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Galveston Chamber of Commerce
Records, 1935-78; 5 1/2 ft.

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These records include minutes, files concerning various projects undertaken by the Chamber, and the proceedings of a special meeting held September 1955.

Among the projects receiving the Chamber's endorsement was a proposed crossing between Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. A tunnel linking the island and the peninsula was proposed in the 1940s. By 1965, the notion of a bridge connecting the island and the peninsula had gained currency. The Chamber established a permanent Bolivar Bridge Committee which studied the issue; minutes of the committee are found in the Bolivar Crossing files. Two photographs of the Bolivar ferry landing and of Duke Files, chairman of the Chamber's Highway Committee, have been retained in these files, as have drawings of the proposed bridge designed by the engineering firm of Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff.

These records also include files concerning a joint tourist development program which involved the Chamber and the Galveston Park Board of Trustees. The Chamber answered tourist queries, billing the Park Board for its work.

Mention should be made of the proceedings of a special Chamber meeting held September 23, 1955, at the Jean Laffite Hotel. Mayor George Roy Clough, who had campaigned on a platform of open but regulated vice, spoke on prostitution and gambling in Galveston and made allegations of corruption against police commissioner Walter L. Johnston. The meeting had been preceded by the publication of an article in Life, August 15, 1955, entitled "Wide-Open Galveston Mocks Texas Laws," creating negative publicity for the city. Following Clough's remarks, the Chamber's Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution calling for an end to "the open flaunting of the laws" in Galveston.

The following items have been transferred to the Subject File:

1. The Galveston Tea Party, [1951], brochure, to "Businesses—Lipton Tea.
2. Jim Mathis, The New Galveston, reprinted from the Houston Post, ca. 1960, to "Galveston--Description."
3. Lewis Nordyke, "A Real Treasure on Treasure



Island," Texas Parade, February 1959, pp. 12-17,
to "Galveston--Description."

4. Notice of Sale: \$3,700,000 City of Galveston General
Obligation Bonds Series, 1962, to "Finance Department--
Galveston."

An aerial photograph of Galveston Island and adjacent areas
taken by Apollo 9 astronauts, March 8, 1969, has been
transferred to "Aerial Views--NASA."

Two issues of the Chamber newsletter, Treasure Isle,
December 1958 and September 1965, have been transferred to
GTHC periodicals.

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	5-6	Proceedings--Meeting--Jean Lafitte Hotel (includes George Roy Clough's remarks on local politics, Herbert Y. Cartwright, Walter L. Johnston, Marsene Johnson, Adrian F. Levy, gambling, prostitution, Anthony Fertitta, Sam Maceo)	1955 (Sept. 23)
	7-22	Bolivar Crossing	1945, 1948, 1963-69
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	5	Fort Travis	1965
	6	Galveston--General Historical Information	1962-72
	7	Galveston--General Population Characteristics by Census Tracts	1970
	8	Galveston--General Profile-- Economic & Statistical	1935-42
	9	Galveston Island--Economic Profile	1981
	10	Galvez Hotel	1980
	11-20	Hurricane--1961 (Carla)	1961, 1977
10	1	Moody Foundation	1972
	2	Pelican Island Park Proposal (prepared for Galveston. Beach Park Board)	1966
	3	Port Bolivar	1964



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	7	U.S. Census Bureau--Computer Profile--Galveston	[1970]
	8	Printed Matter	[1930s]-1963
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	15	Tours & Activities Subcommittee	1970
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