



The Wittliff Collections

Southwestern Writers Collection

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A Guide to the Maury Maverick Jr. Papers

1920s-2003

Collection 136

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Maury Maverick, Jr.
Title:	The Maury Maverick, Jr. Papers
Dates:	1920s-2003
Abstract:	Printed material, correspondences, photographs, scrapbooks, awards, personal files, 1920's to 2003, document the life and activities of Maury Maverick Jr. Organized into series for photographs, correspondences, biographical material, Israel, and written works by Maverick.
Identification:	Collection 136
Extent:	6 boxes, 3 feet 4 inches
Language:	English
Repository:	The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

Biographical Sketch

Maury Maverick Jr. (1921-2003) was a member of the prominent San Antonio Maverick family who traces their lineage back to the Texas Revolution. Throughout his life, Maverick worked as a lawyer, politician, and activist. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II after which he got his law degree. In 1950, following in his father's footsteps, he was elected as a Democrat to the Texas House of Representatives where he supported workers rights and civil rights. He also opposed the persecution of suspected communists during the Red Scare. However he left his political career in the 1960s and went to work for the American Civil Liberties Union where he represented civil rights activists, communists, and those opposing the Vietnam War. He left his legal career in 1980 and became a columnist for the *San Antonio Express News* where he continued to write in support of civil rights and worker's rights. He faced backlash later in his career from the Jewish community in Texas for his support of Palestine in the Palestinian and Israeli conflict. This collection mainly consists of documents from this time in his life forward. Maverick was also a supporter of Palestine during the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the 1990s. He stayed with the *San Antonio Express News* until his death in 2003. His last column was a condemnation of the Iraq War. He is remembered for his activism, and a San Antonio library was built in his honor. This collection contains various articles and writings commemorating his life and work.

Scope and Content Note

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Within the photographic series there are family photographs, photos of Maury Maverick Sr. with prominent political figures such as Lyndon Baines Johnson, military photographs, and photos from the life of Maury Maverick Jr.

The correspondences series consists of letters written to, about, and from Maverick.

The biographical material series is the largest series of works, consisting of scrapbooks, information on his death including funeral programs and newspaper articles, collected newspaper clippings, military papers, a personal account book, awards and certificates, collected items from travels such as a tote bag and a book, and published works written about Maury Maverick Jr.

Of note is the Israel series, which consists of newspaper clippings, letters, opinion pieces, and notes by and about Maverick and his advocacy for Palestine in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

This scope of this series is between 1992 and 1998.

The final series is a collection of much of the work published by Maury Maverick Jr. in the *San Antonio Express News* between the 1980's and 2003, as well as some personal research he used when writing pieces and working as a lawyer. Not present in the collection is his work and papers as a lawyer during the 1960's and 1970's nor his papers from when he was active in politics in between the 1940's and 1960's.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Open for research

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Acquisition Information

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Notes to Researchers

A series that has some particularly interesting information is the series on Israel. Most of the collection discusses Maury Maverick Jr. in a positive light, but his support for Palestine in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict drew much anger from the Jewish communities in Texas toward Maverick.

Another series that might be of interest is the correspondences series and photography series, both of which hold valuable information on the life and actions of both Maury Maverick Jr. and Maury Maverick Sr.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Photographs

Box	Folder
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1	1	Miscellaneous photographs, dates unknown
1	2	Maury Maverick Jr. with others, 1940s forward
1	3	Maury Maverick Sr., 1930s forward
1	4	Family, 1920s-2000s
1	5	Maury Maverick Jr., 1940s-2000s

Series II: Correspondences

Box	Folder
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1	6	Correspondences about Maverick, 1965- 2003
1	7	Correspondences from Maverick, 1974-1998
1	8	Correspondences to Maverick, 1959-2002

Series III: Biographic Material

Subseries One: *Scrapbooks*

Box	Folder
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2	1	Scrapbook, 1965
2	2	Scrapbook, 1937

Subseries Two: *Death*

2	3	Newspaper clippings, 2003
2	4	Photocopies of newspaper articles. 2003
2	5	Funeral programs. 2003
2	6	Printed articles and email about death, 2003

Subseries Three: *Military*

3	1	Military Papers, 1938-1995
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Subseries Four : Printed Materials

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| 3 | 2 | Newspaper clippings, dates unknown |
| 3 | 3 | Printed works sent to Maverick, dates varied |
| 3 | 4 | Copy of <i>Nucleus</i> magazine, 1994 |

Subseries Five : *Personal Files*

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| 3 | 5 | Personal files, dates unknown |
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Subseries Six : *Awards*

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| 3 | 6 | Professional Recognition Certificates, 1991 |
| 3 | 7 | Mayoral Appointment Award, 1987 |

Subseries Seven : *Publications About Maury Maverick, Jr.*

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| 4 | 1 | Published Works about Maury Maverick, Jr., 1962-2003 |
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Subseries Eight : *Artifacts*

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| 4 | 2 | Paper items: receipts, postcards |
| 4 | 3 | Book, tote bag, other items |

Series IV: Israel

Box Folder

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| 4 | 4 | Varying writings concerning Israel, 1992-1998 |
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Series VI: Writings by Maury Maverick, Jr.

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| 5 | 1 | Photocopies of Newspaper Articles, 1982-1995 |
| 5 | 2 | Photocopies of Newspaper Articles, 1996-2003 |
| 5 | 3 | Research, 1960s-1990s |
| 5 | 4 | Framed Newspaper Article, 1983 |
| 5 | 5 | Framed Newspaper Article, 1989 |
| 6 | 1 | Newspaper Articles, No Discernible Dates |
| 6 | 2 | Newspaper Articles, 1981-2003 |