

**Lester Gibson papers.**  
**Inclusive: 1947-2022, undated, Bulk: 1990-2005**  
**Baylor Collections of Political Materials, W. R. Poage Legislative Library**  
**Baylor University, Waco, Texas**

**Summary Information**

<b>Creator</b>	Gibson, Lester, 1949 - 2022
<b>Extent (quantity/size)</b>	42 document boxes and 2 oversized boxes.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Lester Gibson papers reflect Gibson's tenure as the McLennan County Commissioner of Precinct #2, a position he held from 1990 to 2018, as well as his advocacy for civil rights in Central Texas. The collection primarily consists of correspondence, reports, clippings, and meeting materials.

**Subjects**

African American Veterans. / African Americans -- Politics and government. / African Americans -- Texas -- Waco. / African-Americans -- Texas -- McLennan County. / Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) / Community development -- Texas -- Waco. / Correspondence. / County officials and employees -- Texas -- McLennan County. / Gibson, Lester L., 1949-2022. / Legal documents. / Minutes (Records) / Newspapers. / Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners. / Waco (Tex.) -- History -- 20th Century. / Waco (Tex.) -- History -- 21st Century. / Waco (Tex.) -- Race Relations. / Waco Independent School District (Tex.)

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Archivist's Notes: Some materials included in this collection date beyond Lester Gibson's retirement from public office in 2018. The collection was donated by Gibson's successor, McLennan County Commissioner Patricia Chisholm-Miller, therefore some materials relate to her time in office following the transition of power.

**Scope and Content**

The Lester Gibson papers date from 1947 to 2022, with the bulk of the materials reflecting his tenure as the McLennan County Commissioner for Precinct #2 (1990-2018). McLennan County's Precinct #2 is comprised of sections of downtown Waco, East Waco, and the Bellmead area with significant African American populations as well as rural areas east of Waco including Axtell, Mart, and

Riesel. Most of the collection pertains to Gibson's responsibilities in this role. Topics such as education, race relations, criminal justice, economic development, and basic county infrastructure (i.e. roads and bridges) feature prominently.

The collection has been arranged into four series based on relationships to events, organizations, individuals or subjects. Series II. Organizations is by far the largest series in the collection. Commissioner Gibson's involvement in the creation and administration of the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners as well as his service with the local chapter of United Way is evident. The collection also contains references to Waco and its history through materials on Waco Independent School District, the Branch Davidian siege, and Interstate 35.

During Gibson's 28-year tenure as a county commissioner, he interacted with several political leaders on the state and local level including US Representative Chet Edwards, Texas Representative Jim Dunnam, and Justice Bob Thomas. The materials vary throughout the collection and include Commissioner Court agendas and reports, correspondence, and legal documents, as well as Gibson's personal research on various issues.

The collection also contains several issues of the newspapers Gibson edited prior to his time as a county commissioner. Full and partial issues of *Grass Roots* can be found in Series IV. Subject Files within the physical collection. The family also loaned issues of *The Bottom Line* and *Grass Roots* that have been digitized by the Riley Digitization Center at Baylor University. These digital files are available on request. Please note neither the physical nor digital copies comprise a full run of either publication.

### **Administrative/Biographical History**

Lester Leon Gibson, the son of Olester and Blossie Marie Gibson, was born May 28, 1949, in Teague, Texas. The family moved to Waco where, in 1967, Gibson graduated from A.J. Moore High School. On December 24, 1969, Gibson married Coque Johnson with whom he had four children: Travis, Umoja, Izegbe, and Ajamu.

Gibson served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. Upon his return to Waco, he graduated from Baylor University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. During the late 1970s and 1980s, Gibson edited two newspapers, *The Bottom Line* and *Grass Roots*. The taglines of these newspapers – "Conscience of the Community" and "To educate the pure; And de-educate the contaminated" respectively – reflect Gibson's convictions and efforts to shed light on inequality in the Waco area.

In 1988, Gibson entered local politics, winning the city council seat for District #1 in Waco. In 1990, he was elected to the McLennan County Commissioners Court, representing Precinct #2. Gibson's election was significant – he was only the third African American to serve on the McLennan County Commissioners Court, the first since Reconstruction, and the first African American to be elected to the role.

Gibson served the people of McLennan County as commissioner for 28 years (1990-2018). During that time, Gibson focused much of his efforts on the area's youth, economic development, and issues of equity and inclusion. He co-founded the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, serving as president (1998-2001 and 2011-2013) as well as vice president (2001-2011). He also served on the board of the local United Way chapter from 1993 to 2000. Gibson was involved in a wide array of community service organizations including the local Little League, YMCA, and Habitat for Humanity.

On December 31, 2018, Commissioner Gibson retired as the longest-serving commissioner in county history. He died on June 17, 2022. In February 2023, the City of Waco honored Commissioner Gibson by renaming a section of Washington Avenue, from University Parks Drive to North 6th Street, as Lester Gibson Way.

### **Related Resources**

#### **Summary of related archive materials**

In addition to the issues and clippings from Gibson's newspaper, *Grass Roots*, which are available in the physical collection, there are also full and partial issues of *Grass Roots* and *The Bottom Line* that have been digitized at the Riley Digitization Center. These materials were loaned by the Gibson family for scanning and have been returned to the family. Please contact an archivist if interested in viewing these digital scans.

The Baylor Institute for Oral History website hosts an interview of Lester Gibson from July 7, 2008 in which Commissioner Gibson discusses the legacy of the Jesse Washington Lynching in Waco and Gibson's efforts to pass a county resolution denouncing lynching.

### **Related citations**

Aguayo, Anna Marcias. "Changing the Face of Politics". U Magazine, February 2004.

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KWTX. "McLennan County Commissioner Lester L. Gibson Passes Away." June 17, 2022.

### **Archival Arrangement**

The Lester Gibson papers arrived in two separate donations. The collection was originally housed in folders arranged in loose alphabetical order. The folder titles have been maintained whenever possible.

The collection is now organized into four series based on the topic of each folder: I. Events, II. Organizations, III. People, and IV. Subject Files. Within each series, the folders are organized alphabetically.

### **Series 1: Events. 1991-2009**

#### **Administrative/Biographical History**

Series I contains materials related to events organized or attended by Commissioner Lester Gibson from 1991 to 2009. There are several folders housing agendas, minutes, and reports from the McLennan County Commissioners Court. Gibson's involvement in the Business Opportunity Symposium Series (BOSS) also features prominently. The remainder of the series addresses various local events including luncheons, festivals, elections, and parades. The series is arranged alphabetically by title and is in excellent condition.

Box 1. Folder 1. Access 95 Trade Show, 1995

Box 1. Folder 2. Branch Davidian Siege, Aftermath and Clean-Up, 1993

Box 1. Folder 3. Business Opportunity Symposium Series, Conference Materials, 1998

Box 1. Folder 4. Business Opportunity Symposium Series, Program, 1997

Box 1. Folder 5. Business Opportunity Symposium Series, "Take the Bus to Boss XIV", 1999

Box 1. Folder 6. Business Opportunity Symposium Series, Texas Conference of Black Mayors/Boss X1 1998 Conference, Austin Convention Center, 1998

Box 1. Folder 7. Business Opportunity Symposium Series, Texas Conference of Black Mayors Annual Meeting, Draft Letter, 1998

Box 1. Folder 8. Commissioners Court, March 21 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 9. Commissioners Court, April 4 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 10. Commissioners Court, April 11 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 11. Commissioners Court, April 18 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 12. Commissioners Court, May 9 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 13. Commissioners Court, May 16 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 14. Commissioners Court, May 23 and May 30 Meetings, 2000

Box 1. Folder 15. Commissioners Court, June 27 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 16. Commissioners Court, July 18 Meeting, 2000

Box 1. Folder 17. Commissioners Court, September 5 Meeting, 2000

Box 2. Folder 1. Commissioners Court, September 12 Meeting, 2000

Box 2. Folder 2. Conference of Urban Counties Luncheon, 2000

Box 2. Folder 3. Culture Heritage Tour, "Let Us Dream Together", 2006

Box 2. Folder 4. Elections, 1992 General Election, 1992-1993

Box 2. Folder 5. Elections, 1996 Democratic Primary, 1996

Box 2. Folder 6. Elections, 2000 General Election, 1999-2001

Box 2. Folder 7. Elections, 2002 General Election (1 of 2), 2001-2003

Box 2. Folder 8. Elections, 2002 General Election (2 of 2), 2001-2003

Box 2. Folder 9. Elections, 2004 General Election, 2003-2005

Box 2. Folder 10. Elections, 2005 Constitutional Amendment Election, 2005

Box 2. Folder 11. Elections, 2006 General Election, 2005-2007

Box 2. Folder 12. "Energizing Texas", 87th Annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference, 2009 October 5-8

Box 2. Folder 13. Fred D. Batts Leadership Luncheon, 1997

Box 2. Folder 14. Harambee Festival, 1995-1997

Box 3. Folder 1. Kelly-Napier Justice Center Dedication, 2004-2005

Box 3. Folder 2. Legal Proceedings (1 of 2), 1992-2000

Box 3. Folder 3. Legal Proceedings (2 of 2), 1992-2000

- Box 3. Folder 4. Malcolm X Youth Summit, 1995
- Box 3. Folder 5. Martin Luther King, Jr. City of Waco Employee Luncheon, 2006
- Box 3. Folder 6. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations, 1991-1999
- Box 3. Folder 7. Million Man March, 1995
- Box 3. Folder 8. Minority Concerns Luncheon, 1998 September 25
- Box 3. Folder 9. Texas Association of Counties Post-Legislative Conference, 1993
- Box 3. Folder 10. Texas Democratic State-Wide African American Leadership Meeting, 2002
- Box 3. Folder 11. Texas Legislative Black Caucus Weekend Celebration, 1997 March
- Box 3. Folder 12. Veterans' Day Parade, 1991
- Box 3. Folder 13. Veterans' Day Parade, 1997
- Box 3. Folder 14. Walk to Cure Diabetes, 2000
- Box 3. Folder 15. Washington Update Breakfast, 2002

## **Series 2: Organizations. 1972-2022, undated**

### **Summary Information**

**Media** Photographic print; Video home system (VHS) tapes

### **Administrative/Biographical History**

Series II. Organizations is the largest series in the collection and consists of materials ranging from 1972 to 2022. It documents the organizations Commissioner Lester Gibson was involved with or gathered research on including local clubs, charities, schools, political organizations, and state and federal agencies. Gibson was one of the co-founders of the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, a group featured prominently in this series. Other organizations represented include the Waco Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Waco Housing Authority, and Waco Independent School District. The series is arranged alphabetically by folder title and is in excellent condition.

- Box 3. Folder 16. 4-H, 1996
- Box 3. Folder 17. 400 Accountable Men, undated
- Box 3. Folder 18. African American Legislative Summit, 2009
- Box 3. Folder 19. Armor Research Co., undated
- Box 3. Folder 20. Austin Eastside Story Foundation, 1996-1997
- Box 3. Folder 21. Building Healthy Families, 1995
- Box 3. Folder 22. Cameron Park Zoo (1 of 3), 1991-1995
- Box 3. Folder 23. Cameron Park Zoo (2 of 3), 1991-1995
- Box 4. Folder 1. Cameron Park Zoo (3 of 3), 1991-1995
- Box 4. Folder 2. Cemeteries, Cotton Gin Cemetery, 2002
- Box 4. Folder 3. Cemeteries, Evergreen Cemetery, 2002
- Box 4. Folder 4. Cemeteries, Greenwood Cemetery (1 of 2), 1992-2001
- Box 4. Folder 5. Cemeteries, Greenwood Cemetery (2 of 2), 1992-2001
- Box 4. Folder 6. Cemeteries, Harper Cemetery, 1992-2000
- Box 4. Folder 7. Cemeteries, McLennan County Cemeteries, 1997-2007
- Box 4. Folder 8. Center for Education Reform, General, 1996
- Box 4. Folder 9. Center for Education Reform, Monthly Letters to Friends, 1997-1999
- Box 4. Folder 10. City of El Cenizo, Texas, Predominant Language Ordinance, 2000 October 24
- Box 4. Folder 11. Commercial Life Insurance Company, 1990
- Box 4. Folder 12. Community Development Corporations (CDCs), 1995
- Box 4. Folder 13. Concerned Citizens Coalition of Waco and McLennan County, Proposal, "Comprehensive Approach to Fighting Crime and Related Problems", 1991
- Box 4. Folder 14. County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, General, 1997-2001
- Box 4. Folder 15. County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, 91st Annual Meeting, 2013 October
- Box 4. Folder 16. County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, "Texas County Progress", 2022
- Box 4. Folder 17. County Treasurer's Office, 1994-2003
- Box 4. Folder 18. Court Residential Treatment Center (CRTC), 1991
- Box 5. Folder 1. Dallas Roadway Products, 2000
- Box 5. Folder 2. Dean International, 1996
- Box 5. Folder 3. DEAR Unit, Drug Rehabilitation Center, 1994
- Box 5. Folder 4. Defense Economic Readjustment Zone (DERZ), 1998

- Box 5. Folder 5. Demanding Ethics, Responsibility, Accountability in Legislation, Inc. (DERAIL), 1994
- Box 5. Folder 6. Democratic National Committee, 1995-1998
- Box 5. Folder 7. Democratic Party (1 of 2), 1994-2001
- Box 5. Folder 8. Democratic Party (2 of 2), 1994-2001
- Box 5. Folder 9. Department of Justice (DOJ), 1995
- Box 5. Folder 10. Department of the Navy, 1996
- Box 5. Folder 11. Department of Transportation, Contracting with the United States, 1997 January
- Box 5. Folder 12. Department of Transportation, Supervisory Training Program, undated
- Box 5. Folder 13. Department of Veterans' Affairs, 1996
- Box 5. Folder 14. Dispute Resolution Center, Correspondence and Program Report, 1999
- Box 5. Folder 15. Dolar Video, 1995
- Box 5. Folder 16. Downtown Waco, Inc. (1 of 4), 1996-2002
- Box 6. Folder 1. Downtown Waco, Inc. (2 of 4), 1996-2002
- Box 6. Folder 2. Downtown Waco, Inc. (3 of 4), 1996-2002
- Box 6. Folder 3. Downtown Waco, Inc. (4 of 4), 1996-2002
- Box 6. Folder 4. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 2003
- Box 6. Folder 5. Drug Resistance Association of Waco, 1995
- Box 6. Folder 6. Eakin Press, 2000
- Box 6. Folder 7. East Riverside Neighborhood Association, Board Meeting, 1995
- Box 6. Folder 8. East Side Branch Library, Annual Black History Program, 1994
- Box 6. Folder 9. East Waco Lighted Neighborhood Commons (LiNC), 1996
- Box 6. Folder 10. East Waco Little League, 1995-2002
- Box 6. Folder 11. Entertech Project, undated
- Box 6. Folder 12. Falls County Recovery, 1991
- Box 6. Folder 13. Family Abusive Center, 1995
- Box 6. Folder 14. Family Practice Research, 1996
- Box 6. Folder 15. First National Bank of Central Texas, 1994
- Box 6. Folder 16. Fitzhugh and Company, 1996
- Box 6. Folder 17. Foundation Health, 1995
- Box 6. Folder 18. Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, Newsletters, "FOI Focus in Texas", 1996-2000
- Box 6. Folder 19. The Freeman Center, 1991-1992
- Box 6. Folder 20. Friends of Waco-McLennan County Library, Newsletters, "Among Friends", 1998-1999
- Box 6. Folder 21. G. L. Wiley Middle School, "Let Us Dream Together" Civil Rights Heritage Tour (1 of 2), 2005
- Box 6. Folder 22. G. L. Wiley Middle School, "Let Us Dream Together" Civil Rights Heritage Tour (2 of 2), 2005
- Box 6. Folder 23. Genco Federal Credit Union, 1995
- Box 7. Folder 1. General Tire (1 of 2), 1993-1994
- Box 7. Folder 2. General Tire (2 of 2), 1993-1994
- Box 7. Folder 3. Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church, Installation Service for O.B. Winkley Jr., 1991 February 24
- Box 7. Folder 4. Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, Newsletters, "The Chamber Communicator", 1997
- Box 7. Folder 5. Grigsby Brandford and Co., Inc., 1996
- Box 7. Folder 6. Gulfstar, 1997
- Box 7. Folder 7. Gunn and Morrison, 1991
- Box 7. Folder 8. Hall Communication Group, 1997
- Box 7. Folder 9. Hallsburg, Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, 2013-2018
- Box 7. Folder 10. Hambones Restaurant, 1996
- Box 7. Folder 11. Harris Methodist (1 of 2), 1998
- Box 7. Folder 12. Harris Methodist (2 of 2), 1998
- Box 7. Folder 13. Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo, Advertisement for Bids, 2000 May 23
- Box 7. Folder 14. Heart of Texas Council of Governments (1 of 4), 1992-2002
- Box 7. Folder 15. Heart of Texas Council of Governments (2 of 4), 1992-2002
- Box 7. Folder 16. Heart of Texas Council of Governments (3 of 4), 1992-2002
- Box 7. Folder 17. Heart of Texas Council of Governments (4 of 4), 1992-2002
- Box 8. Folder 1. Heart of Texas Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MHMR), 1992
- Box 8. Folder 2. Heart of Texas Workforce Center, 1994-2002
- Box 8. Folder 3. Hibbs-Hallmark and Co., 1997
- Box 8. Folder 4. Hillcrest Home Care, 1997

Box 8. Folder 5. Hinson Detection Service, 1996  
 Box 8. Folder 6. Historic Waco High Priest, 2003  
 Box 8. Folder 7. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) (1 of 2), 1997-2000  
 Box 8. Folder 8. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) (2 of 2), 1997-2000  
 Box 8. Folder 9. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 1996-1998  
 Box 8. Folder 10. City of Houston, 1996  
 Box 8. Folder 11. IBM Peat Marwick LLP, 1997  
 Box 8. Folder 12. "In the News", 1996  
 Box 8. Folder 13. Industrial Laminates Corporation, 1997  
 Box 8. Folder 14. Inner City Consultants, 1995  
 Box 8. Folder 15. Intersource, Inc., 1995  
 Box 8. Folder 16. Interstate 35 (I-35) Corridor Coalition (1 of 3), 1991-2002  
 Box 8. Folder 17. Interstate 35 (I-35) Corridor Coalition (2 of 3), 1991-2002  
 Box 8. Folder 18. Interstate 35 (I-35) Corridor Coalition (3 of 3), 1991-2002  
 Box 8. Folder 19. Jackson Securities, 1999  
 Box 8. Folder 20. James White Construction, 1996 September 10  
 Box 9. Folder 1. Johnson Controls (1 of 2), 2001-2006  
 Box 9. Folder 2. Johnson Controls (2 of 2), 2001-2006  
 Box 9. Folder 3. Junior League of Waco, 1995; 1999  
 Box 9. Folder 4. KDS Productions, 1990  
 Box 9. Folder 5. Keep Waco Beautiful, 2001  
 Box 9. Folder 6. Langerman Foster Engineering Company Geotechnical Pavement Investigation, 2015-2017  
 Box 9. Folder 7. Laura Kaye Gullick Inc Doing Business as Sonny's BYOB, 1994  
 Box 9. Folder 8. Law Enforcement Television Network, undated  
 Box 9. Folder 9. League of Women Voters, Newsletters, "Waco Area Voter", 1994-2001  
 Box 9. Folder 10. Linda Lewis Legal Defense Fund Committee, 1996-1998  
 Box 9. Folder 11. Liter Abatement Office, 1993-2004  
 Box 9. Folder 12. Little League Baseball, 1985-1995  
 Box 9. Folder 13. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) (1 of 3), 1999-2005  
 Box 9. Folder 14. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) (2 of 3), 1999-2005  
 Box 10. Folder 1. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) (3 of 3), 1999-2005  
 Box 10. Folder 2. Lonestar Pipeline Company, 1996-1997  
 Box 10. Folder 3. Luminant, Gas Turbine Application, 2016  
 Box 10. Folder 4. M&M Mars, 1996  
 Box 10. Folder 5. Madison-Cooper Airport, 1995  
 Box 10. Folder 6. Mart Athletic Complex, 2006  
 Box 10. Folder 7. McDonald and Malone, 1996  
 Box 10. Folder 8. McGregor, Oglesby, and Crawford Emergency Medical Service, 1996 May  
 Box 10. Folder 9. McKethan and Associates, Inc., 1997  
 Box 10. Folder 10. McLennan Community College, General, 1972-1997  
 Box 10. Folder 11. McLennan Community College, Upward Bound Program, 1992 January 19  
 Box 10. Folder 12. McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District, Budget, 2022  
 Box 10. Folder 13. McLennan County Challenge Academy (1 of 2), 1995-1997  
 Box 10. Folder 14. McLennan County Challenge Academy (2 of 2), 1995-1997  
 Box 10. Folder 15. McLennan County Child Protective Services, 1995  
 Box 10. Folder 16. McLennan County Clerk's Office, 2007  
 Box 10. Folder 17. McLennan County Commissioners Court, Travel Advisories, 2000  
 Box 10. Folder 18. McLennan County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, 1995  
 Box 10. Folder 19. McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center (1 of 2), 2000-2001  
 Box 10. Folder 20. McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center (2 of 2), 2000-2001  
 Box 11. Folder 1. McLennan County Fire Protection Association, General, 1992-1999  
 Box 11. Folder 2. McLennan County Fire Protection Association, Meeting Minutes, 1992 February - March  
 Box 11. Folder 3. McLennan County Industrial Development Authority, 1997  
 Box 11. Folder 4. McLennan County Jail, Control System (1 of 2), 1998-2000  
 Box 11. Folder 5. McLennan County Jail, Control System (2 of 2), 1998-2000  
 Box 11. Folder 6. McLennan County Justice Council, 1995

- Box 11. Folder 7. McLennan County Sheriff's Department (1 of 4), 1991-1998
- Box 11. Folder 8. McLennan County Sheriff's Department (2 of 4), 1991-1998
- Box 11. Folder 9. McLennan County Sheriff's Department (3 of 4), 1991-1998
- Box 11. Folder 10. McLennan County Sheriff's Department (4 of 4), 1991-1998
- Box 11. Folder 11. McLennan County Victim Services Focus Group, 2002
- Box 11. Folder 12. McLennan County Welfare, Monthly Report, 2000 February
- Box 11. Folder 13. Metro Waco Tourism Council, 1995
- Box 11. Folder 14. Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1997
- Box 11. Folder 15. Minority Opportunity News (MON), 1995-2001
- Box 12. Folder 1. Mission Waco, 1997
- Box 12. Folder 2. "The Moody Courier", 1995
- Box 12. Folder 3. Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1994
- Box 12. Folder 4. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1992-2003
- Box 12. Folder 5. National Alliance of Business, 1996
- Box 12. Folder 6. National Association of Black County Officials, Southern Regional Meeting, 1995
- Box 12. Folder 7. National Association of Counties, 1999-2002
- Box 12. Folder 8. National Institute for Community Empowerment (NICE), Paul Quinn Campus, 1998-1999
- Box 12. Folder 9. National Organization of Black County Officials, Newsletters, "County to County", 1997
- Box 12. Folder 10. National Organization of Black County Officials, USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Farm Census Information, 2008
- Box 12. Folder 11. National Partners in Homeownership, 1995-1997
- Box 12. Folder 12. National Rifle Association (NRA), 1996
- Box 12. Folder 13. National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Annual Black History Scholarship Banquet, 1998
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- Box 12. Folder 15. Nations Bank, 1995
- Box 12. Folder 16. Neighborhood Housing Service, 1991-1996
- Box 12. Folder 17. Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1993, undated
- Box 12. Folder 18. North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, General, 1993-1996
- Box 12. Folder 19. North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, Annual Conference, 2010
- Box 12. Folder 20. NORESCO, Energy Service Provider (1 of 3), 2007
- Box 13. Folder 1. NORESCO, Energy Service Provider (2 of 3), 2007
- Box 13. Folder 2. NORESCO, Energy Service Provider (3 of 3), 2007
- Box 13. Folder 3. NRG Texas, 2007
- Box 13. Folder 4. Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) (1 of 3), 1999-2002
- Box 13. Folder 5. Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) (2 of 3), 1999-2002
- Box 13. Folder 6. Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) (3 of 3), 1999-2002
- Box 13. Folder 7. Oscar DuCongé Park, 1997
- Box 13. Folder 8. Polansky's Body Shop, 1993
- Box 13. Folder 9. Prairie View A&M University, 1996
- Box 13. Folder 10. Prevention Projects for Youths, 2003
- Box 13. Folder 11. Public Responsibility Committee, Representative Appointment, 1991
- Box 13. Folder 12. Rapoport Foundation, 1995-2003
- Box 13. Folder 13. Riesel, Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, Tree Trimming Project, 2013-2018
- Box 13. Folder 14. River Park Apartment Homes, 2006
- Box 13. Folder 15. Schwaab Stamps, 1993
- Box 13. Folder 16. Skier's Paradise on Tradinghouse Lake, 1993
- Box 13. Folder 17. "Statement", Carole Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 1997-2000
- Box 13. Folder 18. Tejas Warehouse System, 1995
- Box 14. Folder 1. Texas Alltel, Inc., Merger, 1993
- Box 14. Folder 2. Texas Association of Black City Council Members, African American Leadership Roundtable, 1999
- Box 14. Folder 3. Texas Association of Counties (TAC), Legislative Newsletter, 1998-2000
- Box 14. Folder 4. Texas Association of Counties (TAC) News, 1997
- Box 14. Folder 5. Texas Community Development Program, Lincoln City, 1999
- Box 14. Folder 6. Texas Conference of Urban Counties, Luncheon, 2007 April
- Box 14. Folder 7. Texas Engineering Extension Service, Newsletters, "Lone Star Roads", 1997-1998
- Box 14. Folder 8. Texas Hall of Fame, 1996

- Box 14. Folder 9. Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center, Illicit Drug Education Program, VHS Tape, undated
- Box 14. Folder 10. Texas Legislative Black Caucus, Legislative Conference, 1999
- Box 14. Folder 11. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, General (1 of 3), 1996-2002
- Box 14. Folder 12. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, General (2 of 3), 1996-2002
- Box 14. Folder 13. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, General (3 of 3), 1996-2002
- Box 14. Folder 14. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Administrative Forms, 2010
- Box 15. Folder 1. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Annual Meeting, 2009
- Box 15. Folder 2. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Annual Minority Concerns Luncheon and Election of Officers, 1999
- Box 15. Folder 3. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Articles of Association, 1995-2005
- Box 15. Folder 4. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, By-Laws, 1991-1999
- Box 15. Folder 5. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Finances, 2006-2007
- Box 15. Folder 6. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, General Membership Meeting, 2000
- Box 15. Folder 7. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Membership Dues, 2009
- Box 15. Folder 8. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Membership Roster, 2009-2010
- Box 15. Folder 9. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Minority Concerns Luncheon, 87th Annual County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas Conference, 2009
- Box 15. Folder 10. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Minority Concerns Luncheon, Agendas and Minutes, 2005-2010
- Box 15. Folder 11. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Minority Concerns Luncheon, College Station, 2008
- Box 15. Folder 12. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Minority Concerns Luncheon, Waco, 2008
- Box 15. Folder 13. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Officers' Meeting, 1996
- Box 15. Folder 14. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Prairie View A&M, Education and Juvenile Delinquency, 1997
- Box 15. Folder 15. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Regions and Conferences, 2000
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- Box 15. Folder 17. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Website and Online Profiles Update, 2008-2009
- Box 15. Folder 18. Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Workday at Texas State Technical College, 1996
- Box 15. Folder 19. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 1991
- Box 15. Folder 20. Texas Public Policy Foundation, 1996
- Box 15. Folder 21. Texas Railroad Commission, 1993-1994
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