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Descriptive Summary

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Quantity: 2 boxes (1.5 linear feet)
Identification: 99-001 Billy Glenn Thompson Collection
Repository: The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum

Biographical Sketch

Billy Glenn Thompson

A native Texas, Thompson lived in McKinney during his youth and continued his academic achievements at Austin College, the University of Houston and Upper Iowa University. He worked with newspapers in McKinney, Paris, Galveston and Houston. He proudly served his country during World War II and the Korean Conflict and wrote for *Stars and Stripes*. He served the Army Reserve, retiring in 1978 as a lieutenant colonel. A journalist for 42 years who reported the advancements and temporary "set backs" of the petroleum industry, he was the first public information director of the Railroad Commission of Texas, from 1975 to 1981. From 1984 to 1998, he edited the Texas Energy Week, keeping Texas and the Southwest current with significant and relevant energy news. Although Thompson died at his home in Austin, he is buried in Houston's National Cemetery.

Restrictions

Restrictions regarding access

Library and Archive materials must be used in the library reading room. Prior appointment is preferred but not absolutely necessary.

Open for Research - * Some Collections will be restricted*

No materials within the collection are to be withheld from researchers.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Initial Citation:

Billy Glenn Thompson Collection, The Petroleum Museum Archives and Library Center, 1500 Interstate 20 West, Midland Texas 79701.

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Provenance:

Given by Estate of Billy G Thompson, 1999.

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Note:

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Additional Sources

The Handbook of Texas Online, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/index.html>

Add any books or internet resources you think important. Try to aid the process of doing research.

Collection Inventory

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• **Folder: Periodicals and Other Publications (A)**

- Periodical: *American Scene – The History Magazine with a Purpose*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 1963, “Gilcrease Museum Dedication Issue,” published by the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Souvenir Brochure: *Confluence, U.S.A.*, United States Department of Commerce, United States Pavilion, Hemisfair '68, San Antonio, Texas, April 6 to October 6, 1968
- Periodical: *Energy Perspectives*, Vol. 1, No. 4, February 1974, includes “Statement of Jim C. Langdon, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas – Prepared for Delivery to the Commerce Committee, United States Senate”, published by H.J. Gruy and Associates, Inc. and Gruy Management Service Co.
- Periodical: *Petroleum Dispatch – Official Publication of the Society of Petroleum Old Timers*, Vol. 4, No. 1, January 1976, published by the Petroleum Dispatch, Inc. for Society of Petroleum Oil Timers, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma

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- Periodical: *Railroad Commission of Texas Today*, March-April 1977, published by the Office of Information Services of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Austin, Texas
- Periodical: *Gas Digest – the Magazine of Gas Operations*, Vol. 3, No. 8, August 1977, published by Tri-Plek Productions, Houston, Texas
- **Folder: Periodicals and Other Publications (B)**
 - Report: *State Incentives for Unconventional Gas Production -- Background Paper*, by Steven D. Harris, Manager, Governmental Policy Analysis of Sun Gas Company, Dallas, Texas, dated September 1979
 - Periodical: *The Interstate Oil Compact Commission Committee Bulletin*, Vol. 22, No. 2, December 1980, containing "Papers Delivered Before Committees, December 3 and 4, 1980, Dallas, Texas, published by Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 - Periodical: *Oil in Texas: an analysis of oil and gas activity*, Vol. 9, No. 9, September 1987, published by Petroleum Information Corporation, Littleton, Colorado
 - Periodical: *Oil in Texas: an analysis of oil and gas activity*, Vol. 9, No. 12, December 1987, published by Petroleum Information Corporation, Littleton, Colorado
- **Folder: Newspapers, Letters and Other Documents**
 - Newspaper article, n.d., "Rocks, Above, Below Ground Charm Chalmers" by Jim Conley
 - Newspaper, Monday, April 10, 1972, *The Oil Daily – the Daily Newspaper of the Petroleum Industry*, No. 5,222
 - Newspaper, Friday, April 14, 1972, *The Oil Daily – the Daily Newspaper of the Petroleum Industry*, No. 5,226
 - Newspaper, Domingo, 16 de Abril de 1972 [Sunday, April 16, 1972], *Semana Económica* [Economics Weekly]
 - Newspaper, Friday, April 21, 1972, *The Oil Daily – the Daily Newspaper of the Petroleum Industry*, No. 5,231
 - Newspaper article, Sunday, March 22, 1981, "WeCTOGA, Reprected 'Voice' For Energy Industry Since '33" by Jim Eaton, Abilene Reporter-News
 - Newspaper article, Sunday, March 22, 1981, "Story of a Prairie Town: Oilmen Find Themselves 'Organized'" from Abilene Reporter-News
 - Newspaper article, Sunday, March 22, 1981, "Michel Urges Political Involvement: Okie Agronomist Spokesman Now for Texas Oil" by Larry Lawrence, Abilene Reporter-News
 - Letter, dated May 5, 1971, from James A. Clark to Bill [Thompson] regarding enclosed book of cartoons by Gordon Banksoon
 - Letter, dated December 28, 1979, from George M. Waldroup of KTBC Television to Billy Thompson of the Texas Railroad Commission, thanking him for the photographs of Jim Langdon
 - Letter, dated January 10, 1983, from [illegible] to Bill [Thompson] regarding photographs of West Central Texas early days oil scenes; photographic prints attached:
 - Breckenridge, 1920, image of boom town, men with horse-drawn wagons in foreground and derricks and houses in background
 - Ranger, 1918-1919, image of early oil field equipment, town street in background
 - Facsimile, dated February 27, 1991, "Council on Competitiveness Proposal to Restructure the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – Fact Sheet"
 - Report, n.d., "The Impact of Intensified Drilling on the Development of Oil & Gas Reserves" by Dr. H. A. Merklein, Graduate School of Management at the University of Dallas, prepared by Pitts Energy Group
 - Speech, dated May 16, 1960, "Toils of the Oil Country" delivered by Billy G. Thompson, oil editor of the Houston Post, to the Spindletop Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (4 copies)

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- Document, n.d., no title (missing title page) regarding the effects of the tax system on the petroleum industry
- **Folder: Maps**
 - Map: Texas Gulf Coast and Continental Shelf showing Natural Gas Pipe Lines, dated October 1983, published by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Transco Exploration Partners, Ltd.
 - Map: Oil & Gas Map of Texas including Basins, Uplifts, and Basement Rocks, dated October 1983, published by Petroleum Information (2 copies)
- **Envelope: Negatives**
- **Binder: Petroleum and Energy**
 - Includes:
 - Periodical: *Petroleum Press Service*, Vol. 38, No. 11, November 1971, published by Petroleum Press Service, London, England
 - Report: United States Proved Reserves of Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids, 1970, as reported by the American Petroleum Institute [and] American Gas Association
 - Report: Petroleum in the Seventies, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: Petroleum Conservation, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: Air and Water Conservation Expenditures of the Petroleum Industry in the United States 1966 – 1970, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: API Ad Program, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: Price Trends of Crude Oil and Gasoline, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: The Mandatory Oil Import Program, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: America's Shrinking Petroleum Reserves, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - Report: Price Trends of Crude Oil and Gasoline, produced by the Committee on Public Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, September 1971
 - List: Petroleum Fact Finder – General, September 1971
 - List: Petroleum Fact Finder – Economics
 - List: Petroleum Fact Finder – Energy, September 1971
 - List: Petroleum Fact Finder – Environment, September 1971
 - News Release, dated Monday, November 15, 1971, regarding university professor's claims that major oil companies employ monopolistic practices in the pricing of gasoline to the public
 - Article: "Petroleum Taxation" by Richard J. Gonzalez, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, Dallas, Texas, October 29, 1968
 - Letter: "An Open Letter on the Environment" issued by P.N. Gammelgard of the American Petroleum Institute, dated September 1971
 - News Release, dated November 15 [1971], announcing that Jim W. Walker, oil editor of the Amarillo, Texas, Globe-News, has been elected president of the Association of Petroleum Writers for 1972

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- News Release, dated November 15, 1971, entitled “API Calls for Land Use Policy Permitting Access to Minerals,” announcing that American Petroleum Institute called for the adoption of a balanced national land use policy
- Memorandum to the Press, n.d., announcing that two press conferences will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Petroleum Institute at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, November 15 – 16 [1971]
- Address: Address by Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives before the American Petroleum Institute Annual Meeting, released 9:00 a.m., November 15, 1971
- Address: “Energy and the Future,” address by Frank N. Ikard, President, American Petroleum Institute before the API’s Annual Meeting, released 2:00 p.m., November 15, 1971
- Address: Address by Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, before the American Petroleum Institute Annual Meeting, released 2:00 p.m., November 15, 1971
- Address: Address by Otto N. Miller, Chairman, API Board of Directors, before the American Petroleum Institute Annual Meeting, released 9:00 a.m., November 16, 1971 (3 copies)
- Address: Address by U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee before the American Petroleum Institute Annual Meeting, released 9:00 a.m., November 16, 1971
- **Directory, n.d., Arctic Gas Telephone and Address Listings**
 - Includes:
 - Letter, dated May 7, 1974, from John H. Hamlin, Imperial Oil Limited, to Mr. W.P. Wilder, Chairman of the Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Limited, informing that Mr. J.A. (Jerry) Cogan will replace Mr. J.G. Livingstone as the company’s alternate representative on the Management Committee and the Executive Committee
 - Letter, dated May 1, 1974, from Joan Williams, secretary to Mr. W.P. Wilder, to holders of Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Limited’s Address Directory, regarding changes since the February memorandum
 - Newsletter, n.d., *CEL No. 11 – Special Supplement*, “Text of U.S. Refining Analysis by Donald C. O’Hara, President, National Petroleum Refiners Association, in Speech to OCAW Energy Form, Washington, March 14 [no year]”
 - Computer disk, 3.5 inches, labeled “Mouse & associated files”

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- **Prints**
 - Print, dated July 7, 1978, image of derrick, caption reads “Dedication Ceremonies | for | General Crude Oil Co./Department of Energy Pleasant Bayou | Well #1; Geopressured Geothermal Test Well Program | Brazoria County, Texas | FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1978, 2:00 p.m.
 - Portrait of Bill Murray, n.d., inscriptions reads “To Billy Thompson, who has done so much to help the public understand the urgency of energy, and who has been my personal friend and helpful advisor for many years as a public official and a private citizen. Bill Murray”
 - Portrait of John Paenov, n.d., inscription reads “To Billy Thompson, A true advocate of the free enterprise system, whose tenure at the Commission has brought credibility to the press and the citizens of this state. Your friend, John Paenov”
 - Portrait of Mark Wallace, n.d., inscription reads “For my friend Billy Thompson – whose loyalty to the commission and its responsibilities is greatly appreciated. Mark Wallace”

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- Print, mounted on mat board, n.d., of the cover image for the January-February 1979 issue of Railroad Commission of Texas Today