



# The Wittliff Collections

## Guide to the Nancy Coplin Accessions 1980-2020

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### Descriptive Summary

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## **Biographical / Historical**

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## Scope and Contents

Her archives are divided into 21 series, with Boxes 1 and 2 holding Series 1-20 and Series 21 contained in Box 3. The individual series are: 1) "Awards, Certificates"; 2) "Photos"; 3) "Letters and Cards to Nancy" (including signed letters and thank-you cards from Lady Bird Johnson and Ann Richards); 4) "Letters of Recommendation" (including one from Bill Wittliff); 5) "Austin Music Commission Papers"; 6) "Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) Papers"; 7) "ABIA Performance Contracts"; 8) "Hire an Austin Musician Campaign"; 9) Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial Papers"; 10) "Nancy's Restaurant" (a collection of letters, press, and menus from Joplin's restaurant venture, "Tizzy and Lizzy's Johnson City Cafe"); 11) "Unsorted Other Papers (Personal and Work-Related)"; 12) "Press Clippings"; 13) "City of Austin Publications"; 14) "Event Programs" (including booklets from numerous Texas Heritage Songwriter's Association Hall of Fame ceremonies, Austin City Limits tapings, and Delbert McClinton's annual Sandy Beaches Cruise); 15) "Artist/Event Promo, Press Sheets, Flyers, Etc."; 16) "Austin Chronicle Issues"; 17) "Lanyards and Passes"; 18) "Cardboard Fans"; 19) "Calendars"; 20) "Posters"; and 21) "Over-sized and Odd-sized Books, Plaques, and Awards," including a gold-colored trophy from the 2020 Austin Music Awards for Coplin's induction into the Music Industry Hall of Fame.

# **Administrative Information**

## **Physical Location**

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

## **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research.

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Nancy Coplin, 2022.

## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

- Austin (Tex.)
- Music -- Texas -- Austin

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Accession 2022-062

Box	Folder	
3864	1	City of Austin Distinguished Service Award - Nancy Coplin, signed by Mayor Lee Leffingwell, December 12, 2013
3864	1	Experience Local Award - Nancy Coplin, July 30, 2013
3864	1	Proclamation from Austin Mayor Will Wynn (signed) declaring March 29, 2008 as "Nancy Coplin Day", March 27, 2008
3864	1	Proclamation from City of Austin declaring Oct. 7, 2011 as "DNC/ABIA's 5,000th Music Performance Day," signed by Austin mayor Lee Leffingwell, October 6, 2011
3864	1	Proclamation from the Senate of the State of Texas commemorating Nancy Coplin on her 60th birthday, signed by Texas senator Chris Watson, [2008]
3864	1	Proclamation from City of Austin declaring Aug. 29, 2011 as the 20th anniversary of Austin adopting the monicker "Live Music Capital of the World," signed by Austin mayor Leff Leffingwell, August 25, 2011
3864	1	City of Austin Distinguished Service Award - Nancy Coplin, signed by Mayor Lee Leffingwell, December 28, 2013
3864	1	Letter from Texas House Representative Lloyd Doggett celebrating the 10,000th live performance at the Austin Bergstrom International Airport, December 6, 2016
3864	1	Certificate: Nancy "Badass" Colin RFL - Roadie for Life," from the roadie.net community, undated
3864	1	Certificate of Appreciation/City of Austin Department of Aviation Internal Audit Division presented to Nancy Coplin, August 31, 2010
3864	1	Austin Music Award for Best Local TV Show Winner, "What's the Cover?," AMN (Austin Music Network), 1999-2000
3864	1	City of Austin High Flyer Award 4th Quarter, 2001
3864	1	Music Industry Hall of Fame - Nancy Coplin (w/ winner's envelope), undated
3864	1	U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2011 Partnership Award - Nancy Coplin, February 23, 2011
3864	1	Music Umbrella of Austin - Certificate of Lyrical Achievement - Nancy Coplin, August 21, 1987
3864	1	National Multiple Sclerosis Society Certificate of Appreciation - Nancy Coplin, August 9, 1987
3864	1	City of Austin Certificate of Appreciation to Nancy Coplin for 10 years of Dedication & Duty, October 24, 2009
3864	2	Envelope w/ 4 4x6 color prints of Tizzy & Lizzy's Johnson City Cafe (Nancy Coplin's restaurant venture), 1995
3864	2	Envelope w/ 13 color prints (3x4) taken at Austin Bergstrom Airport with artists including Joe Ely, Bobbie Nelson, and Champ & Warren Hood; + photo of Nancy and Derek Obrienat The Beat Goes On Blood Drive, undated
3864	2	Envelope w/ 3 postcard prints of Walter Hyatt's Guitar at the Austin-Bergstrom airport, 1999

- 3864 2 3x4 color photo of the Texana Dames (Connie Hancock, Tracy Lamar, Charlene Hancock), November 1998
- 3864 2 4x6 B&W photo of Nancy Coplin with Casey Monahan (former director of Texas Music Office), Liz Carpenter, Kathy Bonner, and mayor Lee Cooke, taken at Austin Convention and Visitor Bureau event for National Tourism Week, May 7, 1991
- 3864 2 5x7 color photo of Nancy Coplin with Analie Harrison and James Hunter (British artist), autographed by James; taken on a Delbert McClinton cruise, undated
- 3864 2 Signed 8x10 photo of Levelle White: "To Nancy Coplin with Love from Levelle", undated
- 3864 2 Signed 8x10 publicity photo of James Cotton, undated
- 3864 2 5x7 color photo of Nancy Coplin with Marcia Ball, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Carol Thompson (president of the Great Austin Chamber of Commerce and on the Federal Reserve Board), Butch Hancock, and Terry Lickona (Austin City Limits), undated
- 3864 2 5x7 color photo of Nancy Coplin with Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock and Carol Thompson (president of the Great Austin Chamber of Commerce and on the Federal Reserve Board), undated
- 3864 2 2 different color postcards (blank on back) "Fiery Vigil for Stevie Ray Vaughan at Zilker Park, Austin, TX, Photo by Terry Raines, August 27, 1990
- 3864 2 Color photo print out (on paper) of Nancy Coplin and Lisa Loeb, October 17, 2003
- 3864 2 Signed Lisa Loeb postcard: "Dear Nancy thank you for being such a good friend - heart Lisa", undated
- 3864 2 Photo of Nancy Coplin & man (unknown) from Delbert McClinton's Sandy Beaches Cruise VII, signed by several artists, undated
- 3864 2 Photo of Nancy Coplin w/ Lisa Loeb, Dweezil Zappa, Abbra Moore, presented to her by Interfaith Care Alliance, undated
- 3864 2 Thank You from the Girls' School of Austin (w/ Nancy Coplin, Marcia Ball, Kelly Willis, Sara Hickman, Martie Maguire from Dixie Chicks), May 6, 2007
- 3864 2 Sandy Beaches Cruise photo with Nancy Coplin, Shelly King, & music producer Tom Hambridge, January 16, 2015
- 3864 2 2 B&W photos of Nancy Coplin with (ID'd on back) Gwen Irwin, Carol Gerherman, and Linda Strickland ; Note attached on Dallas Times Herald stationary reads "Hope you said bunches of things & made tons of money. - Maggie.", [1970] undated
- 3864 2 undated but circa early '70s, [1970]
- 3864 2 Envelope containing color 8x10 photo prints of vintage movie posters, plus photo of South Austin Music store at sunset; note on envelope: "Nancy - Merry Christmas / Happy Hanukah '06", December 2006
- 3864 3 Matted 4x6 color photo of Jimmie Vaughan, Clifford Antone, & Stevie Ray Vaughan, undated
- 3864 3 Matted color photo of Uncle Walt's Band (live), undated
- 3864 3 Matted color photo of Flaco Jimenez (live), undated
- 3864 3 Matted B&W photo (portrait) of Ruben Ramos, undated
- 3864 4 Letters & Cards to Nancy, includes signed letters and thank you cards from Lady Bird Johnson, Ann Richards & many more, undated
- 3864 5 Letters of Recommendation. Various letters of recommendation for Nancy Coplin, including one from Bill Wittliff, undated
- 3864 6 Austin Music Commission Papers. Paperwork & letters regarding Nancy's position on the Austin Music Commission, undated
- 3864 7 Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) material. Press releases, Manilla envelope (w/ notes & phone numbers) containing paperwork, planning & music

		entertainment contracts relating to the opening of the Austin Bergstrom International Airport, April 1999
3864	8	Three Austin-Bergstrom International Airport performance contracts for Gary Clark Jr, November 22, 2002, March 13, 2003, and March 16, 2004
3864	8	Austin-Bergstrom International Airport performance contract for Randy Rogers Band, May 22, 2002
3864	9	Hire an Austin Musician Campaign. Paperwork, planning & promotional materials related to "Hire an Austin Musician" campaign, 1990
3864	10	Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial material. Paperwork & planning related to the Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony, April 12, 1991
3864	11	"Nancy's Restaurant," Collection of personal letters, press, and menus from Nancy Coplin's restaurant venture, "Tizzy & Lizzy's Johnson City Cafe", undated
3864	12	Nancy Coplin Activities and Accomplishments (2 loose pages), undated
3864	12	"Some Things My Parents Taught Me and the Others I Learned Along the Way" (2 loose pages, essay/column, undated
3864	12	Contract for the sale of land ("Lot 16, Block D of Emerald Forest Section Five, Travis County") from Nancy Coplin got City of Austin, April 17, 2000
3864	12	Nancy Coplin's letter of resignation to the Austin-Travis County Livestock Show & Rodeo Board (2 loose pages), February 25, 1992
3864	12	Stage & speech notes (including set times) for different events including 1991 Texas post-inaugural ball, 1991, undated
3864	12	Armadillo Christmas Bazaar Vendor List, undated
3864	12	2 faxes of Austin City Council resolution to designate Austin "Live Music Capital of the World", undated
3864	12	City Manager Report to the City Council: Proposed Minority Business Enterprise Ordinance, February 3, 1987
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3864	12	Celebrity Waiters Charity Auction letter (on red paper), 1988
3864	12	Copy of letter from Gov. Ann Richards to Nancy's parents, Frank & Sally Weiss, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, January 23, 1992
3864	13-17	Press Clippings (5 folders), Magazine, newspaper, and printed internet news clippings about or mentioning Nancy Coplin and programs she worked on, undated
3864	18	Austin Insider Guide, 2013-2014
3864	18	Austin Yearbook & Directory, 2000
3864	18	Austin-Bergstrom Airport Annual Sustainability Report, 2013
3864	18	Austin-Bergstrom Airport Annual Sustainability Report, 2012
3864	18	HAAM 2007 Annual Report, 2007
3864	19	Texas Heritage Songwriter's Assoc. Hall of Fame event programs, 2016, 2018, 2019
3864	20	Austin City Limits Programs; plus program for KLRU All-Star Celebration, and ACL Taping programs for Dr. John (2), Patty Griffin (2), Band of Heathens, and Gary Clark Jr. (2), May 16, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018
3864	21	Delbert McClinton Sandy Beaches Cruise, 4 "artist handbook" programs from annual Delbert McClinton music cruise, with artist autographs, undated
3864	22	Kerrville Folk Festival 20th Anniversary Songbook 1972-1991 Volume One, 1991
3864	22	Threadgill's World Headquarters Auction Program, December 8, 2018
3864	22	35th Blues Music Awards Program (w/ plastic Blues Foundation license plate), May 8, 2014

3864	22	1996 Governor's Award Tribute Dinner Program (Lyle Lovett cover), October 22, 1996
3864	22	1998 Governor's Award Tribute Dinner Program (Little Joe cover), January 26, 1998
3864	22	32nd Annual Chicago Blues Festival Program, June 12-14, 2015
3864	22	NAIRD Program, 1992
3864	22	Folder - Texas Inaugural Ball events, January 1991
3864	23	Assorted programs for events, conferences, & memorials (including Clifford Antone), undated
3864	24	Artist/Event Promo, press sheets, flyers, etc., various assortment of artist bios, show flyers, & bumper stickers, undated
3865	1	2 copies of Austin Chronicle Nov. 26, 1999: Doug Sahm memorial issue, November 26, 1999
3865	1	Austin American Statesman XLent, Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 1999: Doug Sahm memorial, November 25, 1999
3865	2	Austin Chronicle: Austin traffic, June 27, 2014
3865	2	Austin Chronicle: Austin Music Awards, March 6, 2020
3865	2	Austin Chronicle: Clifford Antone memorial issue, May 26, 2006
3865	3	Austin Chronicle: Austin Music History Part One - The Sixties, March 12, 1993
3865	3	Austin Chronicle: Printmaker Sam Coronado, December 25, 1998
3865	3	Austin American Statesman XLent: Armadillo World Headquarters, September 1, 1994
3865	4	The Jungle Show (Antone's, Dec 27-28), undated
3865	4	The The Jungle Show (Dec. 27), undated
3865	4	The The Jungle Show (Dec. 29) (no lanyard), undated
3865	4	Edmonton Blues Festival, 2016
3865	4	Ian McLagan Memorial , Ian McLagan Memorial , Ian McLagan Memorial, 2014
3865	4	Marcia Ball's 70th Birthday (Antone's March 29-31), undated
3865	4	Austin Airport Congratulations on 10,000 Live Shows VIP, undated
3865	4	Ray Benson's 67th Birthday Bash + Asleep at the Wheel All Access, March 13, 2018
3865	4	SXSW Music, 2016, 2017, 2019
3865	4	Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (Pearl Society) (no lanyard), undated
3865	4	Red wristband for Marcia Ball's Birthday Bash, March 30, 2019
3865	5	Cardboard Fan: "I'm a Clifford Antone Fan;" 2 "I'm a HAAM Fan!" (Health Alliance for Austin Musicians), 4 Court Yard Hounds SXSW (Martie Maguire & Emily Robison of the Dixie Chicks), undated
3865	6	Calendars: Images of Austin - Bars, Pubs and Dance Halls (Mary Doerr's Limited Edition Calendar Volume III, 2001), Saxon Pub 2007 (Paula Nelson and Willie Nelson photo by Winker), undated
3865	7	"Home Cooking' for the Holidays" Livestream Event, November 27, 2020
3865	7	"Congratulations to Ian McLagan (of Faces and Small Faces) for His Induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame", undated
3865	7	"Saint Margaret: Our Lady of Perpetual Backstage Passes" by Dayna Louise Blackwell (Tribute to Margaret Moser), undated
3865	7	5 copies of Susan Gibson - Live @ Bergstrom Airport Thu. May 23, undated
3865	7	C-Boy's Heart & Soul: Paul Oscher & Miss Pamela Allen, undated

3865	7	Ray Benson (98.1 KVET “Saluting a Genuine Texas Original ... Happy Birthday Ray!”), undated
3865	7	Luckenbach Texas (Calendar March-June including Dead Crickets, Jerry Jeff Walker Birthday Bash, Tish Hinojosa & more), undated
3865	7	“Open Mic Tonite” painting of woman holding guitar case against Texas flag mural w/ airplane overhead, undated
3865	7	Lavelle White (Autographed on back, but not by Lavelle: “Happy Mother’s Day Ms. Lavelle, Love Always ...”, May 12, 2019
3865	7	Fred Eaglesmith: Big Ass Garage Sale <a href="http://www.fredeaglesmith.com">www.fredeaglesmith.com</a> (Autographed on back by 28 artists from a Delbert McClinton Sandy Beaches Cruise), undated
3865	7	2 Slaid Cleaves - Broke Down (Philo Records promo poster), undated
3865	7	2 S.O.S. Save Our Springs Coalition Earth Day Concert: Eric Johnson, Will Sexton, David Garza, Laurie Freeloove, Iain Matthews, Michael Fracasso and others, undated
3865	7	The Beat Goes On Blood Drive w/ Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Esther’s Follies, Therapy Sisters, Austin Lounge Lizards and more (Antone’s), July 7, 1990
3865	7	10 copies of flyer for 2nd Annual Tribute to Women in Music (6th Street Live), November 14, 1988
3865	7	Festival International de Louisiana (Lafayette, LA, April 25-29, 2007), April 25, 2007
3865	8	The Last Great Game of the SWC: Texas A&M vs U.T. Kyle Field, December 2, 1995
3865	8	Boxing: The Brawl in the Music Hall VI (Austin Music Hall), undated
3865	8	Uncle Walt’s Band (blue), undated
3865	8	Uncle Walt's Band (album cover), undated
3865	8	Uncle Walt's Band (Track list from album), undated
3865	8	Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, Pearl Society (Exclusive 2020 Collectors Series): Robert Ellis, Virtual Event, June 24, 2020
3865	8	Gibson Foundation Austin GuitarTown Auction/Gala, undated
3865	8	Stargazing: A Constellation of Austin Music - SIMS Foundation’s 20th Annual Star Party, KLRU Studio 6A, December 5, 2015
3865	8	Jimmie Dale Gilmore & Butch Hancock 2013 Swan Songs Serenade (Autographed by both), October 30, 2013
3865	8	Nobelity (Turk Pipkin Film Screening/Reception at the Paramount), undated
3865	8	The Jan Reid Rescue Concert, La Zona Rosa (Ana Egge, Kinky Friedman, Tish Hinojosa, Jimmy LaFave, Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis, KR Wood’s Fathers of Texas, more, undated
3865	8	C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band, undated
3865	8	Jerry Jeff Walker’s Luckenbach Laborfest, undated
3865	8	John Neilson - “Tomorrow Comes the Spring” CD Release @ Strange Brew, February 6, 2015
3865	8	Paul Oscher @ Luna (San Antonio), undated
3865	8	"I Want You to Hire an Austin Musician" (Willie Nelson as Uncle Sam), undated
3865	8	26th Annual Ladies’s State Chili Championship, Luckenbach, Texas, undated
3865	8	Willie Nelson’s 4th of July Pic-pic, Luckenbach, July 4, 1998
3865	8	Willie Nelson’s Annual 4th of July Picnic, Luckenbach, undated
3865	8	In the Name of the Dame: A Concert for Traci Lamar Hancock w/ The Flatlanders, Marcia Ball, Band of Heathens, Monte Warden (Antone’s), January 22, 2012
3865	8	SXSW Music Festival 2020 TuneGo Showcase w/ Wendy Colonna, Leone, Shelley

		King, Sheridan Reed, Leah Alonso and Western Youth (Saxon Pub), undated
3865	8	TuneGo Irish Invasion w/Pat Byrne & Andrea Magee (Saxon Pub), undated
3865	8	Blue Monday Happy Hour @ Nancy Coplin's Retirement Party! (Antone's), undated
3865	8	The Hackberry Ramblers (Flying Fish Records), undated
3865	8	Jimmy LaFave - Blue Nightfall (Red House Records), undated
3865	8	Ray Wylie Hubbard - Snake Farm (Sustain/Universal), undated
3865	8	Sunny Sweeney - Provoked, August 5, 2014
3865	8	Tim McCoy 50th Birthday w/ Rusty Wier, July 27, 2002
3866		Green framed commendation from Armadillo Christmas Bazaar Producers, December 10, 2015
3866		Framed photo of Nancy Coplin & 4 others (unknown): Southwest Airlines Lone Star Bergstrom Salute, May 22, 1999
3866		Engraved wood "Department of Aviation High Flyer Award" for Nancy Coplin, 4th quarter of 2001, 2001
3866		Medallion on blue ribbon: "Austin Texas, Live Music Capital of the World" 20th Anniversary '91-'11, 2011
3866		Gold-colored trophy: Austin Music Industry Awards 2020: Music Industry Hall of Fame - Nancy Coplin (bust of man w/ cowboy hat), 2020
3866		Salmon-colored photo album w/ press clippings, undated
3866		Blue binder with press clippings, undated