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A Guide to the Gary Cartwright Addition

1963 - 1984

Collection 001A

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Gary Cartwright
Title:	Gary Cartwright Addition
Dates:	1963 - 1984
Abstract:	The Gary Cartwright Addition spans 1969 - 1984 and includes materials related to two of Cartwright's books, <i>Blood Will Tell</i> (1979), a chronicle of the murder trials of Fort Worth businessman Cullen Davis, and <i>Dirty Dealing</i> (1984), an account of drug smuggling, criminal trials, and the assassination of a federal judge in El Paso. Materials associated with Cartwright's other literary productions include articles, manuscripts, research notes and subject files as well as various pieces of fiction, most of them unpublished. Included in the collection are some of Cartwright's personal materials such as correspondence, printed material, and unlabeled photographs.
Identification:	Collection 001A
Extent:	28 boxes (16 linear feet)
Language:	English
Repository:	Southwestern Writers Collection, The Wittliff Collections, Alkek Library, Texas State University-San Marcos

Biographical Sketch/Historical Sketch

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 Content Note

Manuscripts, published newspaper and magazine articles, and research materials such as clippings, research notes, legal documents, other printed items, and audio tape make up this addition to the Gary Cartwright Collection. The addition covers his career from 1963 to 1984, concentrating on his work on various projects from 1976 to 1984. The materials are divided into four series: 1.) *Blood Will Tell*, 2.) *Dirty Dealing*, 3.) Other Literary Productions, and 4.) Personal Materials.

The most detailed and comprehensive portion of the research material for *Blood Will Tell* consists of clippings from several major Texas newspapers, chronicling the murder trials of Fort Worth business man Cullen Davis. Cartwright's research notes are also extensive, but are not labeled and have not been sorted. Other research materials cover scattered subjects, and are not extensive. Several versions of the manuscript of the book are included, documenting revisions made during its production.

Material relating to *Dirty Dealing* is varied with a depth of the documentation. The series maintains one hundred and sixteen (116) subject files and file titles created by Cartwright, in their original order, each folder containing several types of material related to people and incidents covered in the book. Unfiled research materials have been filed according to subject. Several manuscript drafts of the book are included – some complete, but most undated and incomplete.

The third series consists of material relating to Cartwright's other literary productions – both non-fiction newspaper and magazine and various pieces of primarily unpublished fiction, including short stories, novels, and screenplays. Subject files created and titled by Cartwright have been maintained, each containing a variety of materials. Some additional subject files have been created for journalistic work, arranged chronologically. Manuscripts included in this series are undated and frequently unidentified, and may be incomplete. Manuscripts are differentiated according to title or subject matter. Most of Cartwright's notes are also unlabeled and unsorted.

The fourth series consists of a small amount of personal material including correspondence, printed materials, and unlabeled photographs.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

Transferred from the Austin History Center in 2009.

Processing Information

Originally processed by Margaret Tufts and Warren Stricker for the Austin History Center (1980); Inventory revised by Alan Schaefer (2010).

Notes to Researchers

A large collection of Gary Cartwright's papers form Southwestern Writers Collection 001.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: *Blood Will Tell*

Box Folder

Clippings

1	1	1976
	2	April - August 1977
	3	September - October 1977
	4	November - December 1977
	5	February - August 13, 1978
	6	August 21 - 31, 1978
	7	September - October 1978
	8	November 1978
	9	December 1978
	10	January 1979
	11	February - March 1979
	12	Undated

Notes (undated)

2	1	Unsorted notes
	2	Unsorted notes
	3	Unsorted notes
	4	Unsorted notes
	5	Unsorted notes
	6	Unsorted notes
	7	Unsorted notes
	8	Unsorted notes
	9	Unsorted notes
	10	Unsorted notes

Legal Documents

3	1	Kenneth Davis, Sr. Will 1967, 1970
	2	Wilborn Divorce, 1968
	3	Davis Divorce, 1974, 1976, and undated
	4	McCrary Affidavits, 1977
	5	Nagra Tape Transcripts, 1978
	6	Davis vs. Davis Lawsuit, 1974

Series I: *Blood Will Tell* - continued

Box Folder

Research Material

- 3 7 Ft. Worth (undated)
8 Ore Reserve Evaluation, Kendavis Inc., 1974

Photographs

- 3 9 Research photos (undated)

Correspondence

- 3 10 1977 – 1979

Publicity

- 3 11 Book Publicity, 1979

Editorial Notes

- 3 12 Notes (undated)

Manuscripts (undated)

- 3 13 *Texas Monthly* Articles
14 Part I pages 1-112
15 Part I pages 113 -207
16 Part II pages 1-133
4 1 Part II pages 134-253
2 Part II pages 1-133
3 Part II pages 134-253
4 Part II pages 200-299
5 Part II pages 300-421
6 Part II pages 200-299
7 Part II pages 300-421
5 1 Part III pages 422-525
2 Part III pages 526-652
3 Part III pages 1-125
4 Part III pages 126-218
5 Pages 1-84
6 Pages 85-192
7 Pages 193-279
6 1 Pages 1-72

Series I: *Blood Will Tell* - continued

Box Folder

Manuscripts (undated), continued

6	2	Pages 73- 199
	3	Pages 200- 275
	4	Pages 276- 374
	5	Pages 375- 453
	6	Pages 454- 542
	7	Pages 543- 652
	8	Fragments
	7	1
2		Unbound book

Series II: *Dirty Dealing*

Author's Subject Files (undated)

7	3	Ardmore	
	4	Steve Peter's DEA File	
	5	"Agency of Fear" Notes, Ross Perot	
	6	Riojas – Alan Brown	
	7	Kenny Croucher (George Taylor, etc.) and Columbus Air Force bust	
	8	Merchiondo / Mafia	
	9	Chagra Murder - Wallace / White Trials, Pena - Gibson, Weiser, Rodriguez	
	10	Bandido Angle	
	8	1	Drug Abuse Act of 1970
		2	Wallace / White Murder Trial
3		Caballero, Gordy and Dihora, Estrada Contempt, Judge Wood / Goldstein file	
4		Renteria Case, JoAnn Wardy Interview	
5		Peter Brock File - "A"	
6		George Hough	
7		The Mob, Rackets, Dope, etc.	
8		Smuggling / El Paso Smuggling Investigation	
9		More Smuggling, Drugs, Gambling, Mafia, etc.	
10		Unlabeled file	
11		Malcolm and Miscellaneous Info and Chit Chat	
12		<i>High Times</i> Story	
13		Detective Files - Kerr	
14		Historical - Syrian-Lebanese, El Paso and Mexico	
15		Joe Chagra	
16		Jimmy Chagra "A" File	
17		Sandy and Patty	

Series II: *Dirty Dealing* – continued

Box	Folder	
		<u>Author's subject files (undated), continued</u>
8	18	Lee's Proposed Lawsuit - Oteri and Weinberg - also <i>American Lawyer</i> , Killings of Dope Lawyers
	19	JoAnne Chagra
	20	Vivian Chagra
	21	Patsy de la Torre
9	1	Jim Salome
	2	Doris Sipes
	3	Jack Stricklin
	4	Donna Johnson
	5	Mama Chagra
	6	D. Clark Hughes (Judge)
	7	The Frenchman
	8	Vic Apodaca
	9	Rick de la Torre
	10	Peter Krutshewski (Blake)
	11	Don Fertel
	12	Sib Abraham
	13	Dee Ann Croucher
	14	Judge Bean – Court of Inquiry into Lee's Murder
	15	Clarence Moyers
	16	Marty Houltin
	17	Wayne Wendell (Windle)
	18	Liz
	19	Jimmy's Letter from Levenworth
	20	Lee Chagra
	21	El Paso Police Inquiry into Lee's Murder
	22	Jimmy Chagra Trial (file 1)
	23	Jimmy Chagra Trial (file 2)
	24	Jimmy Chagra Trial (file 3)
	25	Henry Wallace's Testimony – Jimmy Chagra Trial
10	1	Cross Examination of Henry Wallace
	2	Jimmy Chagra Trial, Chagra Defense
	3	Defense Lawyer interviews
	4	Jimmy Chagra's Jacksonville Trial
	5	Oscar Goodman
	6	Tom Sharp, Harrelson Profile, etc
	7	#1 Wood Trial, September - October
	8	#2 Wood Trial, Harrelson, Jo Ann, Liz, November
	9	# San Antonio Trial, Defense
	10	FBI Notes / Summaries
	11	Affadavit for Search, Tapes

Series II: *Dirty Dealing* – continued

Box Folder

Author's subject files (undated), continued

10	12	Joe Chagra 1982
	13	Chagra 1982
	14	El Paso 1982
	15	Wood Indictment and Follow-up 1982
	16	Pretrial
11	1	Wood Investigation 1982
	2	Work Notes / Part II / Riojas - Grand Jury
	3	Jahn's
	4	Tapes / Defense Strategy
	5	Wood Murder - Second Anniversary with Calendar of Events
	6	Harreslon - Profiles, etc.
	7	Chagra 1981
	8	Chagra - Bates
	9	Grand Jury
	10	Grand Jury - Harrelson, January – May 1981
	11	Grand Jury, May - December 1981
	12	1980 Special Federal Grand Jury, I, Wood – Kerr
	13	Grand Jury 1980, II, Harrelson
	14	Sante Barrio - DEA
	15	Tape Transcripts, part 1
12	1	Tape Transcripts, part 2
	2	DEA Agents, J.T. Robinson
	3	Jamie Boyd
	4	Judge Woods (Jolidon)
	5	Judge Woods
	6	Peter Brock "B"
	7	Boston
	8	Joe Renteria Trial I (also see Joe Chagra file)
	9	Joe Renteria Trial II
	10	Stricklin Case and Judge Wood
13	1	IRS Clips
	2	EP Law Day Speech
	3	Miscellaneous Drug Busts
	4	John Pickney III
	5	James Kerr
	6	Jimmy Chagra 1981
	7	Wood - Godde Lawsuit
	8	Mrs. Wood
	9	Ruby Rheinhardt Letter - Tom Slick - Wood Case
	10	Chagra Publicity

Series II: *Dirty Dealing* – continued

Box Folder

Author's subject files (undated), continued

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| 13 | 11 | Unlabelled Manuscript |
| | 12 | Jimmy's Austin Trial – Manuscript |
| | 13 | Jerry Ray James |
| | 14 | Maps |
| | 15 | Chagra – Story Draft |
| | 16 | Guiberson |
| | 17 | Documents to Lawyers |
| 14 | 1 | Wood Murder Follow – up 1979 – 1980 |
| | 2 | Jimmy Chagra Trial – Austin |
| | 3 | Niel Nichols Case I |
| | 4 | Niel Nichols Case II |

Research Material

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|----|---|---|
| 14 | 5 | Federal Committee on Government Operations: June 1975 Hearings / Federal Drug Enforcement |
| 15 | 1 | Federal Committee on Government Operations: July 1976 Interim Report / Federal Narcotics Enforcement |
| | 2 | Committee on Government Operations: January 1977 Illicit Traffic in Weapons and Drugs across the U.S./Mexico Border |
| | 3 | Court and Legal Documents, Wood Investigation 1980-1981 |
| | 4 | Court and Legal Documents, Wood Investigation 1982-1983 |
| | 5 | FBI Documents, 1979-1981 |
| | 6 | Wood Assassination Evidence (notebook photocopy) |
| | 7 | Clippings/Chagra |
| | 8 | Clippings/Rockport |
| | 9 | Jury List |

Notes

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| 15 | 10 | Chronology |
| | 11 | Unlabelled |

Manuscripts (undated)

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| 16 | 1 | Pages 1-104 |
| | 2 | Pages 105-191, afterword |
| | 3 | Pages 1-104 |
| | 4 | Pages 105-191, afterword |
| | 5 | Pages 1-31 |

Series II: *Dirty Dealing* - continued

Box Folder

Manuscripts (undated), continued

16	6	Pages 85-204
	7	Pages 205-331
17	1	Pages 332-407
	2	Pages 408-472
	3	Pages 473-548, 551-565
	4	Pages 1-107
	5	Pages 1-72
	6	Pages 1-31
	7	Pages 1-55
	8	Pages 1-32
18	1	Part II, Pages -147 (missing pages)
	2	Pages 1-21, 1-45, 36-56, 60-67, 173-179, 22-39, and inserts
	3	Pages 11-43
	4	Pages 230-271
	5	Pages 36-45, 60-99, 107-117
	6	Pages 270-271, 309-310, 258-280
	7	Pages 428-548 (missing pages)
	8	Pages 1-105
	9	Pages 106 - 196
19	1	Pages 197-269
	2	Pages 272-344
	3	Pages 345-449
	4	Pages 450-518
	5	Pages 519-590
	6	Pages 591-696
	7	Pages 1-105
	8	Pages 106-190
	9	Pages 191-269
	10	Pages 272-344
20	1	Pages 345-424
	2	Pages 425-491
	3	Pages 492-570
	4	Pages 571-696
	5	Original manuscript, pages 1-72
	6	Original manuscript, pages 73-142A
	7	Original manuscript, pages 142B-219
	8	Original manuscript, pages 220-298A
	9	Original manuscript, pages 299-382
	10	Original manuscript, pages 383-466

Series II: *Dirty Dealing* – continued

Box Folder

Manuscripts (undated), continued

21	1	Original manuscript, pages 467 -532
	2	Original manuscript, pages 533-608
	3	Original manuscript, pages 609-696A
	4	Unedited manuscript, pages 1-91
	5	Unedited manuscript, pages 92-161
	6	Unedited manuscript, pages 162-228
	7	Unedited manuscript, pages 229-296
	8	Unedited manuscript, pages 297-370
	9	Unedited manuscript, pages 371-447
	10	Unedited manuscript, pages 448-516
	11	Unedited manuscript, pages 517-578

Series III: Other Literary Productions

Box Folder

Author's Subject Files (undated)

22	1	Candy
	2	Chronology, <i>Dirty Dealing</i>
	3	Adventures in Moving
	4	Jay J. Armes
	5	Cullen Davis
	6	Racehorse Haynes
	7	Priscilla Davis
	8	OU/Texas Inside Sports
	9	Delbert McClinton
	10	Epilogue – <i>Blood Will Tell</i>
	11	Ranger Story
	12	Darrell Royal
	13	Welfare Story
	14	TV Guide Story (Local TV, San Antonio)
	15	Texas/OU Weekend
	16	Colonial (Golf Tournament)
23	1	Private Investigation File
	2	Outward Bound
	3	Border Towns
	4	Houston Police
	5	Truckin'

Series III: Other Literary Productions - continued

Box Folder

Research Materials (undated)

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| 23 | 6 | Jack Favor |
| | 7 | JFK assassination |
| 24 | 1 | Pit Dogs |
| | 2 | Southwestern Bell |
| | 3 | Fort Worth Press |
| | 4 | Austin-Drug Dealers |
| | 5 | Marijuana Smuggling (Court Document) |
| | 6 | Clippings |

Published Articles

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|----|---|-----------------------|
| 24 | 7 | 1963-1967 |
| | 8 | 1968-1969 |
| | 9 | 1970-1974 and undated |

Manuscripts (undated) - Non-fiction

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| 24 | 10 | Newspaper columns |
| | 11 | Fort Worth Press |
| | 12 | Jack Ruby |
| | 13 | Craig Morton |
| | 14 | Texas Governor's Race |
| | 15 | Pit Dogs |
| | 16 | Busted |
| | 17 | Untitled |

Manuscripts (undated) - Fiction

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| 24 | 18 | "They Are Tearing Down All the Old Houses" |
| | 19 | "This Is A Recording" |
| | 20 | "Outlaws" pages 1-50 |
| 25 | 1 | "Outlaws" pages 50A-118 |
| | 2 | "Outlaws" pages 119-171 |
| | 3 | "Outlaws" pages 172-239 |
| | 4 | "Outlaws" pages 240-267 |
| | 5 | Untitled "Diggs" 1 of 6 |
| | 6 | Untitled "Diggs" 2 of 6 |
| | 7 | Untitled "Diggs" 3 of 6 |
| | 8 | Untitled "Diggs" 4 of 6 |
| | 9 | Untitled "Diggs" 5 of 6 |

Series III: Other Literary Productions – continued

Box Folder

Manuscripts (undated) - Fiction, continued

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| 26 | 1 | Untitled “Diggs” 6/6 |
| | 2 | Untitled (Paul Syler) |
| | 3 | “The Scammer” |
| | 4 | Untitled (Austin Drug Dealers-Script), 1 of 2 |
| | 5 | Untitled (Austin Drug Dealers-Script), 2 of 2 |
| | 6 | Untitled (Dark Pearls), 1 of 3 |
| | 7 | Untitled (Dark Pearls), 2 of 3 |
| | 8 | Untitled (Dark Pearls), 3 of 3 |
| 27 | 1 | Untitled (Billy Roy Ford) |
| | 2 | Untitled (New Dynamo City) |
| | 3 | Untitled (Black Jack Spain) |
| | 4 | Untitled (Ansel Gregg-Script) |
| | 5 | Unidentified manuscripts |

Poetry

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| 27 | 6 | Poems |
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Essays

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| 27 | 7 | On Playwrighting |
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Notes (undated)

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| 27 | 8 | Unidentified notes, 1 of 2 |
| | 9 | Unidentified notes, 2 of 2 |
| | 10 | Kennedy Assassination / Jack Ruby |

Correspondence

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|----|----|--|
| 27 | 11 | 1968-1969, 1974-1975, 1983 and undated |
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Legal Documents

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|----|----|----------------------|
| 27 | 12 | Contracts 1968, 1975 |
|----|----|----------------------|

Book Reviews

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| 27 | 13 | <i>The Hundred Yard War</i> and <i>Thin Ice</i> |
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Series IV: Personal Materials

Box Folder

Correspondence

28 1 1964, 1971, 1973-1975, 1978 and undated

Financial Documents

28 2 Check from Columbia

Printed Material

28 3 BMI Application

4 Cards

Photographs (undated)

28 5 Prints (unlabelled)

6 Slides (unlabelled)

Scrapbook Material

28 7 Undated material

Audio Recordings (undated)

28 8 Tapes (3 cassettes, 1 reel)

Separated Material

28 9 *Texas Monthly*, March 1977 and March 1978; *Atlantic Monthly*, March 1975;
Book Digest, October 1979; Poster - Texas Ranger (Allee 1930 - 1970)