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Title: **Papers, 1985-1988**

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Donor: Frank Cooksey

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Prepared by: Tim Wilder

Box/Folder	Arrangement
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1	All American Pipeline Annexations Bastrop Dripping Springs
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3	Austin Regional Matrix Against Alcohol & Drug Abuse Austin World Affairs Concil, Inc. Banks Boards and Commissions Electric Utility Commisssion Environmental Board Historic Landmark Commission
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 " " " " " "  
 Wild Basin Wilderness  
 Zoning  
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Affordable Housing  
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 Arts Plan  
 Audit and Finance Committee  
 Auditing Department  
 Austin Community College  
 Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.  
 Austin Housing Authority  
 Austin Independent School District  
 Austin Interfaith  
 Austin Minority Economic Development  
 Corporation  
 AustinPlan  
 Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council  
 Austin Transportation Study  
 " " " " " "  
 Barton Spring/Edwards Aquifer District  
 Black-Capped Vireo (Wild Basin Wilderness  
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 Arts Commission  
 Electric Utility Commission  
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	Laguna Gloria Art Museum
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       November 1986-May 1987  
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 Mayor  
   " "  
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   Housing  
 Mayor's Select Committee on Fiscal Management  
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 Mayor's Task Force on Water  
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   " " " " "  
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   United South Austin  
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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Frank C. Cooksey served as mayor of Austin from 1985 through 1988. Cooksey had not served on the City Council before his election. Cooksey ran against Ron Mullen for the post as mayor. Cooksey ran unsuccessfully for a second term against Lee Cooke. Cooksey was considered to be progressive and aligned mostly with liberals. The character of the City Council during Cooksey's administration included alliances between Cooksey, Max Nofziger, Smoot Carl-Mitchell, Sally Shipman and George Humphrey.

Frank C. Cooksey was born on June 3, 1933, and moved to Austin in 1940. He obtained a BA in psychology and philosophy from The University of Texas in 1955 and in 1962 he earned his law degree from the UT School of Law. He was President of the student body in 1959-60. After graduation, he practiced as an attorney until his election as mayor of Austin in 1985.

Mr. Cooksey began his legal career with the Austin law firm of Powell, McGinnis, Reavley, and Lockridge (1960-1963). The next seven years were spent with the U.S. Government, first as Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice (1963-1965), and then as Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern Division of Texas (1965-1970). He left to go into private practice for three years as partner of Gilckman, Perkinson, and Cooksey. In 1973 Mr. Cooksey became Special Assistant Attorney General of Texas, Department of Public Welfare Litigation, Energy and Civil Rights Legislation until 1977. He went back into private practice with Swift and Swift until 1979, when he became a member of the Hilgers and Watkins law firm.

Mr. Cooksey's civic memberships and appointments include (to name a few) serving as past president of the Save Barton Creek Association, past board president of Texas Institute of Families, member of Edwards Aquifer Task Force, co-chairman in 1983 of the Electric Utility Bonds Campaign, and member of Texas Municipal League Board of Directors of Austin Transportation Study Committee.

As Mayor, Mr. Cooksey focused his attention on environmental protection, economic development, zoning and planning issues, as well as human services. On the environmental front, he was instrumental in the passage of the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (which has the toughest pollution controls in the nation), the Hazardous Materials Ordinance, and the Hill Country Roadway Ordinance. His interest in bringing economic development to Austin



led to the creation of the Economic Development and International Trade Department, the arrival of Sematech, and the adoption of the Convention Center Plan by the City Council. In zoning and planning matters, Mr. Cooksey succeeded in getting the Town Lake Park Plan and the Oak Hill and North Lamar Zoning Plans adopted. His contribution to human services was seen in the increased funding of human services for mental health and other services, as well as the funding and building of a new senior citizen's center in east Austin.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The original arrangement of this collection has been retained. The bulk of the materials are correspondence items. For each fiscal year, subject files were maintained; this constitutes the first series within this collection. Miscellaneous files are filed at the end of each fiscal year.

The second series contains miscellaneous files, phone messages and a substantial portion of STNP materials.

All city produced and privately published reports were culled and transferred to the General Collection of the Austin History Center. For a complete listing of each report, refer to the first box of the collection. Other items such as periodicals and photographs were transferred to the appropriate Austin History Center unit. See Separation Sheets for exact details.

# Separation Sheet

Collection Catalog Number AR 2.7 Donor Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Frank Cooksey Records

The following item(s) originally in this collection has/have been removed so that it/they may be included in the appropriate Austin History Center collection as noted below.

Item Removed	Original location	New location
764 reports by city of Austin (Note: For a listing of each report, please see first box of this collection or consult the Archivist)		General Collection

"Hill Country Trophy" poster by Ragan Gennusa 1986 (154/350)		qAR Box 11/21
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Subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete one sheet for each location/designation (Ex. - Oversize Archives, Periodicals, Oversize Archives Photos, Archives Photos, etc.).

Prepared by: Tim Wilder Separation date: 19 Dec. 1991

# Separation Sheet

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Title Frank Cooksey Papers

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Item Removed	Original location	New location
<u>3½ linear feet of MHMR</u>		<u>Discarded</u>
<u>"Request for Funds" form</u>		
<u>letters</u>		

<u>Miscellaneous travel brochures</u>	<u>1987-88/Box 8</u>	<u>Discarded</u>
	<u>(Travel folder)</u>	

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# Separation Sheet

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 Title Frank Cooksey Papers

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1) Austin City Council Agenda (1 item)		Periodicals
2) United South Austin Newsletter (2 items)		Collection
3) Crestview Neighborhood Assn. Newsletter (1 item)		
4) Walnut Creek Neighborhood Assn. News (2 items)		
5) Corridor Council Newsletter (7 items)		
6) Texas Weekly (2 items)		
7) Austin Circle of Theatres Newsletter (1 item)		
8) Austin City Review (1 item)		
9) Corridor News (5 items)		
10) Pecan Press (7 items)		
11) The Downtowner (1 item)		
12) West Austin Neighborhood Group Newsletter (1 item)		
13) Window on Windsor (5 items)		
14) Z News (1 item)		
15) Metro Austin Newsletter (1 item)		
16) Branching Out: Notes from Sally Shipman (1 item)		
17) Rotary Reminder (1 item)		
18) Amigos (1 item)		
19) Waterways (1 item)		
20) What's Happening (2 items)		
21) Capital Metro Star (1 item)		
22) Sector Views (1 item)		
23) Kyōkai Dayori Newsletter (2 items)		
24) Austin Business Journal (1 item)		
25) Austin Alliance for the Mentally Ill Newsletter (1 item)		
26) ACVB News (1 item)		
27) UHNA Newsletter (2 items)		

Subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Tim Wilder Separation date: 13 June 1991

# Separation Sheet

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Item Removed	Original location	New location
<u>10 color slides on loan from</u>	<u>1987-88 files:</u>	<u>Returned to</u>
<u>Austin Convention and Visitor's</u>	<u>Box 2, Civic/Convention</u>	<u>ACVB</u>
<u>Center</u>	<u>center folder</u>	

Subjects: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Item Removed	Original location	New location
<u>21 color and b&amp;w photographic prints</u>	<u>AF-BIO COOKSEY, FRANK</u>	<u>PICB 13367-13371</u>
	<u>HB-BLANCO 908</u>	<u>PICH 07083-07084</u>
	<u>AF-HOLIDAYS 11800(6) JUL 4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>PICA 25934-25939</u>
	<u>AF-STREETS-CONGRESS AVE</u>	<u>SS710(5) 1980 -</u>
		<u>PICA 25940 -</u>
		<u>25947</u>

Subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Tim Wilder Separation date: 13 June 1991