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# **Biography**

Chris P. Fox (1896-1984), a sheriff and banker, was born and raised in El Paso. His parents were involved in real estate. Fox attended El Paso High School.

In 1917 Fox signed on with Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico. He drove a truck in an Army supply train. Following his return to the States, Fox joined the Marines in 1918 in hopes of being sent overseas to fight in WWI. When the war ended and troops demobilized before he finished boot camp, Fox returned to El Paso. Fox married Gladys Lundy in 1918.

In 1919 Fox worked as head of delivery for the Popular Dry Goods Company. In 1920 the Fox and Gladys had a son, Chris Jr. They also had two daughters, Nan and Posey (Caroline). Chris Jr. died while serving in the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in WWII. A U.S. flag and memorial at El Paso's Scenic Point is dedicated to his memory.

In the mid-1920s Fox started his own delivery business, the Fox Transfer Company. In 1930 he decided to abandon the general delivery business to concentrate on heavy hauling. Shortly afterward, a law was enacted making it illegal in Texas for trucks weighing in excess of 7,000 lbs. to travel state roads. This setback, combined with the loss of all Fox's cash assets when the First National Bank of El Paso went under in 1931, ended the Fox Transfer Company.

In 1932 Fox decided to run against Tom Armstrong for sheriff. Fox was elected and served as sheriff until 1941, when he took over as general manager of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

In the 1950s Fox joined the State National Bank of El Paso as Vice President and Director of Public Relations. Around this time, he was awarded the Order of the Gunner of the British Empire for his service and friendship to the British contingent stationed at Fort Bliss.

Fox was appointed civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army representing West Texas in 1959, serving eight years under five different secretaries. He resigned in 1966, but continued to support the military through his involvement in numerous military associations. Fox also published and edited the weekly *Hometown News* for El Paso service members overseas from WWII to 1971.

# **Series Description or Arrangement**

These papers are minimally processed.

# **Scope and Content Notes**

Consists of correspondence, speeches, business and organizational records, subject files, photographs, publications, and official documents reflecting the career and community activities of Chris P. Fox. Subjects include the history of El Paso, military activities in the El Paso area, especially Fort Bliss, civic activities in El Paso, the Sun Carnival, law enforcement, El Paso tourism, the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, and the State National Bank of El Paso.

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# Notes to the Researcher

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Box 25 was deaccessioned from papers. Contained fragile copies of the *El Paso Times* (July 8, 1972 – August 24, 1972 and the *El Paso Herald-Post* (July 8, 1972 – August 24, 1972). Issues of these newspapers are available on microfilm.

See also: Oral history with Chris P. Fox, <a href="https://digitalcommons.utep.edu/interviews/19/">https://digitalcommons.utep.edu/interviews/19/</a>

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- 2. Paisano Drive
- 3. Host Family Program Committee
- 4. TMA
- 5. Texas Rangers Association
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