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### **Bryan (Beauregard) Papers, 1839-1909 (bulk 1893-1899)**

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## A Guide to the Beauregard Bryan Papers, 1839-1909 (bulk 1893-1899)

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Bryan, Beauregard, 1862-1918
<b>Title:</b>	Beauregard Bryan Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1839-1909 (bulk 1893-1899)
<b>Creator Abstract:</b>	Beauregard Bryan (1862-1918) established a legal practice in Brenham, Texas, in 1885 and served as city attorney, district attorney, and district judge during his residence there. He moved to El Paso in 1902 and continued his law practice.
<b>Content Abstract:</b>	The collection contains correspondence, legal documents, and printed material related to the personal and professional activities of Beauregard Bryan. The bulk of the papers dates from 1893 to 1899 and relates to Bryan's law practice. They consist primarily of correspondence concerning various legal cases, such as collection of debts, estates, and property matters.
<b>Identification:</b>	Col 877
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### Biographical Note

Beauregard Bryan was born in Brazoria County, Texas, on 1862 January 16 to Moses Austin and Cora Lewis Bryan. He received his college education at Baylor University and the University of Texas, where he studied law.

Bryan established a legal practice in Brenham, Texas, in 1885 and served as city attorney, district attorney, and district judge during his residence there. He moved to El Paso in 1902, continuing his law practice until his death on 1918 March 4.

Beauregard Bryan's family included a number of early Texas settlers. His father, Moses Austin Bryan, was the nephew of Stephen F. Austin and served as Austin's personal secretary. His cousin, Hally Ballinger Bryan Perry, co-founded the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in 1891. After her father's death in 1901, Perry, together with Bryan,

became executors of the Stephen F. Austin papers, which they presented to the University of Texas at Austin. Bryan participated in the documentation of his ancestry in historical publications and served as vice-president of the Texas State Historical Association for ten years. He was also a member of the University of Texas Board of Regents for twelve years.

Bryan married Lillian A. Lyles at Mobile, Alabama, on 1886 December 23; the couple had three children.

### *References*

Hailey, James L. "Beauregard Bryan." *Handbook of Texas Online*.  
<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbrak>.

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Correspondence, legal documents, and printed material relating primarily to legal work make up the Beauregard Bryan Papers. The papers consist of two "letter files" that were given by Bryan to Thomas O'Keefe of El Paso, representing a part of the records of Bryan's Brenham, Texas, law practice. Also included are items related to other business and personal activities. The bulk of the material dates from 1893 to 1899.

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## **Organization of Collection**

This collection is organized into three series.

Series 1: Legal and business papers

Series 2: Historical publications correspondence

Series 3: Family and personal papers

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## Index Terms

### Personal Names

Bryan, Beauregard, 1862-1918.

Bryan, Guy M. (Guy Morrison), 1821-1901.

### Subjects

Civil law--Texas.

Lawyers--Texas--Brenham.

### Locations

Brenham (Tex.)

### Genres/Formats

Professional papers.

Personal papers.

Correspondence.

Legal correspondence.

Legal files.

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## Related Material

Beauregard Bryan Papers, 1890-1913, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

Hally B. Bryan Perry Papers, circa 1761-1958, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series 1: Legal and business papers

The great majority of the collection is contained within this series and connected with Bryan's private law practice. It consists primarily of correspondence. Letters which have been identified with a particular client or case are grouped together under a descriptive heading supplied during arrangement. The remaining letters are arranged alphabetically as miscellaneous legal and business correspondence. The letters cover a variety of types of cases, including a number of suits for recovery of debt, estates, property matters, and damage claims. Some legal documents are included with the letters. The amount of information contained in the letters varies widely, and many refer to routine matters.

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	Allcorn estate, 1898-1899
1	Allcorn, Sam, 3 items, 1899.
2	Lawrence, J. R., 4 items, 1898-1899.
3	Lawrence, J. W., and Son, 2 items, 1898.
4	Story, J. N., 1 item, 1898.
	Allen, Henry, suit, 1898-1899
5	Andersen, R. R., 3 items, 1898-1899.
	Baldrige estate, 1898-1899
6	Baldrige, J., 6 items, 1899.
7	Baldrige, J. R., 1 item, 1898.
8	Callaway, J. M., 1 item, 1899.
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9	Batla, Thomas, 3 items, 1898-1899.
10	McCormick, George, 1 item, 1898.
11	Townsend, M. H., 2 items, 1898.
	Booker, Floyd A., divorce, 1899
12	Booker, Floyd A., 2 items, 1899.
13	Booker, L. E., 1 item, 1899.
14	Crowder, J. J., 1 item, 1899.

15 Faucher, Ella Frost, 1 item, 1899.  
16 Renfro, James W., 2 items, 1899.  
Borchard, Brasher and Co. vs. Ripple, 1898  
17 Holland, W. M., 2 items, 1898.  
Bryan, S. J., vs. Congden, 1893-1895  
18 Anderson, George L., 2 items, 1895.  
19 Bryan, Beauregard, 1 item, 1895.  
20 Greene, A. L., 13 items, 1893-1895.  
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21 Felder, Mrs. Mattie, 1 item, 1899.  
22 Hale, J. B., 3 items, 1899.  
23 Toland, A. W., 1 item, 1899.  
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24 Boynton, A. S., 1 item, 1898.  
25 Markey, D. P., 4 items, 1898-1899.  
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26 Franke, R. O., 1 item, 1895.  
27 Gaedcke, H. E., 2 items, 1895.  
Grubb, Sam, land, 1898-1899  
28 Bryan, Austin Y., 2 items, 1899.  
29 Shannon, John C., 1 item, 1898.  
Haccius vs. Montgomery, 1897-1898  
30 Edwards, Peyton F., 1 item, 1897.  
31 Gans, H., 1 item, 1898.  
32 Neill, H. H., 3 items, 1897.  
Heincke note, 1895-1899  
33 Houghton and Robinson, 5 items, 1898-1899.  
34 Vatter and Grevenig, 1 item, 1895.  
Hess vs. Knights of Maccabees, 1894-1895  
35 Bartlingck, Alex, 1 item, 1895.  
36 Markey, D. P., 5 items, 1894-1895.  
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37 Hill, Jim, 1 item, 1895.  
38 Hill, Scott, 3 items, 1895.  
Jameson land, 1895-1896  
39 Anderson, C. L., 4 items, 1895-1896.  
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40 Markey, D. P., 3 items, 1898.  
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41 Bryan, Beauregard, 1 item, 1899.

- 42 Love, Leila Clay, 8 items, 1899.
- 43 Newell, M. M., 1 item, 1899.
- 44 Peareson and Wharton, 4 items, 1899.
- Kiber-Harrison suit, 1898-1899
- 45 Kiber, F., 3 items, 1898-1899.
- Killough estate, 1899 and 1909
- 46 Foster and Scott, 3 items, 1899 and 1909.
- 47 Sayles and Sayles, 1 item, 1899.
- Laughlin vs. Wehmeyer, Flint vs. Wehmeyer, 1899 and undated
- 48 Flint Advertising Co., bills, 2 items, 1899.
- 49 Potterf and Bowman, 6 items, 1899 and undated.
- Mathis, J. M., note, 1895-1899
- 50 Scurry, Edgar, 2 items, 1895.
- 51 Wilder Brothers, 4 items, 1898-1899.
- McCausland vs. Nunn, 1898
- 52 Watson, Branch A., 3 items, 1898.
- Moore, McKinney vs. Rogers, 1898
- 53 Davidson, Minor and Hawkins, 1 item, 1898.
- 54 Knight, H. M., 1 item, 1898.
- Perry, Emily Austin Bryan, estate, 1894 and undated
- 55 Austin and Rose, 2 items, 1894.
- 56 Division of estate, 1 item, undated.
- Ralls, John P. and E. L., note, 1895
- 57 Ball, Fred S., 1 item, 1895.
- 58 Moore, Lake, 1 item, 1895.
- 59 Ralls, E. L., 1 item, 1895.
- 60 Wolverton, J. D., 3 items, 1895.
- Roberts estate, 1895-1898
- 61 Roberts, John H., 1 item, 1895.
- 62 Roberts, P. H., 4 items, 1895-1898.
- Rothke estate, 1898
- 63 O'Bryan, W. C., 4 items, 1898.
- Sargeant, Phillip, note, 1898-1899
- 64 Campbell, L. W., 8 items, 1898-1899.
- Stephenson, Mary, estate, 1895-1899
- 65 Granberry, M. C., 1 item, 1899.
- 66 Harris, James M., 1 item, 1895.
- 67 Middleton, Mattie, 3 items, 1895.
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- 68 Dement, C. G., 2 items, 1895.

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	70	Knight, H. M., 1 item, 1895.
	71	Loessin, A., 2 items, 1895.
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	72	Hildebrand, H. E., 2 items, 1898.
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	77	Traylor, J. D., 3 items, 1897-1898.
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	78	Dickinson, E. C., 1 item, 1898.
	79	Fullmore, Z. T., 4 items, 1898.
	80	Schaeffer, Lynn D., 2 items, 1897.
	81	Schaeffer, L. D., note, 2 items, 1895.
	82	Slayback and Harr, 2 items, 1898.
	83	Watson, John, 1 item, 1899.
		Watson vs. East, 1899
	84	McCutchan and McFarland, 2 items, 1899.
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	85	McCutchan and McFarland, 3 items, 1899.
		Weir Plow vs. Langhammer, 1893-1894
	86	Schell, Wallace, 3 items, 1894.
	87	Alias execution, 1 item, 1893.
		Wilton vs. Baumgart, 1898
	88	Belden, Charles, 1 item, 1898.
	89	Wilton, E. T., 1 item, 1898.
		Wolff, Theo. vs. Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, 1899
	90	Wolff, Theo., 9 items, 1899.
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	91	Callaway, Walter P., 3 items, 1895.
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		Correspondence, miscellaneous legal and business, 1893-1899
	94	Anderson, W. M., 1 item, 1894.



95 Andrews, Frank, 1 item, 1895.  
96 Austin and Rose, 1 item, 1898.  
97 Bankers Commercial League, 3 items, 1899.  
98 Banks, E. G., 2 items, 1899.  
99 Barttlingck, Alexander, 2 items, 1895 and 1898.  
100 Bell, James W., 1 item, 1895.  
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102 Blake, Lem, 3 items, 1898.  
103 Blum, Aaron, 1 item, 1898.  
104 Booker, Winston, 1 item, 1899.  
105 Braesche, W. C., 1 item, 1899.  
106 Bryan, Austin Y., 1 item, 1899.  
107 Bryan, Beauregard, 1 item, 1899.  
108 Bryan, Guy M., Jr., 1 item, 1895.  
109 Bryan, Lewis R., 6 items, 1895.  
110 Buxton and Kirk, 2 items, 1898.  
111 Cantwell, Frank, 1 item, 1898.  
112 Clarke and Courts, 4 items, 1895-1898.  
113 Craddock, John T., 1 item, 1899.  
114 Davidson, R. V., 1 item, 1895.  
115 Downey, H. S., 1 item, 1899.  
116 Duncan, J. T., 1 item, 1898.  
117 El Modelo Cigar Manufacturing Co., 3 items, 1895.  
118 Ellison, Harvey, 1 item, 1898.  
119 Farmer, W. B., 1 item, 1899.  
120 Fisher, M., 1 item, 1895.  
121 Flood, E. O., 2 items, 1895.  
122 Garrett, C. C., 2 items, 1893.  
123 Gee, J. W., 1 item, 1899.  
124 Greene, A. L., 2 items, 1895 and undated.  
125 Greene, Ed, 1 item, 1899.  
126 Hale, J. B., 1 item, 1899.  
127 Hannay, R. E., 1 item, 1895.  
128 Harris and Knight, 1 item, 1895.  
129 Hill and Dougherty, 1 item, 1899.  
130 Hillsman, J. C., and Sons, 1 item, 1898.  
131 Hogg and Robertson, 1 item, 1898.  
132 Holland, W. M., 1 item, 1898.  
133 Holt, O. T., 1 item, 1895.  
134 Houghton and Robinson, 4 items, 1898-1899.

135 Houston Ice and Brewing Co., 3 items, 1898.  
 136 Howland, C. W., 4 items, 1898-1899.  
 137 Hunt, Henry, 1 item, 1899.  
 138 Hunt, H. K., 1 item, 1899.  
 139 Jones, Israel W., 1 item, 1895.  
 140 Kuhlen, J. M., 2 items, 1898.  
 141 Landes, H. H., 2 items, 1898.  
 142 Lawrence, J. R., 1 item, 1899.  
 143 Lipscomb, J. C., 1 item, 1895.  
 144 Little, Felix, 1 item, 1899.  
 145 Lubben, John F., 1 item, 1895.  
 146 Markey, D. P., 1 item, 1895.  
 147 Mayes, A. B., 1 item, 1898.  
 148 McCain, J. J., 2 items, 1895 and 1899.  
 149 McGee, John R., 2 items, 1898.  
 150 McGregor, J. D., 2 items, 1895 and 1899.  
 151 McLean, B. O., 2 items, 1895.  
 152 McTeague, M., 1 item, 1895.  
 153 Meyer and Beneke, 2 items, 1895.  
 154 Monroe, C. P., 1 item, 1895.  
 155 Moore, James B., 2 items, 1895.  
 156 Moore, J. R., 1 item, 1898.  
 157 Moore, Monta J., 1 item, 1894.  
 158 Moreland, J. N., 1 item, 1895.  
 159 Neal, George D., 1 item, 1898.  
 160 Page, J. J., 1 item, undated.  
 161 Parker, John W., 2 items, 1898.  
 162 Poteet, J. S., 1 item, 1899.  
 163 Pringle and Pringle, 1 item, 1899.

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3 164 Rector and Rector, 1 item, 1899.  
 165 Rector, N. A., 2 items, 1895 and 1898.  
 166 Reese, Sam H., 1 item, 1898.  
 167 The Review of Reviews, 1 item, 1895.  
 168 Rowe, D. F., 1 item, 1897.  
 169 Sachs, D., and Sons, 1 item, 1899.  
 170 Schiff, H., 1 item, 1898.  
 171 Seasingood, Menderson and Co., 2 items, 1895.  
 172 Seilhorst, Mrs. Lucie, 1 item, 1898.  
 173 Shannon, John C., 2 items, 1898-1899.

174	Sidler, B., 2 items, 1895.
175	Somerville Woolen Mills, 2 items, 1895.
176	Swearingen, P. H., 2 items, 1895.
177	Swearingen, R. M., 1 item, 1895.
178	Thomas, J. D., 1 item, 1895.
179	Thompson, Edward, Co., 1 item, 1895.
180	Van Ness, Beulah, 1 item, 1895.
181	Wantz, Charles V., 1 item, 1894.
182	Watson, John, 1 item, 1899.
183	Weiner, Charles, 1 item, 1895.
184	West and Cochran, 3 items, 1895-1896.
185	West Publishing Co., 1 item, 1895.
186	Willis, P. J., 1 item, 1898.
187	Woefle, J. F., 2 items, 1895-1896.
188	Woelfel Leather Co., 1 item, 1895.

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Oversize Deed: Pryor Bryan to James Lansing, 1846.  
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3	189	Survey: Alfred Jeffries for Lem Blake, 3 items, 1898.
	190	Bills: 8 items, 1894-1896 and undated.
	191	Receipts: 5 items, 1895-1899. Printed material, 1898-1899 and undated
	192	List of U.S. Bankruptcy blanks, order form, 2 items, 1898.
	193	Advertising material, 2 items, 1899 and undated.

## Series 2: Historical publications correspondence

This series contains letters related to Bryan's involvement in historical research and publication, particularly concerning his family history. Some letters referring to business transactions connected with these publications are also included, along with letters related to Guy M. Bryan's involvement in a historical publication.

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3	194	Bryan, Guy M., 1 item (see also Guy M. Bryan letters in family and personal correspondence), 1895.
	195	Daniell, L. E., 3 items, 1895-1896.
	196	Hamby, William R., 4 items, 1895.
	197	Scarff, William G., 1 item, 1895.

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### Series 3: Family and personal papers

This series gathers letters related to family and personal matters. Included are a number of letters from Bryan's uncle, Guy M. Bryan, referring to political issues, business matters, and family matters. These letters and others in this group also refer to the possible purchase of the Henry McArdle painting "The Log Cabin." Two transcripts of letters written by Bryan's father, Moses Austin Bryan, describing his arrival in Houston in 1839 and events of the Texas revolution are included. Letters of family members which refer solely to business and legal matters are part of the Legal and Business Papers series.

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3	Correspondence, 1839, 1890-1895, and undated
198	Bryan, Guy M., 9 items, 1890-1895.
199	Bryan, Guy M., Jr., 1 item, 1895.
200	Bryan, Lewis R., 1 item, 1895.
201	Bryan, Moses Austin, 2 items, typescripts, 1839 and 1890.
202	Bryan, Moses Austin, 1 item, fragment, undated.
203	Garrett, C. C., 1 item, 1895.
204	Hancock, Lewis, 3 items, 1895.
205	Invitation/program: Peirce School of Business and Shorthand, graduation exercises, 1893.