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HARRIS, BRANTLY

PAPERS, 1939-1942; 2½ inches, MS, typescript.

Brantly Harris came to Galveston at the age of two, when his father became pastor of First Baptist Church. In 1921 Harris entered legal practice in the city. He was United States Commissioner, President of Galveston Chamber of Commerce, lecturer in Medical jurisprudence at University of Texas Medical Branch, and Mayor of Galveston, 1939-1942.

Papers consist mostly of correspondence from Mayor Harris to Robert Nesbitt, who was living in Washington, D.C. and taking care of capital business matters for the city and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce. Correspondence concerns wartime needs of the city, military fortifications, recreational facilities for military and civilian personnel, war production, civil defense, and priorities for construction of public works.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>FF</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1		BRANTLY HARRIS PAPERS	
		<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Galveston. Mayor	
		General Correspondence	
	1	Adams, Wise	
		(re: Gulf View Bathhouse; Offats Bayou; Afro-Americans; recreation pier; U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation)	1940
		Aicklen, William J.	
		(re: aluminum drive; Stewart Beach)	1941
		Galveston Chamber of Commerce (re: highway from Texas City to La Marque, Texas; fishing)	1940, 1942
		Galveston. Streets & Public Property Commissioner (Stewart) (re: street paving)	1941
		Kempner, Isaac Herbert (re: Perry Park)	1942
	2	Mansfield, Joseph J. (re: Voigt, Albert P. J. Jr.)	1941
		Nelson, Donald M. (re: Pleasure Pier; Kansas City Bridge Company; J. W. Zempter Construction Company; morale)	
		Roosevelt, Franklin D. (re: U.S. Maritime Commission's takeover of Morgan Steamship Line)	1941
		Rowland, Jack W.	1941
		Texas. Highway Commission (re: Galveston-Bolivar ferry; Bolivar Tunnel; U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation)	1941
	3	U.S. Public Works Administration (re: Stewart Beach; U.S. Army recreation camp)	1941

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1		BRANTLY HARRIS PAPERS (cont.)	
		<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Galveston. Mayor (cont.)	
		General Correspondence (cont.)	
	3	U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation (re: Afro-Americans--recreation pier; Adams, Wise; Gulf View Bathhouse; Pleasure Pier)	1940, 1942
		U.S. War Department. Morale Branch (re: U.S. Army recreation camp)	1941
	4	U.S. War Production Board (re: Pleasure Pier; U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation; lighting)	1942
		U.S. Work Projects Administration	[1940-42]
	5	Unidentified (re: street paving; U.S. Work Projects Administration)	1941
	6-22	Intra-Office Correspondence Galveston. Mayor's Representative (Nesbitt) (re: Afro-Americans--recreation pier; U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation; defense housing; U.S. Army recreation camp; Stewart Beach; Boyce, Donald; Fort Crockett; Offats Bayou; Pleasure Pier; public works; Texas City, Texas; Todd Galveston Dry Docks; Galveston--overcrowding; U.S. Work Projects Administration; East End Flats; Stewart, Maco Jr.; water supply; East Beach; Afro-Americans--recreation pier; U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Chairman (Jones); housing project; Clay, Felix; City Party; Patrick, Theo W.; U.S. Marine Hospital; Joseph J. Mansfield; U.S. Civilian Defense Office;	

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Subgroups

Galveston. Mayor (cont.)

Intra-Office Correspondence  
(cont.)

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Galveston. Mayor's

Representative (Nesbitt)  
(cont.)

LaGuardia, Fiorello H.;  
drydock; proposed fort  
near east end of Seawall;  
Pabst, \_\_\_\_\_; Tom  
Connally; Galveston  
Chamber of Commerce;  
Orange Courts; dredging  
of Galveston Channel;  
Seawall Boulevard;  
National Hotel Company;  
street paving; U.S.  
Civilian Conservation  
Corps; U.S. Navy section  
base on Pelican Spit;  
Morgan Steamship Line;  
gasoline rationing;  
waterworks--improvements;  
Galveston--population;  
Singleton, Jimmie;  
Galveston-Bolivar ferry;  
hay fever; Camp Wallace;  
Fort Crockett; Kane Boiler  
Works; incinerator;  
Hurricane--1941; fire-  
fighting equipment;  
aluminum drive; Defense  
Police Mobilization;  
Edgewood Arsenal;  
Galveston--firsts;  
Kane, Joe; slum  
clearance; Hurricane--  
1941; Avenue J--proposed  
widening; Fort Crockett;  
Fort Wallace; Defense  
Highway Bill; Green  
(Ellis) Motor Company;  
aliens; water supply;  
Galveston Chamber of  
Commerce; Beaumont,  
Texas; Gray Iron Works;  
Harter, Alonzo H.; bridge  
to Pelican Spit;  
automobiles; Moody,  
William Lewis III;  
Johnson, Susie; Jones,

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1		BRANTLY HARRIS PAPERS (cont.)
		<u>Subgroups</u>
		Galveston. Mayor (cont.)
		Intra-Office Correspondence
		(cont.)
6-22		Galveston. Mayor's
		Representative (Nesbitt)
		(cont.)
		Willie; Harris, Margaret;
		Galveston. Tire Rationing
		Board; Maverick, Maury;
		Kelso, Walter; automobile
		dealers; conversion;
		gas masks; Smith, Laren;
		tire rationing; Robert
		K. Hutchings; labor
		unions; Galveston County.
		Rationing Board; Leon
		Henderson; lighting
		restrictions; Cummins,
		Robert J.; U.S. War
		Production Board;
		Williams, R. K.;
		Westinghouse Electric
		Company; Kansas City
		Bridge Company; Lone
		Star Cement Company;
		Trinity Portland Cement
		Company; Hubbard, Knudsen
		& Mitchell) 1940-42,
		nd
		Scrapbook (filed on oversize
		MSS shelf) (Selected
		topics include: Galveston.
		Police Department;
		prostitution; gambling;
		loading zones; garbage drays;
		Hall, Floyd; Pleasure Pier;
		street designations;
		Christmas Seals; Harter,
		Alonzo H.; bribery; bingo
		parlors; poll tax; slum
		clearance; street
		improvements; cattle removal;
		Galveston Merchants'
		Association; Avenue J—
		widening; Kempner, Daniel W.;
		wharves; Shannon, Conway M.;
		Offats Bayou—seaplane base;
		lifeguards; angle parking;
		sidewalk curbs; Clyde-Mallory
		Line; Galveston Beach
		Association; Galveston.

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1	BRANTLY HARRIS PAPERS (cont.)	
	<u>Subgroups</u>	
	Galveston. Mayor (cont.)	
	Scrapbook (cont.)	
	Housing Authority; pinball machines; Royston, Mart H.; and Levy, H. H.. Includes photograph of Cummins, Robert J.; Macartney, Morton; Williams, Bryan; Harris, Brantly; and Aicklen, W. J.)	1939-40
	Harris & Coltzer (attorneys)	
	General Correspondence	
23	Attorneys' Representative	
	(Nesbitt) (re: Kane, Joe; Griffin, I. M.; ventilator pipes; U.S. Maritime Commission; Kane Boiler Works; water supply; Camp Wallace; Nicolaisen, Ancker vs. Phoenix Steamship Corp.; Gray Iron Works; Matson, Alfred M.; Nissen, J. L.; Liberty Fish & Oyster Company)	1940-42

