1944 National Democratic Convention.

(SEE ALSO Office Files, Speech Files, and Scrapbooks)

• 1937 Campaign : Boxes 1-3

• 1938 Campaign : Boxes 3-5

• 1940 Campaign : Box 5

Democratic National Committee, 1940 (1938-1944) : Boxes 6-9

1941 Senatorial Campaign : Boxes 10-34

1942 Campaign : Boxes 35-37
1944 Campaign : Boxes 38-42
1946 Campaign : Boxes 43-62

1948 Senatorial Campaign : Boxes 63-127

• File Cards, 1939 1948 : Boxes 128-138

Correspondence:

These files consist of various correspondence that was not included in the Political Correspondence series.

(SEE ALSO Political Correspondence, Case Files, and Office Files)

Commendations to and from LBJ, 1938-1949 : Box 139

• Complimentary References, 1940 : Box 139

Condolences to and from LBJ, 1939-1940, 1948 : Box 139

Congratulations, 1940, 1946-1947 : Box 139



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Courtesy, 1939, 1946 : Box 139
Donations, 1939-1947 : Box 139

General, 1946: A Z : Boxes 140-146

• Gifts, 1939-1947 : Box 147

• Personal, 1937 : Box 147

Reading File, 1942-1945 : Box 147

Texas Press Clipping Bureau, 1937-1939 : Box 147

Truman: Letters from LBJ, 1948 : Box 147

• Miscellaneous, 1937-1948 : Box 147

Congressional Committees and Legislative Matters:

This series pertains to Johnson's participation on the Naval Affairs Committee, Armed Services Committee, and Atomic Energy Committee. Also, there are some fragmentary items pertaining to legislative matters.

Naval Affairs Committee, 1938-1948 : Boxes 148-59

Armed Services Committee, 1947-1948 : Boxes 159-164

Atomic Energy Committee, 1947-1948 : Boxes 164-165

Legislative Matters, 1938-1948 : Box 165

Project Files:

The word "project" is used here to refer to the Federally financed public works and other programs that Congressman Johnson obtained for the Tenth Congressional District. Most of these files deal with the Lower Colorado River Authority, Colorado River Project (Marshall Ford Dam), Buchanan and Inks Dams, electric cooperatives, and Rural Electrification Administration.

(SEE ALSO Case Files: Departments and Agencies "LCRA" and "REA", 1946 1948)

 Lower Colorado River Authority and other Flood Control and Public Power Projects, 1937-1944: Boxes 166-191



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Case Files:

This series constitutes individual case files containing constituents' requests for service from Federal agencies or Texas State agencies and general files containing copies of agency regulations, forms, and issuances, as well as constituent correspondence relating to information about agencies. The files were arranged by agency, and each calendar year, when new series of files were set up, pending case files of the previous year were brought forward.

• Service Academies, 1938-1948 : Boxes 192-197

Constituents, 1941: W-Z : Box 198

Veterans, 1943-1948 : Boxes 199-213

War Department (and Army), 1940-1948 : Boxes 213-236

Military Branches:

o Army, 1945-1948 : Boxes 218, 221-226, 229-236

o Navy, 1946-1947 : Boxes 237-248

o Marines, 1946-1947 : Boxes 249-251

Coast Guard, 1946-1948 : Box 251

Positions, 1946-1948 : Boxes 252-263

Departments and Agencies:

1946 : Boxes 264-292
1947 : Boxes 293-312
1948 : Boxes 313-327

Miscellaneous, 1939-1947 : Box 327

Office Files, 1940-1948 : Boxes 328-330

These files consist chiefly of communications exchanged during political campaigns between members of Mr. Johnson's staff in the Washington and Austin offices. They also include papers found in Mr. Johnson's desk after he went on active duty in the Navy, as well as communication from members of his staff while they were on active military duty. This series also contains office procedures, constituent cases, mail statistics, files, office supplies, personal matters, and information to be brought to Mr. Johnson's attention.

(SEE ALSO Political Correspondence and Correspondence)



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Speech Files, 1937-1948 : Boxes 331-335

These files contain drafts and carbon, mimeographed and printed copies of Mr. Johnson's speeches. They include newspaper clippings, Federal agency issuances, copies of other people's speeches, research notes, and related correspondence.

(SEE ALSO Political Correspondence)

Photographs: Box 336

In addition to the photographs in this series, other photographs are scattered throughout the papers.

Clippings, 1933-1948 : Boxes 336-343

Mr. Johnson subscribed to newspapers and clipping bureaus and maintained files of clippings for reference use. In addition, his constituents, friends, and political supporters sent him newspapers and clippings.

(SEE ALSO Scrapbooks)

Case Files of W Lee O'Daniel, 1946 1948:

These case files consist of correspondence and other papers relating to cases handled by Senator O'Daniel, which were pending or incomplete by December 31, 1948, and therefore cases on which Mr. Johnson might expect future correspondence.

 A-Z : Boxes 344-345 B-Z : Boxes 345-348

A-W, B-W : Boxes 348-349

Pending File, 1947-1948 : Box 349

Scrapbooks

Mr. Johnson's constituents, friends, members of his staff, and others compiled scrapbooks of clippings accumulated from various sources.

(SEE ALSO Clippings)