

COLLECTION DETAILS and FOLDER TITLE LIST

Collection: Papers of Manuel B. Bravo, 1946 - 1971 [NAID 53770513]

PERSONAL PAPERS OF MANUEL B. BRAVO

For list of folder titles, see page 2

Creator: Bravo, Manuel Box, 1901-1984

Biographical sketch:

Manuel Box Bravo was a county judge in Texas. Bravo quit school after the eighth grade but eventually received his diploma in 1924 from McAllen High School. He worked in the Hidalgo County courthouse tax collector's office and was promoted to chief deputy in the delinquent tax department. In the late 1920's he served as president of the Edinburg Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens. In 1933 he moved to Zapata, Texas where he was self-employed. In 1937 Bravo was elected county judge for Zapata County, where he worked towards improving schools and living conditions, and fought for civil rights. During World War II he was chairman of the War Fund in Zapata County. Bravo retired from public office in 1957.

Scope and content note:

This series consists of correspondence, reports, lists, publications, certificates, legal documents, and newspaper clippings related to Judge Bravo's life and Zapata County government. The papers contain materials on Bravo's education, family, professional career, social activities, friends, and associates, including Lyndon B. Johnson and Ralph Yarborough. The papers also contain materials on Zapata County's taxes, infrastructure, education, staffing, resources, legal issues, and government, as well as materials on local and state politics, including the 1948 Democratic primaries in Zapata County.

- Date range of collection: 1946 - 1971
- 5 linear feet
- Not available for research

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Box Number	Folder Title
1	1946 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
1	1947 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
1	1948 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
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1	1950 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
1	1951 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
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1	1955 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
1	1956 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
1	Paper and Carbon
1	Zapata – Guerrero Bridge
2	Starr Co Lands
2	In the Matter of the Estate of Mrs. Josefa Bravo Int. in Par. 46
2	Hidalgo Co
2	Ferguson Tractor & Delma Farm Lease Claim
2	¼ of 197.969 acres in Tract 52 Porcion 24 (minimal interest received
2	in sale of land)
2	Receipts: Contract Agreement with Border Construction Co.
2	Letters from J. E. Bravo
2	[No Folder Title] [Manual Box Bravo]
2	[No Folder Title] [Miscellaneous]
2	Letters: . Cuellar, May 18, 1938; A. T. Bustos, Sept. 10, 1952;
2	Zapata County Stationery
2	[Framed Certificate: Mencion de Socia Honorable...Josefa B. Bravo]
2	[Spanish]
2	Old Newspaper Clippings
2	[No Folder Title] [Josefa V. and Manual B. Bravo]
2	[No Folder Title] [Old Newspaper Clipping]
2	[No Folder Title] [Miscellaneous]
2	[No Folder Title] [Miscellaneous]
2	1962 Xmas Card List
2	Notary Public
3	Newspaper Articles
3	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Articles]
3	Zapata Co State Sales Tax Receipts (M. B. Bravo, Sr.)
3	Starr Co Tax Receipts
3	Removed: Zapata Co Falcon Dam Commr. Minutes
3	(Notes by M. B. Bravo, Co. Judge)
3	[No Folder Title] [Land Lease Information – Hidalgo and
3	Zapata Counties]
3	Partido Viejo Receipts, 1952
3	Miscellaneous
3	In[surance] Agent Lic[ensing] Questionnaire
3	Sam Rayburn – Death Newspaper Clip[ping]s
3	1972 Zapata Co Politics
4	M. B. Bravo Income Tax R[eturns]
4	Birth Certificates (Death and Birth)
4	Election Returns
4	[No Folder Title] [M. B. Bravo – Certificates]
4	1970 Income Tax Info
4	[?] Water Dist[ri]ct: Replacement of Irrig[ation] Land in
4	Falcon Lake Area
4	Share No. 4 Porcion 37 – 12 acres Zapata Co. Texas; Share No. 5
4	Porcion 37 – 6.04 acres Zapata Co Texas
4	US Taking Gravel Jr (?) (?) Land; H. Cuellar revert (?) on (?)

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Box Number	Folder Title
4	Por[cion] 36; Zapata Town (?) Lot Deeds in El Paso
4	Box Land Por[cion] 47 O & J Lease – Hidalgo Co
4	Texas Water Board Hearings, 1970-1971
4	[No Folder Title] [Grazing and Agricultural Lease in Zapata Co]
4	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings]
4	1969 Personal Mail
5	Beulah- September 1967
5	Death of Great Man – Lyndon B. Johnson
5	K[nights] of C[olombus] Life Insurance on M. B. Bravo, Sr.
5	Teacher Retirement Annuity start 7/1/62
5	F-413 Brown & Root, S. A.
5	1959 Venezuela (Brown & Root)
5	Republic Nat[ional] Life Insurance Co. (Ins[urance] “Memo Beneficiary”)
5	M. B. Bravo – PERSONAL
5	Prudential Life Ins[urance] Co. – Life Policy
6	Original Photo Collection
6	[1966] Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct. Min
6	Obituary & Alma Latina
6	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings]
6	Removed: [No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings]
6	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings]
6	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings and Misc. Documents]
6	Zapata Townsite Snaps
6	Legal Forms
6	[No Folder] [Estate of Rose A. Laurendeau]
6	Bravo, Bravo & Bravo
7	[No Folder Title] [Falcon]
7	Personal Mail
7	[No Folder Title] [Miscellaneous Documents]
7	[No Folder Title] [Miscellaneous Documents]
7	Removed: ? Zapata County – Falcon Dam History
7	J. B. W. C Chamizal Project Employment
7	Southdown, Inc.
7	1957 Zapata Co. Commissioners Ct Min
7	Falcon Dam
7	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings]
7	Copies of the Original Copies of the Minutes [August 1951]
7	Removed: Minutes of Meeting Held at Zapata Courthouse (October 17, 1951)
7	5-21 to 6-4-71 – 13 Parcels Determining Ownership of all joining owners &
7	Deliver notices; JBWC proposes sale
7	M. B. Bravo – International Boundary and Water Commission
7	10/6/1968 – Falcon Job & Chamizal Treaty
7	[Zapata County Meeting Minutes]
8	M. B. Bravo – Persona;
8	San Ignacio School
8	Falcon Dam
8	Personal Mail – Chamizal Clippings
9	Park Acreage Conveyed by J. B. W. C. to Zapata County
9	J. B. W. C. Employment Falcon, Moving Exp[enses], & Chamizal
9	[No Folder Title] [Miscellaneous Documents]
9	[No Folder Title] [Newspaper Clippings]
9	Royalty Deeds