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Guide to the Gary Cartwright Papers 1976-1999

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Biographical Notes

Gary Cartwright was born August 10, 1934 in Dallas, Texas, and raised in nearby Arlington. He received a B.A. in journalism and government from Texas Christian University in 1957. Cartwright reported the police beat for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* from 1956 until he was hired away in 1958 to the *Fort Worth Press*, where he joined Dan Jenkins and Bud Shrake in the sports department under legendary Texas sportswriter Blackie Sherrod. In 1960, Cartwright moved to the *Dallas Times Herald* as a sports reporter and in 1963 he joined the *Dallas Morning News* to write his own sports column. Cartwright's first book, a football novel entitled *The Hundred Yard War*, was published in 1967 at which point he left newspaper work to become a freelance writer. His work has appeared in *The Texas Observer*, *Esquire*, *Saturday Review*, *Rolling Stone* and *Texas Monthly*. Cartwright has been associated with *Texas Monthly* magazine since its inception in 1973. His articles range over various topics--crime, notable Texans, Texas culture, travel, sports and international travel. A collection of his *Texas Monthly* articles can be found in *Confessions of a Washed-up Sportswriter*. The true-crime books *Blood Will Tell* and *Dirty Dealing* began as articles for *Texas Monthly*. In 1988, Cartwright had a heart attack that required quintuple-bypass surgery. A suggestion by Governor Ann Richards to document changes in his life since the injury led to his latest book, *HeartWiseGuy*. Among the many honors Cartwright has received for his writing are the Texas Institute of Letters' Stanley Walker Award for Journalism for "The Endless Odyssey of Patrick Henry Polk" (*Texas Monthly*, May 1977) and the Press Club of Dallas Katie Award for Best Magazine News Story for "The Work of the Devil" (*Texas Monthly*, June 1989). Cartwright has written screenplays in collaboration with Edwin (Bud) Shrake, including *J W. Coop* (1972) and *Another Pair of Aces* (CBS-TV, 1990).

Cartwright passed away on February 22, 2017.

Scope and Contents

The Gary Cartwright papers date from 1981 to 2000 and are organized into five series: 1.) Books, 2.) Plays, screenplays, and song lyrics, 3.) Articles, 4.) Correspondence, and 5.) Clippings. Included are handwritten notes, clippings, tear sheets, brochures, a cassette tape, drafts and galley proofs. The material describes the research and editing involved in Cartwright's writing process.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Source of Acquisition

Gifts of Gary and Phyllis Cartwright since 1989.

Physical Location

Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use: .
<https://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu/research/makearesearchappointment.html>.

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Related Materials

See also Accession Numbers 88-052 and 90-071 for photographs of the author taken by Bill Wittliff.

Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, American -- Texas -- 20th century
- Galveston (Tex.) -- History
- Gonzo journalism

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Books, 1988-1999, undated

Galveston, a History of the Island, 1988-1991, undated

Box	Folder	
1	1-3	Handwritten notes
1	4	<i>The Saccarappa</i> , Galveston Historical Foundation Newsletter
1	5	Empire Life Involuntary Petition
1	6	Moody
1	7	Open Beaches
1	8-10	Galveston Mardi Gras & General
1	11	Barrier Islands
1	12	Karankawas & Cabeza de Vaca
2	1	Lafitte (Jean)
2	2	Republic of Texas
2	3	Civil War
2	4-5	Cuney & Blacks
2	6-7	Gilded Age (1860-1900)
2	8	Seawall/Grade Raising
2	9	Rabbi Cohen/Galveston Movement
3	1	1880-1890
3	2	1880-1890--Albert Lasker/Jack Johnson
3	3	1900 Hurricane and lesser blows
3	4	After 1900
3	5	Moody, Kempner, Sealy
3	6	Partners in Progress & Sociological Studies
3	7	Gambling, Whoring, 1920s-1957
3	8	Kempners
4	1-4	Moodys 1860-1960
4	5	Blacks
4	6	Moodys, 1980s
4	7	Interviews & Name
4	8	Gaido & other interviews
4	9	GHF Galveston Historical Foundation
14	3-5	Annotated typescript

HeartWiseGuy, 1988-1999, undated

8	1	Aging
8	2	Alternatives
8	3	American Heart Association
8	4	Anti-Aging Therapies
8	5	Anti-Oxidants
8	6	Attitude / Spiritual
8	7	Diet and Nutrition
9	1	Dr. Blevins
9	2	Dr. Charles Wilkins
9	3	Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking
9	4	Exercise
9	5	Health / Medical
9	6	Herbs / Medicinal
9	7	Hypertension, diabetes, osteoporosis, impotence...
9	8	Love / Sex
9	9	Miscellaneous Clippings
9	10	Pacemaker
9	11	Research
9	12	Sex (Dr. Kaufman)
9	13	Correspondence with Larry McMurtry

Drafts

10	1	Typescript with Dr. Blevins' edits
10	2-3	Annotated typescript
10	4-5	Page proofs

Blood Will Tell, undated

11	1	Correspondence
11	2	Clippings

Black Pearls / Dark Pearls (unpublished), undated

11	3-4	Annotated Typescript
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Series II: Plays, Screenplays, and Song Lyrics, 1981-1991, undated

Works by Cartwright

4	10-11	Pancho Villa's Wedding Day
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5	1	Script
14	6	Script
14	7	Draft
14	8	Shooting schedule
15	1	Clippings
5	2	Songs

Works of Others (Based on or Inspired by Cartwright's Work)

15	2	"Another Pair of Aces" by Rob Gilmer (2 typescripts)
15	3	"Santos and Santos" by Octavio Solis

Series III: Articles, 1985-1999

Texas Monthly Articles, 1985-1989

5	3	H. R. Bum Bright, <i>Austin American Statesman</i> . Port galley proof, July 7, 1985
5	4	The Last Roundup, February 1985
5	5	An Aggie's Revenge, August 1985
5	6	The Final Gun, September 1985
5	7	Hugh Roy Cullen's Last Hurrah, January 1986
5	8	Range Warrior, January 1986
5	9	The Snootiest Neighborhood in Texas, June 1986
5	10	Touch Me, Feel Me, Heal Me, December 1986
5	11	Total Hit, January 1987
5	12-14	Cops (Total Hit), January 1987
6	1-6	Cops (Total Hit), January 1987
6	7	Lifestyles, Home Ain't Where My Heart Is, March 1987
6	8	The Longest Ride of His Life, May 1987
6	9	Texas Primer: Clint Murchison, Jr., June 1987
7	1	The Sleaziest Man in Texas, August 1987
7	2	I, Piscivore, September 1987
7	3	Paradise Lost, October 1987
7	4	Everyone a Victim, November 1987
7	5	An Old Five and Dimer, February 1988
7	6	Newspapers (unpublished)
7	7	Search and Destroy, March 1989
7	8	Poisoned with Love, May 1989
7	9	The Work of the Devil, June 1989

7	10	How George Foreman Finally Beat Muhammed Ali, October 1989
7	11	Old Salts and Ancient Mariners, October 1989
7	12	Mean (unpublished)

Articles, General, 1992-1999

11	5	Dawson, George, December 1998
11	6	Diary of a Minor Mogul, June 1996
11	7	Golfsmith / Karl Paul, 1997
11	8	Marsh, Stanley, March 1978
12	1	Masters Tickets, February 1998
12	2	McDuff, Kenneth, August 1992
12	3-4	Mexican Road Race, 1999
12	5	Moscow / National Geographic, 1999
13	1-6	Moscow / National Geographic, 1999
13	7	Old Five and Dimer
13	8	The Query, 1995-1998
13	9	Red Rock, December 1999
13	10	TCU Press / Galveston notes / One Last Shot , 1993, 1998
14	1	Thornton, Peter, March 1999
14	2	Wall Street Journal / The Final Four, 1997-1998

Series IV: Correspondence, 1977-1998

15	4	A
15	5	Adams, Randall Dale
15	6	Atheneum
15	7	B
15	8	Broyles, William
15	9	C
15	10	Cartwright, Marge
15	11	Cartwright, Shea
15	12	Chagra, Vivian
15	13	Cinco Puntos Press, April 1998
15	14	Covert, Jean
15	15	Crowder, A. Don
15	16	Donovan, C.
15	17	Dorman, Michael
15	18	Emert, V.
15	19	Forbes Magazine
15	20	Francis, Kevin

15	21	Glick, Allen
15	22	Green, Carl H.
15	23	Greene, A. C.
15	24	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (Publishers)
15	25	Harrigan, Stephen
15	26	Haessler, George
15	27	ICM
15	28	Jensen
15	29	Jones, Bea
15	30	Kemper, William Priest
15	31	Kessler, Denise
16	1	L
16	2	M
16	3	Marsh, Stanley

Series V: Martin, Bill

16	4	Martin, Bill
16	5	Mellett, Tom
16	6	Mays, Prissy
16	7	Mohler, Pat
16	8	P
16	9	Playboy Magazine
16	10	Progress Publishers
16	11	R
16	12	"Red, Ida"
16	13	Richards, Ann
16	14	Rinehart, John Paul
16	15	Rolling Stone Magazine
16	16	S
16	17	Sherrick, Lew
16	18	Shrake, Bud
16	19	Steinberg, Jo-Ann
16	20	Stephenson, (Tom?)
16	21	Texas Institute of Letters
16	22	Texas Monthly
16	23	Texas Monthly Press
16	24	Thompson, Leslie, 1998
16	25	Universal Life Church
16	26	University of Texas at Arlington
16	27	W
16	28	Walk of the Stars

16	29	Weatherholt, Monty
16	30	Williams, Harold R.
16	31	Wyatt, Wyatt
16	32	Wyoming, Leo
16	33	No last name

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