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### 2016 RENOVATION UPDATES

#### Renovation Work at the Briscoe Center

In 2016, the Briscoe Center will undergo the renovation of its public service space in Sid Richardson Hall Unit 2.



When preparing for a research trip to the Briscoe Center for American History, the best place to start is on our website with our Research page.

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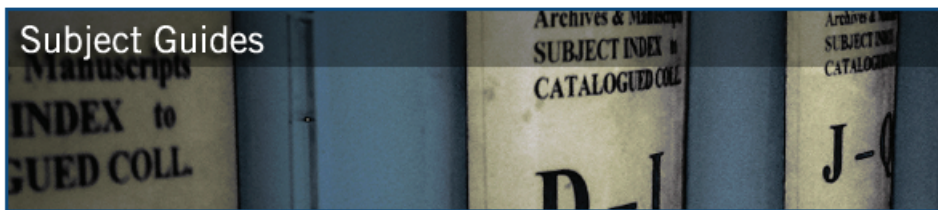
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We've created some subject guides to help you find archival collections related to your research topic.

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Each subject guide listed below is tailored to the specific characteristics of its research topic. The formats of the guides vary with the subject matter, but each directs the researcher to key resources within the Center's collections. Many of the guides include useful contextual information such as inclusive years, physical size, historical context, and collection strengths.

The subject guides are useful in identifying promising resources to explore. The next step is to examine the more detailed finding aids or the [University of Texas Online Catalog](#) to determine exact access codes or call numbers. Please contact our [Reference Services](#) staff if you have any questions.

Due to the changing needs of researchers and new additions to the collections, existing guides are regularly updated and new guides created. You are welcome to send recommendations for future guide topics to our reference desk.

We will be adding links to the guides as we publish them online. Printed copies are available in the Research and Collections Division's reading room at the University of Texas.



**1945: Texas at War and Peace:** Selected Publications, Archives, and Manuscript Collections.



**African American History Resources:** For the purposes of this selection, scope was limited mainly to African Americans in the state of Texas.



**Sara Clark Collection on Social, Political, and Environmental Reform:** Honoring the outstanding work of Sara Clark, former head of Archives and Manuscripts.



**Congressional Papers:** Descriptions of and inventories for archival and manuscript holdings.



**Foreign Policy:** Descriptions of and inventories for selected archival and manuscript holdings.

Here's the subject guide that lists Briscoe Center collections related to foreign policy.



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### Foreign Policy Subject Guide

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### Print and Broadcast Media

[Edward J. Angly Scrapbooks, ca. 1940s-1950s.](#) (5 in.)

Two scrapbooks of newspaper correspondence of Angly, Worl

[Walter Cronkite Papers, 1931 to the present.](#) (287 ft.)

Includes scripts, correspondence, research files, photographs, film, videotape, and printed materials, as well as Cronkite's oral history life memoir, a transcript produced from taped interviews with Cronkite made by CAH director Dr. Don Carleton in 1990-1993, which served as the basic text for Cronkite's published memoir *A Reporter's Life* (1996). The papers document Cronkite's career as a United Press wire reporter and war correspondent before joining CBS in 1950 as the network's Washington correspondent and news anchor at WTOP-TV. In 1962 Cronkite became the managing editor and anchor of "The CBS Evening News," a position he held until his retirement in 1981. Portions of this collection are stored remotely. Advance notice is required for retrieval. Contact the Briscoe Center for full inventory of this collection.

Each collection title is hyperlinked to an online finding aid. Let's take a look at a typical finding aid.

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**A Guide to the Walter Cronkite Papers, 1932-2014****Descriptive Summary**

<b>Creator:</b>	Cronkite, Walter
<b>Title:</b>	Walter Cronkite Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1932-2014
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Walter Cronkite Papers, 1932-2014, cover the noted CBS newsman's more than five-decades-long career as one of the nation's most respected journalists.
<b>Extent:</b>	294 ft.
<b>Language:</b>	Materials are written in English.
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin</a>



The abstract is a very brief description of the collection – we've usually used the abstract in the subject guide to give you a rough idea of what's in the collection.

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The extent tells you the size of collection. Archival institutions measure collections in linear feet (the amount of shelf space that a collection takes). In this case, the Walter Cronkite Papers take up 294 feet of shelf space.

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## Biographical Note

Walter Leland Cronkite Jr. (1916-2009) was born to Walter Leland Cronkite and Helena Fritsche in St. Joseph, Missouri. When Cronkite was ten years old, his family moved to Houston, where his father, a dentist, took a teaching position at a dental college and went into dental practice there. As a student at San Jacinto High School in Houston, Cronkite came under the strong influence of Fred Birney, a journalism teacher, who whetted Cronkite's early love for reporting. The budding journalist garnered a job with the *Houston Post*, where, as he recalled in his autobiography, *A Reporter's Life*, the staff, perhaps due to their "benevolence," allowed him to serve as a cub reporter rather than merely as a copy boy. He delighted in the opportunity to cover "luncheon clubs and civic affairs," and was happy to be rewarded by occasionally seeing his work in print.

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294 ft.  
Language: Materials are written in English.  
Repository: [Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin](#)

The Biographical Note or Historical Sketch tells you about the person or group that created the records in the archival collection – in this case, Walter Cronkite. This biographical note describes who he was, what he accomplished, and people and institutions he was associated with. It puts Walter Cronkite and his papers into a historical context so you know whether the collection contains material helpful to your research.



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## A Guide to the Walter Cronkite Papers, 1932-2014

## Descriptive Summary

**Scope and Contents**

The Walter Cronkite Papers, 1932-2014, cover the noted CBS newsman's more than five-decades-long career as one of the nation's most respected journalists. Materials begin with Cronkite's early life in Houston and his student days at The University of Texas at Austin and include his work as a correspondent for the United Press covering World War II and the Nuremberg war crimes trial. The majority of the papers, however, deal with his career with CBS News from 1950 through his retirement in 1981 as anchor and managing editor of the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite.

The Scope and Contents section describes the records themselves – the types of records, the time period that the documents cover (1934-2014) and the subjects that they pertain to (day-to-day functioning, individual projects, etc.).



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### Access Restrictions



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The Restrictions Section can be crucial when planning a research trip to the Briscoe Center. Here's why: "Portions of the collection are restricted" means that some parts of the collection are not open for research for a certain period of time. The finding aid shows which materials are unavailable with the word "Restricted" in front of those boxes or files. The phrase "stored remotely" means that this collection is not housed on the premises of the Briscoe Center's Research and Collection Division in Sid Richardson Hall on the U. T. Austin campus. It is stored in a facility not accessible by the public and must be delivered to the Briscoe Center.

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## Detailed Description of the Papers

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Some online finding aids do not show the box numbers and contents, but rather instruct users to contact the Briscoe Center for more information. To get more information and a full length version of a finding aid, contact the reference staff via our online form.

## RESEARCH - REFERENCE HELP

### Get Reference Help



We can assist researchers via email, postal mail and telephone with questions that staff can answer in roughly fifteen minutes.

Examples include basic reference questions, checking whether materials are stored on- or off-site, sending electronic copies of finding aids that are not yet available online, and confirming days and hours that we are open for research.

If your question fits this description, please send it using the online form below, call the reference desk at (512) 495-4532, or [mail it to us](#).

#### Reference Request Form

We answer questions in the order we receive them. You may not hear back right away. We strive to answer all questions.

Name:\*

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Address:

City:\*

State:\*

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Country:

Question\*:

Request for inventory of the Walter Cronkite Papers.

Our reference staff will respond to requests in **one to two business days**. With the full finding aid for the Walter Cronkite Papers, you can select the materials you want to use.





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