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**GLENN A. PERRY PAPERS
1935 – 1950 (1944 – 1950)**

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Born in Sioux City, Iowa, December 15, 1905, Glenn Arthur Perry was six years old when his parents, William Henry Perry and Ida Dora Wheeler, moved to Houston, Texas. Perry was president of his class and received his law degree from South Texas School of Law in 1936 and began the practice of law soon after graduation. From 1938 to 1944 he was the secretary for the Harris County Democratic Executive Committee. In 1944 Perry defeated County Judge Roy Hofheinz in the Democratic Primary and was elected county judge in the November general election.

Perry served three terms as Harris County Judge from 1944 – 1950. He declined to run for a fourth term and returned to the practice of law. Major issues in Harris County during this period included the planning, financing, and construction starts for a new county courthouse, the Washburn Tunnel and the Spillman Island Tunnel, flood control and road construction projects, stream pollution studies, and medical payments for county indigent care. Perry showed particular interest in the juvenile system and welfare of children.

Glenn A. Perry died on March 21, 1968, and is buried in South Park Cemetery, Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas.

Bibliography:

“Two Candidates in Race for Harris County Judge,” July 11, 1946, Scrapbooks, Vol. 1, E. A. “Squatty” Lyons Papers, MC001, Harris County Archives, Houston, Texas.

“Glenn Perry Funeral Set,” “Ex-County Judge Perry Dies at 62,” March 22, 1968, Scrapbooks, Vol. 9, E. A. “Squatty” Lyons Papers, MC001, Harris County Archives, Houston, Texas.

Scope and Contents Note:

One scrapbook, three photographs, and two fezzes document Glenn A. Perry’s term as Harris County Judge (1944 – 1950). The scrapbook contains primarily newspaper clippings recording the functions of the Harris County government. Of particular interest is the concentration of the articles from the local and statewide press on juvenile and child welfare concerns.

Inventory

Series : Title	Date	Location
Scrapbook:		
Scrapbook	1945, 01 - 1950, 05	0004-V-00
Loose Clippings from Scrapbook	1945, 01 – 1950, 05	0012-V-00
Photographs:		
Snapshot, b/w. Glenn A. Perry wearing Plus Fours next to car	ca. 1935	0003-P-02
Photoprint, b/w. Swearing in ceremony, Glenn A. Perry with unknown man.	ca. 1944 - 1950	0003-P-02
Photoprint – proof, b/w. Glenn A. Perry as President of the Wrecking Crew, Arabia Temple.	ca. 1950	0003-P-02
Artifacts:		
Hats (2) – maroon fezzes from the Arabia Temple	n.d.	n/a