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**Gary Cartwright
Papers, 1981-1999**

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Biographical Note

Gary Cartwright was born August 10, 1934 in Dallas, Texas, and raised in nearby Arlington. He received a B.A. in journalism and government from Texas Christian University in 1957. Cartwright reported the police beat for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* from 1956 until he was hired away in 1958 to the *Fort Worth Press*, where he joined Dan Jenkins and Bud Shrake in the sports department under legendary Texas sportswriter Blackie Sherrod. In 1960, Cartwright moved to the *Dallas Times Herald* as a sports reporter and in 1963 he joined the *Dallas Morning News* to write his own sports column. Cartwright's first book, a football novel entitled *The Hundred Yard War*, was published in 1967 at which point he left newspaper work to become a freelance writer. His work has appeared in *The Texas Observer*, *Esquire*, *Saturday Review*, *Rolling Stone* and *Texas Monthly*.

Cartwright has been associated with *Texas Monthly* magazine since its inception in 1973. His articles range over various topics--crime, notable Texans, Texas culture, travel, sports and international travel. A collection of his *Texas Monthly* articles can be found in *Confessions of a Washed-up Sportswriter*. The true-crime books *Blood Will Tell* and *Dirty Dealing* began as articles for *Texas Monthly*. In 1988, Cartwright had a heart attack that required quintuple-bypass surgery. A suggestion by Governor Ann Richards to document changes in his life since the injury led to his latest book, *HeartWiseGuy*.

Among the many honors Cartwright has received for his writing are the Texas Institute of Letters' Stanley Walker Award for Journalism for "The Endless Odyssey of Patrick Henry Polk" (*Texas Monthly*, May 1977) and the Press Club of Dallas Katie Award for Best Magazine News Story for "The Work of the Devil" (*Texas Monthly*, June 1989). Cartwright has written screenplays in collaboration with Edwin (Bud) Shrake, including *J. W. Coop* (1972) and *Another Pair of Aces* (CBS-TV, 1990).

Scope and Contents

The Gary Cartwright papers date from 1981 to 2000 and are organized into five series: 1.) Books, 2.) Plays, screenplays, and song lyrics, 3.) Articles, 4.) Correspondence, and 5.) Clippings. Included are handwritten notes, clippings, tear sheets, brochures, a cassette tape, drafts and galley proofs. The material describes the research and editing involved in Cartwright's writing process.

See also Accession Numbers 88-052 and 90-071 for photographs of the author taken by Bill Wittliff.

Series Descriptions

Series I: Books, 1988-1999, n.d. Boxes 1-4, 8-11, 14

This series is arranged chronologically by publication, with an unpublished title at the end. The first subseries is for the book, *Galveston, a History of the Island*. These files contain research material and an annotated typescript for the book. The files are organized according to the author's filing system, primarily in chronological order. They contain articles, clippings, handwritten notes, newsletters, brochures and tear sheets. There is information on social life, prominent Galveston families, ethnic groups and major events such as the 1900 hurricane. See also Accession No. 92-044, 1991 galley addressed to Bill Wittliff from Lee Goerner at Atheneum.

Material for the second book in this series, *HeartWise Guy*, spans 1988-1999. These files contain research material, drafts, annotated typescripts, and page proofs. The files are organized according to the author's filing system. They contain articles, clippings, handwritten notes, newsletters, brochures and tear sheets. Topics include aging, lifestyle, diet, medicine, sex, and spirituality. Also included is a letter from Larry McMurtry commenting on his long post-surgery depression following a heart attack.

Materials for *Blood will Tell* are limited to only correspondence and clippings. And the unpublished title, "Black Pearls," or "Dark Pearls," is represented by an annotated typescript.

Series II: Plays, Screenplays and Song Lyrics, 1981-1991. Boxes 4-5, 14-15

This series contains material on screenplays in collaboration with Bud Shrake. There are handwritten song lyrics for Shrake's "Pancho Villa's Wedding Day" and one draft and two scripts of "RIP" on which the 1991 teleplay "Another Pair of Aces" was based. Also included is a ditty hastily composed by Gary Cartwright with Larry L. King late one night in New York City

See also Accession No. 88-033, 90-059, 91-007 for other material on "RIP" in the Bud Shrake and Bill Wittliff papers and Accession No. 92-061 for a Cartwright teleplay written for the Ned Blessing series.

Series III: Articles, 1985-1999 Boxes 5-7, 11-13

This series is primarily composed of drafts and galley proofs for articles written for *Texas Monthly*. There is a good deal of research material for the 1987 article on the murder of a San Antonio policeman, "Total Hit." The articles report on crime, sports, food and prominent Texans. The files are arranged by date of publication when known.

Articles not written for *Texas Monthly* are arranged in the subseries, General. This set of articles includes national and international sports culture and travel, and honest and dishonest personalities in Texas culture, art, prisons, and politics. An unpublished article on whistle blowing within several large federal law enforcement agencies is also included.

Series IV: Correspondence, 1977-1998
Boxes 15-16

This series contains correspondence regarding Cartwright's writing projects and those of others. The letters are arranged alphabetically. Notable correspondents include Bill Broyles, Cartwright family members, A.C. Greene, Stephen Harrigan, Ann Richards, and Bud Shrake as well as *Playboy Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Texas Monthly*.

Series V: Clippings, 1976-1983
Box 16

This series contains newspaper clippings related to Cartwright's work.

Container List

Box Folder

Series I: Books, 1988-1999, n.d.

Galveston, a History of the Island, 1988-1991.

1	1-3	Handwritten notes
	4	<i>The Saccarappa</i> , Galveston Historical Foundation Newsletter
	5	Empire Life Involuntary Petition
	6	Moody
	7	Open Beaches
	8-10	Galveston Mardi Gras & General
	11	Barrier Islands
	12	Karankawas & Cabeza de Vaca
2	1	Lafitte (Jean)
	2	Republic of Texas
	3	Civil War
	4-5	Cuney & Blacks
	6-7	Gilded Age (1860-1900)
	8	Seawall/Grade Raising
	9	Rabbi Cohen/Galveston Movement
3	1	1880-1890
	2	1880-1890--Albert Lasker/Jack Johnson
	3	1900 Hurricane and lesser blows
	4	After 1900
	5	Moody, Kempner, Sealy
	6	Partners in Progress & Sociological Studies
	7	Gambling, Whoring 1920s-1957
	8	Kempners
4	1-4	Moodys 1860-1960
	5	Blacks
	6	Moodys 1980s
	7	Interviews & Name
	8	Gaido & other interviews
	9	GHF Galveston Historical Foundation
14	3-5	Annotated typescript

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Series I: Books, continued

HeartWiseGuy, 1988-1999.

Research Files

8	1	Aging
	2	Alternatives
	3	American Heart Association
	4	Anti-Aging Therapies
	5	Anti-Oxidants
	6	Attitude / Spiritual
	7	Diet and Nutrition
9	1	Dr. Blevins
	2	Dr. Charles Wilkins
	3	Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking
	4	Exercise
	5	Health / Medical
	6	Herbs / Medicinal
	7	Hypertension, diabetes, osteoporosis, impotence...
	8	Love / Sex
	9	Misc. Clippings
	10	Pacemaker
	11	Research
	12	Sex (Dr. Kaufman)
	13	Correspondence with Larry McMurtry

Drafts

10	1	Typescript with Dr. Blevins' edits
	2-3	Annotated typescript
	4-5	Page proofs

Blood Will Tell

11	1	Correspondence
	2	Clippings

Black Pearls / Dark Pearls (Unpublished)

	3-4	Annotated typescript
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Series II: Plays, Screenplays and Song Lyrics, 1981-1991.

Works by Cartwright

4 10-11 Pancho Villa's Wedding Day

RIP

5 1 Script

14 6 Script
7 Draft
8 Shooting schedule

15 1 Clippings

5 2 Songs

Works Others (Based on or Inspired by Cartwright's Work)

15 2 "Another Pair of Aces" by Rob Gilmer (2 typescripts)
3 "Santos and Santos" by Octavio Solis

Series III: Articles, 1985-1999

Texas Monthly Articles, 1985-1989.

5 3 H. R. Bum Bright, *Austin American Statesman*, July 7,
1985

Port galley proof

4 The Last Roundup, February 1985

5 An Aggie's Revenge, August 1985

6 The Final Gun, September 1985

7 Hugh Roy Cullen's Last Hurrah, January 1986

8 Range Warrior, January 1986

9 The Snootiest Neighborhood in Texas, June 1986

10 Touch Me, Feel Me, Heal Me, December 1986

11 Total Hit, January 1987

12-14 Cops (Total Hit), January 1987

6 1-6 Cops (Total Hit), January 1987

7 Lifestyles, Home Ain't Where My Heart Is, March 1987

8 The Longest Ride of His Life, May 1987

9 Texas Primer: Clint Murchison, Jr., June 1987

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Series III: Articles, continued

Texas Monthly Articles, continued

7	1	The Sleaziest Man in Texas, August 1987
	2	Cooking: I, Piscivore, September 1987
	3	Paradise Lost, October 1987
	4	Everyone a Victim, November 1987
	5	An Old Five and Dimer, February 1988
	6	Newspapers (unpublished)
	7	Search and Destroy, March 1989
	8	Poisoned with Love, May 1989
	9	The Work of the Devil, June 1989
	10	How George Foreman Finally Beat Muhammed Ali, October 1989
	11	Old Salts and Ancient Mariners, October 1989
	12	Mean (unpublished)

Articles, General, 1992-1999

11	5	Dawson, George, December 1998
	6	Diary of a Minor Mogul, June 1996
	7	Golfsmith / Karl Paul, 1997
	8	Marsh, Stanley, March 1978
12	1	Masters Tickets, February 1998
	2	McDuff, Kenneth, August 1992
	3-4	Mexican Road Race, 1999
	5	Moscow / National Geographic, 1999
13	1-6	Moscow / National Geographic, 1999
	7	Old Five and Dimer
	8	The Query, 1995-1998
	9	Red Rock, December 1999
	10	TCU Press / Galveston notes / One Last Shot 1993, 1998
14	1	Thornton, Peter, March 1999
	2	Wall Street Journal / The Final Four, 1997-1998

Series IV: Correspondence, 1977-1998.

15	4	A's
	5	Adams, Randall Dale
	6	Atheneum

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Series IV: Correspondence, continued

15	7	B's
	8	Broyles, Bill
	9	C's
	10	Cartwright, Marge
	11	Cartwright, Shea
	12	Chagra, Vivian
	13	Cinco Puntos Press, Apr 98
	14	Covert, Jean
	15	Crowder, A. Don
	16	Donovan, C.
	17	Dorman, Michael
	18	Emert, V.
	19	Forbes magazine
	20	Francis, Kevin
	21	Glick, Allen
	22	Green, Carl H.
	23	Greene, A.C.
	24	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
	25	Harrigan, Stephen
	26	Haessler, George
	27	ICM
	28	Jensen
	29	Jones, Bea
	30	Kemper, William Priest
	31	Kessler, Denise
16	1	L's
	2	M's
	3	Marsh, Stanley
	4	Martin, Bill
	5	Mellett, Tom
	6	Mays, Prissy
	7	Mohler, Pat
	8	P's
	9	Playboy Magazine
	10	Progress Publishers
	11	R's
	12	"Red, Ida"
	13	Richards, Ann
	14	Rinehart, John Paul
	15	Rolling Stone

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Series IV: Correspondence, continued

16	16	S's
	17	Sherrick, Lew
	18	Shrake, Bud
	19	Steinberg, Jo-Ann
	20	Stephenson, (Tom?)
	21	Texas Institute of Letters
	22	Texas Monthly
	23	Texas Monthly Press
	24	Thompson, Leslie, 1998
	25	Universal Life Church
	26	University of Texas at Arlington
	27	W's
	28	Walk of the Stars
	29	Weatherholt, Monty
	30	Williams, Harold R.
	31	Wyatt, Wyatt
	32	Wyoming, Leo
	33	No last name
16	34-35	Series V: Clippings, General, 1976-1983.