

# **Curtis Graves Collection, 1962-1978**

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## **Collection Overview**

**Title:** Curtis Graves Collection, 1962-1978

**Predominant Dates:** 1967-1971

**Creator:** Curtis M. Graves (1938- )

**Extent:** 2.5 Linear Feet

### **Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged as follows:

House Simple Resolutions

Miscellaneous

Senate Journal, 62nd Legislature, 1972

General Appropriations Bill, 1972-73

Speeches

Newspaper clippings (currently in Heartman Collection's vertical files)

Black and white 8x10" photographs

Civil Rights

    Busing 1974-76

    Case Files

    Committee Files 1973-1978

    Correspondences 1973-77

Commerce

Correspondences 1975

Publications

Community Action Programs

Correspondences 1973

Languages: [English](#)

## **Abstract**

Curtis Graves (1938 -), Houston businessman and politician, was the first African American to serve in the State House since Texas Reconstruction. Graves served in the House 1966-1972. Graves graduated from Texas Southern University with a BBA in 1962. The collection consists of 5 boxes (1.5 linear feet) and is comprised of materials generated during Graves' tenure in the political arena from 1967-1971; there are no personal or family papers in this collection.

## **Scope and Contents of the Materials**

Subject files primarily consist of legislative publications and papers and speeches, 1967-1971. There are no personal papers. There is one folder of black and white 8x10" photographs of Curtis Graves. In the vertical files, there are newspaper clippings on his candidacies for the Texas House of Representatives and the mayoral election. Subject files primarily consist of legislative publications and papers and speeches, 1967-1971. There are no personal papers. There is one folder of black and white 8x10" photographs of Curtis Graves. In the vertical files, there are newspaper clippings on his candidacies for the Texas House of Representatives and the mayoral election.

## **Administrative Information**

Access Restrictions: No restrictions.

Use Restrictions: Copyright retained by author of items in these papers, their descendants, or whatever entity is named in deed of gift (if applicable).

Acquisition Source: Curtis M. Graves

## Box and Folder Listing

Series I: Texas Senate, 62nd Legislature, 1971

### Box 1

Folder 1: Senate Journals - Day by Day Account of the 62nd Legislature, 1971

Consists of approximately 100 individual bound proceedings of both the Texas House and the Senate.

### Box 2

Item 1: General Appropriations Bill, 1972-72 Biennium - Committee on Appropriations Substitute for Senate Bill no. 11, 1971

Item 2: General Appropriations Bill, 1972-72 Biennium - Legislative Budget Board, Recommended Draft

### Box 3

Folder 1: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 22, Pays Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., 1971

Folder 2: House Bills and Resolutions - Articles by Curtis Graves: "Nowhere to Turn"; "A Case Against Bussing", 1971

Folder 3: House Bills and Resolutions - House Joint Resolution 36, Establishment of State Lottery, 1971

Folder 4: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 55, DDT, 1971

Folder 5: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 101: Population, Economic Growth, 1971

Folder 6: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 282, Congratulatory Resolution for J. Mason Brewer, 1971

Folder 7: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 102, Removal of Mutscher's Picture and Plaque from Capitol Wall, 1971

Folder 8: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 330, Abolishes "Pledge Card" System, 1971

Folder 9: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 425, NBC News Telecast, "This Child is Rated X", 1971

Folder 10: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 470: Adoption, Hard-to-Place Children, 1971

Folder 11: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 531, Recognition of World Solidary Day, 1971

Folder 12: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 550: Drugs, For Purpose of Sale, 1971

Folder 13: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 465, Proclamation of Dirty Thirty Day, 1971

Folder 14: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 650: Drugs, Classification of, 1971

Folder 15: House Bills and Resolutions - House Simple Resolution 679, Renaming of Room G-13, 1971

Folder 16: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 702, Election of City Council, 1971

Folder 17: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 808, Tax on Makers of Checks, 1971

Folder 18: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 1334, Creation of Texas Metropolitan Youth Council, 1971

Folder 19: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 1337, Creation of Texas Commission on Drug Abuse, 1971

Folder 20: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 365, School Trustees, 1971

Folder 21: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 1402, Imposition, Collection, etc., of Tax, Residue Gas, 1971

Folder 22: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill, Drugs: Robitussin, Codeine, 1971

Folder 23: House Bills and Resolutions - House Bill 1000, Licensing & Registering of Handguns, 1971

Folder 24: House Bills and Resolutions - House Concurrent Resolution 20, Pays Tribute to Julius Carter, 1971

#### Box 4

Folder 1: Miscellaneous - TSU News Release File

Folder 2: Miscellaneous - Crack Mail

Folder 3: Miscellaneous - Stationery Used During 62nd Legislature

Folder 4: Miscellaneous - King, Martin Luther Memorial Resolution, Engrossed [sic] Copy

Folder 5: Miscellaneous - Legislative Districts, 62nd Legislature

Folder 6: Miscellaneous - Newspaper Articles during 62nd Legislature: Shiner - Mathis Incident

Folder 7: Miscellaneous - Newspaper Articles during 62nd Legislature: SEC Stock Probe

Folder 8: Miscellaneous - Newspaper Articles during 62nd Legislature: Military Spying

Folder 9: Miscellaneous - Abilene Speech, 1971

Folder 10: Miscellaneous - Poem: "Nigger" by Curtis M. Graves

Item 14: Miscellaneous - approximately 20 loose House journals (62 Legislature) and a campaign flyer, 1971-1972

Box 5

Folder 1: Speeches - TSU Speech File, 1969-1971

Folder 2: Speeches - Personal photographs

Item 1: Speeches - reel to reel audio tapes: Speech on Appropriations  
Bill (2 copies), April 1971