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Ed J. Harris was born in Trinity, Texas, May 19, 1920. After graduating from Ball High School in Galveston in 1937 and Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, in 1941, he earned the Juris Doctor and the L.L.B. at the Law School of the University of Wisconsin in 1948, and did graduate work in law at Southern Methodist University.

Harris was an aviator in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1946 and later Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Elected to the Galveston City Council in 1962, he left before this term expired to become a state representative from Galveston County and remained in the Texas Legislature fifteen years. Harris maintained a law practice in Galveston, and was senior partner in the firm later known as Martin, Carmona, Cruse, Micks, and Dunten.

While in the Texas House, Harris was Chairman of the Elections Committee (1973) and served as a member of fifteen other committees at various times and for varying periods. In the late 1960's, Harris was one of the so-called "Dirty Thirty" who with Ben Grant, Frances Farentold, Lane Denton and others helped oust Gus Mutscher, the Speaker of the House, and other old-line Texas Politicians who were involved in illegal, questionable, and scandalous activities while in public office. Congressman Harris was also a member of the 1974 Texas Constitutional Convention. Upon leaving the legislature, Harris was elected District Judge of the Tenth Judicial District Court at Galveston.

The papers are comprised of five records groups: (1) Legislative papers 1975-76, (2) Texas Constitutional Convention papers, 1974-75, (3) Legislative papers 1973-74, (4) Legislative papers 1963-73, and (5) Scrapbooks. These sets were assembled in reverse chronological order and it should be noted that district and out-of-district correspondence was filed directly with the bill to which it pertains.



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	3	Administration - 1 Contingent Expenses	"
	4	" - 2 Biography	"
	5	" - 3 Miscellaneous	"
	6	" - 4 Personnel & Payroll	"
	7	" - 5 Speaker	"
	8	" - 6 Financial Disclosure	"
	9	Appropriations - 1 Correspondence	"
		Appropriations Committee Standing Committee Recommendations	"
10		Master List of Agencies Assigned to each Standing Committee	"
11		Appropriations Committee - Reference Material	"
12		Agriculture & Livestock	"
13		Business & Industry	"
14		Criminal Jurisprudence	"
15		Elections	"
16		Energy Resources	"
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19		Health and Welfare	"
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2	1	Higher Education Folder C	1975-76
	2	Insurance	"
	3	Intergovernmental Affairs	"
	4	Judiciary	"
	5	Labor	"
	6	Liquor Regulation	"
	7	Natural Resources	"
	8	Public Education	"
	9	Revenue and Taxation	"
	10	Social Services	"
	11	State Affairs	"
	12	Transportation	"
	13	Riders	"
	14	Reference Material A (Appropriations)	"
	15	" " A	"
	16	" " A	"
	17	" " B	"
	18	" " C	"
3	1	" " C	"
	2	" " C - D	"
	3	" " D - G	"
	4	" " H - J	"
	5	" " L - M	"
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	2	" " S - T	"

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4	3	Reference Material T	1975-76
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		Bill Correspondence	"
	10	House Bills	1 - 84
	11	" "	103 - 139
5	1	" "	163 - 225
	2	" "	226 - 254
	3	" "	255 - 292
	4	" "	294 - 419
	5	" "	420
	6	" "	420
	7	" "	423 - 500
	8	" "	512 - 664
	9	" "	679 - 700
	10	" "	704 - 819
6	1	" "	820 - 922
	2	" "	925 - 980
	3	" "	981 - 1100
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6	9	House Bills	1129
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	4	" "	1148 - 1463
	5	" "	1487 - 1631
	6	" "	1631 - 1750
	7	" "	1763 - 1783
	8	" "	1817 - 1828
	9	" "	"
	10	House Resolutions	"
	11	Senate Bills	1 - 55
8	1	" "	59 - 90
	2	" "	91 - 275
	3	" "	276 - 612
	4	" "	635 - 670
	5	" "	671 - Resolutions
	6	Carrillo - 1 Reference Material	"
	7	Constituent Letters - 1 Congratulations	"
	8	" " - 2 Recommendations	"
	9	" " - 3 Thank You & Appreciation	"
	10	" " - 4 Miscellaneous	"
9	1	" " - 4 "	"
	2	Education - 1 Secondary	"
	3	" - 2 Higher	"
	4	" - 3 Private	"
	5	" - 4 Retired Teachers	"
	6	" - 5 Miscellaneous	"

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9	7	Education - 6 Other	1975-76
	8	" - 7 Texas Education Agency	"
	9	" - 8 Funding Proposals	"
	10	Energy - 1	"
	11	Environment	"
	12	Equal Rights Amendment - Correspondence	"
	13	" " " "	"
	14	" " " "	"
	15	" " " "	"
10	1	" " " "	"
	2	Era - 4 Correspondence	"
	3	" - 5 Out of District Correspondence	"
	4	" - 5 " " " "	"
	5	Federal Matters - 1	"
	6	" " - 2 Jack Brooks	"
	7	Galveston County	"
	8	Governor - Lt. Governor	"
	9	House Study Group - 1	"
	10	Insurance - 1 Auto	"
	11	" - 2 Personal Property	"
	12	" - 3 Life and Health	"
	13	" - 4 Miscellaneous	"
	14	" - 5 Malpractice	"
	15	" - 6 Flood	"
	16	" - 7 a No-Fault	"
11	1	" - 7 b " continued	"
	2	" - 7 c " "	"
	3	" - 7 d " "	"
	4	Insurance Committee	"

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11	5	Insurance Committee (binder)	1975-76
	6	Invitations - 1 Jan. & Feb.	"
	7	" - 2 Mar. & Apr.	"
	8	" - 3 May & June	"
	9	" - 4 Interim	"
	10	Judiciary	"
	11	Legislation, Final Status of Personal	"
	12	" - 1 Bills Co-Authored	"
12	1	" - 2 Proposed	"
	2	" , Proposed, County-Wide Drainage Districts	"
	3	" - 3 Motions	"
	4	HCR 29 Interim Elections Committee	"
	5	HCR 123 Gundermann vs. Texas	"
	6	HCR 164 Braun Memorial Resolution	"
	7	HSR 136 Curtis Graves Visit	"
	8	HSR 180 Betty Hanna	"
	9	HJR 48 Notaries Public (Statewide)	"
	10	HB 458 Judges Compensation	"
	11	HB 456 - 141 Reapportionment	"
	12	HB 457 Notaries Public	"
	13	HB 464 Retirement of Judges	"
	14	HB 513 District Judges' Compensation	"
	15	HB 542 Absentee Voting	"
	16	HB 543 Joint Primary Elections	"
	17	HB 659 Voting Machine Returns	"
	18	HB 660 Corporate Profits Tax	"
	19	HB 812 Elections Administrator	"
	20	HB 1119 Road Improvements & Assessments	"
	21	HB 1120 Uniform Building Code	"

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13	1	HB 1121 State Board of Assessors	1975-76
	2	HB 1122 Tax Exemption - Fishing Vessels	"
	3	HB 1123 Sick Leave Pay - Termination	"
	4	HB 1153 Regulation of Development, Environmental	"
	5	HB 1476 Pure Foods	"
	6	HB 1821 Payroll Deduction for Dues (TPEA)	"
	7	HB 1822 Bi-Weekly Paychecks	"
	8	HB 1823 Drawing of Place on Ballot	"
	9	HB 2013 Insurance Premiums Tax	"
	10	HB 2014 " " "	"
	11	HB 2015 " " "	"
	12	Elections	"
	13	Newsletters - 1 Correspondence & Others	"
	14	" Manuscript & Typescript	"
	15	" - 2 Daily Sun Articles	1975
	16	" - 2 " " "	"
	17	" - 2 a " " "	1976
	18	" - 3 Mailing Lists	1975-76
	19	Oil and Gas - 1	"
	20	Women's Political Caucus	"
	21	Privacy	"
	22	Senior Citizens	"
	23	Agriculture, Dept. of	"
	24	Alcoholic Beverage Commission	"
	25	Community Affairs Department	"
	26	Comptroller of Public Accounts	"
	27	Corrections Department	"
14	1	Employment Commission of Texas	"
	2	Health Department	"

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14	3	Highway Department	1975-76
	4	Land Office	"
	5	Mass Transportation Commission	"
	6	Mental Health - Mental Retardation Dept.	"
	7	Miscellaneous State Boards & Commissions	"
	8	Pardons and Paroles	"
	9	Parks and Wildlife Department	"
	10	Public Employees Association	"
	11	Public Safety Department	"
	12	Railroad Commission	"
	13	Water Quality & Development Boards	"
	14	Welfare Department	"
	15	Subsidence - 1 Reference Material	"
	16	" - 2 Correspondence	"
	17	Superport - 1 Correspondence	"
	18	" - 2 Reference Material	"
	19	Taxation - 1	"
	20	Transportation - 1	"
	21	Utility Regulation - 1 Ad Hoc Group	"
15	1	" " - 2 Correspondence	"
	2	" " - 3 Other	"
	3	" " - 3 a "	"
	4	Constitution of Texas	1974 - 75
	5	Article I Bill of Rights	"
	6	" II Separation of Powers	"
	7	" III The Legislature	"
	8	Reference Material	"
	9	Article IV The Executive	"
	10	" V The Judiciary	"

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15	11	Article VI Suffrage	1974-75
16	1	" VI B "	"
	2	" VII Education	"
	3	" VII B "	"
	4	" VII C "	"
	5	" VIII Finance	"
	6	" VIII B "	"
	7	" VIII C "	"
	8	" IX Local Government	"
	9	" X General Provisions	"
17	1	" X B " "	"
	2	" X C " "	"
	3	" X D " "	"
	4	" X E " "	"
	5	" X F " "	"
	6	" X G " "	"
	7	" XI Amending Constitution	"
	8	Administration, Constitutional Convention	"
	9	Committee Lists	"
	10	Invitations	"
	11	Miscellaneous	"
18	1	" B	"
	2	President	"
	3	Revision Commission	"
	4	A & M University	1973-74
	5	Abortion 1 Reference Material	"
	6	" 2 Correspondence	"
	7	" 2 B "	"
	8	Administration 1 Contingent Expenses	"

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18	9	Administration 1 B Contingent Expenses	1973-74
	10	" 1 C " "	"
19	1	" 2 Personnel & Payroll	"
	2	" 3 Reports and Studies	"
	3	" 4 Orders & Subscriptions	"
	4	Agriculture and Farmers	"
	5	Alcoholic Beverages	"
	6	Appropriations 1 Reference Material	"
	7	" 1 B " "	"
	8	" 2 Correspondence	"
	9	" 2 B "	"
	10	Bill Letters - House HB 1 - 371	"
	11	" " - " HB 370 - 609	"
	12	" " - " HB 628 - 1165	"
20	1	" " - " HB 1173 - HSR 31	"
	2	" " - Senate # 1 - 500	"
	3	Bills Co-Sponsored	"
	4	Biographical Sketch	"
	5	Constituent Letters - 1 Congratulations	"
	6	" " - 2 Recommendations	"
	7	" " - 3 Thank Yous	"
	8	" " Subjects A - D	"
	9	" " " D - E	"
	10	" " " E	"
21	1	" " " F - H	"
	2	" " " H - P	"
	3	" " " P - X	"
	4	Constitutional Revision	"
	5	Correspondence - Rights & Suffrage Comm.	"

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21	6	Daily Sun Column # 1	1973
	7	" " " # 2	1974
	8	Democratic Study Caucus	1973
	9	Drugs	1973-74
	10	Education - Secondary # 1	"
	11	" - Higher # 2	"
	12	" - Funding # 2	"
	13	" - Private # 3	"
22	1	" - Funding # 4	"
	2	" - Retired Teachers	"
	3	Elections Committee - Correspondence	"
	4	" " "	"
	5	" " "	"
	6	Energy Crisis	"
	7	" "	"
	8	Environment and Pollution	"
	9	Ethics	"
	10	Family Code	"
	11	Fishing (G.W. McNeir)	"
	12	Galveston County	"
23	1	Galveston County Flood Control District	"
	2	Gulf Coast Disposal Authority	"
	3	Health	"
	4	Highways and Roads	"
	5	Horsereading and Gambling	"
	6	Insurance - Auto Correspondence	"
	7	" - Complaints of Constituents	"
	8	" - Property - Correspondence	"
	9	" - Miscellaneous	"

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23	10	Invitations	1973-74
	11	"	"
	12	"	"
	13	"	"
24	1	"	"
	2	Judicial	"
	3	Labor	"
	4	Land Use and Land Office	"
	5	Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice	"
	6	Bonds for Port Facilities	"
	7	County Court # 3	HB 666
	8	Development of Land	HB 794
	9	Street Improvements	HB 795
	10	Uniform Building Codes	HB 796
	11	Sick Leave Pay	HB 797
	12	Corporate Profits Tax	HB 1151
	13	Electronic Voting Systems	HB 1200
	14	Voter Registration	HB 1310
	15	State Personnel Administration	HB 1312
	16	Pure Food Packaging	HB 1349
	17	Unemployment Compensation	HB 1350
	18	Conduct of Elections	HB 1443
	19	Commissioners Court Property	HB 1455
	20	Voters Information Pamphlet	HB 1529
	21	" " Telecast	HB 1545
	22	Campaign Contributions	HB 1550
	23	County Judge's Compensation	HB 1573
	24	Judge's Salary County Courts 1 & 2	HB 1574
25	1	" " " Court # 2	HB 1576

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25	2	Maritime Academy Bonds	SB 2	1973-74
	3	Church Buses	SB 3	"
	4	Regulation of Private Clubs	SB 33	"
	5	Purchasing Agent for Junior Colleges	SB 83	"
	6	District Attorney's Salary	SB 527	"
	7	County Judges Expenses	SB 215	"
	8	Quitclaim Bill - Galveston Wharves	SB 942	"
	9	Galveston County Juvenile Board	SB 947	"
	10	State Insurance Corporation	HSJ 34	"
	11	Oyster and Shellfish Industry	HSR 129	"
	12	Interim Elections Committee	HSR 197	"
	13	Seawalls and Breakwaters - Bonds	SJR 12	"
	14	Motions - Congratulatory & Memorial		"
	15	Mass Transportation		"
	16	Mailing Lists		"
	17	Mental Health and Retardation		"
	18	Miscellaneous		"
	19	Oil and Gas		"
	20	Parks and Wildlife		"
	21	Penal Code		"
	22	Penitentiaries		"
	23	Press Releases, Clippings, Newsletters		"
26	1	Primary (including petitions)		"
	2	Proposed Legislation		"
	3	Public Utilities		"
	4	Redistricting		"
	5	Senior Citizens		"
	6	Speaker and Speaker Race		"
	7	Special Session, Calls for		"

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26	8	Subsidence	1973-74
	9	Superport	"
	10	Taxation	"
	11	Water and Water Districts	"
	12	" " " "	"
	13	" " " "	"
27	1	" " " "	"
	2	" " " "	"
	3	" " " "	"
	4	Welfare	"
	5	Abortion Letters # 1	A - L 1971
	6	" " # 2	M - Z "
	7	Bill Letters - House	1 - 500 "
	8	" " - "	501 - 1000 "
28	1	" " - "	1001 - 1900 "
	2	" " - Senate	1 - 900 "
	3	Chiropractors	"
	4	Constituent Correspondence	"
	5	" "	"
	6	" "	1971-72
	7	" "	"
	8	" "	I - R "
	9	" "	I - R "
	10	" "	I - R "
29	1	" "	S - Z "
	2	" "	S - Z "
	3	Contingent Expense Items	"
	4	Statements of Expense Account	"
	5	Daily Sun Column	1971

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29	6	Daily Sun Column	1972
	7	Education (Secondary) and Teachers	1971-72
	8	Galveston	"
	9	Heatly	"
	10	"	"
	11	Higher Education	"
	12	Highways and Roads	"
	13	Insurance - Auto and Life	"
	14	" - Comparative Negligence	"
	15	" - Competitive Rating Correspondence	"
	16	" Correspondence	"
30	1	" "	"
	2	Bills Sponsored in 62nd Session	1971
	3	Jury Commissioners Bill	HB 222
	4	Bayview Utilities	HB 287
	5	Ferry Bill	HB 920
	6	Judicial Retirement Plan	HB 1703
	7	Reserve Deputy Sheriffs Bill	SB 43
	8	Park Board & Revenue Bonds	SB 235
	9	Water Supply Contracts Bill	SB 341
	10	"Pot Bill"	SB 387
	11	Pension Liabilities	SB 518
	12	Aquarium Animal Bill	SB 679
	13	Navigation & Canal Commission	SB 680
	14	County Historical Survey Comm.	SB 807
	15	" Health Districts	SB 811
	16	" Traffic Regulation	SB 812
	17	Officials Salaries	SB 814
	18	County Travel Expenses	SB 815

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30	19	County Court # 1	Judges Salary	SB 817	1971
	20	" " # 2	" "	SB 818	"
	21	"	Judges Salaries	SB 819	"
	22	Drug Paraphernalia Bill		SB 392	"
	23	Contracts between Political Subdivisions		SB 813	"
	24	Court Reporters 1st Special Session		SB 13	"
	25	Sponsored Bills not passed - 62nd Session			"
	26	Student Government Fees			"
	27	Employment Compensation Act		HB 973	"
	28	Drainage Districts		HB 1033	"
31	1	Co-Op Bill		HB 1114	"
	2	District Clerk Fees		HB 1285	"
	3	Probation System Bill		HB 1549	"
	4	"	" "	"	"
	5	Texas Casualty Insurance Corp.		HB 1560	"
	6	County Judge Assistants		SB 211	"
	7	Narcotic Addicts in MH Centers		SB 389	"
	8	"	" Commitment	SB 390	"
	9	Navy Commission		SB 542	"
	10	Shrimp Regulations		SB 712	"
	11	County Officers & Employees Salaries		SB 808	"
	12	Alcoholic Beverages Licenses		SB 933	"
	13	210th Judicial District		SB 947	"
	14	Parks Boards - Operation & Creation		SB 1039	"
	15	Seawall Bonds Amendment		SJR 42	"
	16	Flammable Materials Bill		SB 362	"
	17	Mental Health & Retardation			"
	18	Moody Foundation			"
	19	Narcotics and "Dangerous" Drugs			"

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31	20	Newsletters, Releases, & Clippings	1971
	21	Parks and Wildlife	"
	22	Revised Penal Code	"
	23	Pollution and Environment	"
	24	Private Schools	"
	25	" "	"
	26	" "	"
32	1	" "	"
	2	Proposed Legislation	"
	3	" " Galveston County	"
	4	Re-Districting	"
	5	Scandal	"
	6	Senior Citizens	"
	7	Taxation	"
	8	Welfare	"
	9	Abortion Material	1967-69
	10	Appropriations	1968-69
	11	Comparative Negligence	nid.
	12	Contingent Expense	1967-70
	13	Fishing and Seining	1968-69
	14	Insurance Material	1970
	15	Legislation File 61st Session	1969
33	1	" " " "	"
	2	" " " "	"
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	4	" " " "	"
	5	" " " "	"
	6	" " " "	"
	7	" " 60th "	1967

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