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Biographical Sketch

Claude Benton Hudspeth was a newspaperman, rancher, lawyer, and representative from the 16th Congressional District of Texas. He was born in Medina, Texas on May 12, 1877 to Elizabeth Anna and H.S. Hudspeth, then sheriff of Bandera County. By his own account, he never received any formal education. As a teenager, Hudspeth worked for a number of ranchers, and published a newspaper with his brother Roy, the *Ozona Kicker*. He settled in El Paso, and married Marie Cliborne in 1902. They had one son and one daughter. Hudspeth was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1902 and to the state Senate in 1906. He served in the state Senate until 1918, when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives. Hudspeth retired from the House of Representatives in 1930. In 1909 he was admitted to the bar and joined the El Paso law firm of Nealon, Hudspeth, and McGill. Apart from his public and legal duties, Hudspeth also owned and operated a large cattle ranch in Crockett County. In 1940 he became a director of an oil firm and moved to San Antonio. He died in 1941.

Series Description or Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series: Personal Affairs and Political Affairs. Series I (Personal Affairs) includes biographical information, business and professional activities, and general correspondence. Series II (Political Affairs) includes congressional activities and subject files.

Scope and Content Notes

The papers consist chiefly of correspondence, but also include biographical information and financial records. Dates covered are 1919-1931. The papers help document Hudspeth's livestock ranches, business enterprises, legal career in El Paso, Texas, and political activities as a congressional representative from the 16th Congressional District of Texas. Notable correspondents are Tom Lea, Sr., Plutarco Elias Calles, Sam Rayburn, and Albert B. Fall. Topics include ranching in West Texas, smuggling in the

El Paso area, the Teapot Dome scandal, the 1920 U.S. Census, and expropriation of lands belonging to U.S. citizens in Mexico.

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		Company	
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