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Descriptive Summary
Title: Jerry M. Patterson papers.
Date (inclusive): 1934-1999 (bulk 1974-1985)
Collection number: MS-R78
Creator: Patterson, Jerry M., 1934-
Extent: 6.3 linear feet (13 boxes and 3 oversize folders)
Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.

Abstract: This collection comprises news clippings, photographs, printed publicity materials and reports, datebooks, correspondence, and other papers related to the political career of Jerry M. Patterson, who served as councilman and mayor of Santa Ana from 1969 to 1974, then as the United States Congressman from California's 38th Congressional District (Santa Ana and Garden Grove) from 1975 to 1984. The collection covers his personal life, his campaigns for political office, and his activities while in office. The majority of the material covers Patterson's terms in the U. S. Congress.

Language: English.

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**Acquisition Information**
Gift of Jerry Patterson, 1999.

**Processing History**
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**Biography**
Jerry M. Patterson was born October 25, 1934 in El Paso, Texas. He received a Juris Doctor from UCLA Law School in 1966 and opened a private law practice in 1967 in Santa Ana. He was elected to the Santa Ana City Council in 1969 and served as mayor of Santa Ana from 1973 to 1974. In 1974 Patterson was elected as a Democrat to the United States House of Representatives where he represented California's 38th Congressional District. While a Congressman he served on the Select Committee on Committees, the Select Committee on Aging, and the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families. He introduced the Housing Piracy Prevention Act and the Olympic Coin Act. and championed the creation of the Orange County National Urban Park. Patterson served for five terms, losing his seat to Republican Robert K. Dornan in 1984. In 1996, Patterson was elected a trustee of the Coast Community College District in Orange County, California.

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This collection is organized into 4 series.

- **Series 1. Personal files, 1934-1989.**
- **Series 2. Orange County political office files, 1970-1999.**
- **Series 3. Congressional campaigns files, 1974-1985.**
- **Series 4. Congressional files, 1975-1985.**

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
Patterson, Jerry M. 1934- --Archives.
United States. Congress. House--Archival resources.
United States. Congress.--Elections--Archival resources.
Political candidates--California--Archival resources.
Elections--California--Archival resources.
United States--Politics and government--Archival resources.
California -- Politics and government--Archival resources.
Orange County (Calif.) -- Archival resources.
Santa Ana (Calif.)--Politics and government--Archival resources.
Dornan, Robert K., 1933- --Archival resources.

**Series 1. Biographical materials, 1935-1989.**
**Physical Description:** 0.2 linear ft.

**Series Scope and Content Summary**
This series comprises materials related to Jerry Patterson's personal life. Items include his birth announcement, the program for his graduation from law school, business cards, resumés, news clippings related to his activities prior to and following his political career, photographs primarily of his family, and several scrapbook leaves covering his high school years.

This series is arranged topically.

- Box 1 : 1 Memorabilia, 1935-1989
- Box FB-22 : 1 Oversized items, 1965-1966
- Box 1 : 2 Photographs
- Box 1 : 2 1953-1980 and undated
- Box 1 : 3 1981
- Box 1 : 4 1982
- Box 1 : 5 1983
- Box 1 : 6 1984
- Box 1 : 2 1985-1987 and undated
- Box FB-22 : 1 Scrapbook leaves, ca. 1950-1952


- Box 1 : 7 Campaign materials, 1969-ca. 1996 and undated
- Box FB-22 : 2 "Jerry Patterson, Supervisor" campaign flier, undated
- Box 1 : 8 Clippings and correspondence, ca. 1960-1996
- Box FB-22 : 2 Oversized material, 1969 and undated
- Box 1 : 9 Datebooks, 1970-1972
- Box AV-1 : Political campaign videotape, "Video for Truman Award Dinner, 1999-09-09, made by Wendy L. Moulton," 1999


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Subseries 3.1. 1974 campaign.

- Box 2 : 1 California Thirty-eighth Congressional District: a post-election analysis, 1974
- Box 2 : 2 November
- Box FB-17 : 5 Campaign materials, 1974
- Box FB-22 : 2 Sample ballot, 1974
- Box 2 : 3 Oversized material, undated
- Box 2 : 4 Clippings, 1974
- Box 2 : 4 Correspondence, 1974

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Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries contains materials related to Patterson's Congressional campaigns in 1976, 1978, 1980, and 1982. Items include campaign fliers, news clippings, and a scrapbook containing campaign materials and clippings from the 1976 campaign.

This subseries is arranged topically.

| Box FB-22 : 2 |
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Box FB-17 : 5
Box 2 : 6
Box FB-23 : 1-2


| Box 2 : 7 |
| Campaign publicity, 1984 and undated |
| Oversized items, undated |

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries covers Patterson's 1984 campaign, in which he lost his Congressional seat to Robert K. Dornan. Materials include campaign fliers from both Patterson's and Dornan's campaigns, working papers including drafts of campaign publicity materials, handwritten notes, memoranda and correspondence, and one report on survey results, and news clippings. The clippings also cover Patterson's consideration of a rematch against Dornan in 1986, and his decision not to run again.

This subseries is arranged topically.

| Box FB-22 : 2 |
| Contacts with constituents, 1975-1984 and undated |
| Oversized materials, 1976-1984 |

Box 2 : 8-9
Box 2 : 8
Box 2 : 9
Box 2 : 10


| Box 2 : 7 |
| Campaign publicity, 1984 and undated |
| Oversized items, 1980 and undated |

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series covers Patterson's activities while in Congress. Materials include news clippings, photographs, published mailings to constituents, datebooks and pocket calendars, correspondence, handwritten notes, and printed reports. Most of the news clippings were organized into scrapbooks; these have been copied and the originals returned to the donor. Files on events contain predominantly photographic materials, with some correspondence and notes. The photographic files contain individual prints, contact sheets, and a few slides; many have no identification of location or date. Also included are the bound Congressional directories from each of Patterson's terms in office and his office nameplate.

The series is arranged topically.

| Box 3 : 1 |
| Clippings, ca. 1975-1984 and undated |
| Communications with constituents, 1975-1984 and undated |
| Oversized materials, 1976-1984 |

Box 3 : 2
Box FB-22 : 2
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Datebooks
| Box 3 : 3 | 1975-1976 |
| Box 3 : 4 | 1977-1978 |
| Box 4 : 1 | 1979-1980 |
| Box 4 : 2 | 1982 |
| Box 4 : 3 | Directories, 1975-1983 |
| Box 5 : 1 - 6 : 12 | Events |
| Box 5 : 1-2 | 1975 |
| Box 5 : 1 | Sept.-Oct., Visit to Northrup Corporation F-18 mockup |
| Box 5 : 2 | Oct., Willard Company party |
| Box 5 : 3 | 1976 Mar. 23, Bill signing, Equal Credit Opportunity and Truth in Leasing Act |
| Box 5 : 4 | 1978 June 30, Gasohol demonstration |
| Box 5 : 5-12 | 1979 |
| Box 5 : 5 | Feb., Open house introducing Dan Young and Greg Sanders |
| Box 5 : 6 | Mar., Mayors Conference, Washington D.C. |
| Box 5 : 7 | May, Strawberry Festival, Garden Grove, CA |
| Box 5 : 8 | May, VCI class |
| Box 5 : 9 | June 5, Los Alamitos Boys Soccer Club |
| Box 5 : 10 | July 20, Long Beach Naval Shipyard |
| Box 5 : 11 | April, ITT Canon tour |
| Box 5 : 12 | Aug., "River trip" |
| Box 5 : 13-14 | 1980 |
| Box 5 : 13 | May 30, Speech, California Life Insurance Underwriters Association, Newport Beach, CA |
| Box 5 : 14 | May 31, Speech, California Credit Union League |
| Box 5 : 15 | 1981 Sept. 10, Staff retreat, Camp Hoover, Shenandoah National Park, VA |
| Box 5 : 16-19 | 1982 |
| Box 5 : 16 | Feb., District work period |
| Box 5 : 17 | Mar. 21, Aug. 27-30 and Oct., Neighborhood coffees |
| Box 5 : 18 | July 7, Visit to Orange County's Welfare Fraud Unit with R. Stanton |
| Box 5 : 19 | Nov. 2, Manufactured Housing Show |
| Box 5 : 20-25 | 1983 |
| Box 5 : 20 | Mar. 28, China trip |
| Box 5 : 21 | Mar., Santa Ana "All-America“ City recognition |
| Box 5 : 22 | May, Artistic Discovery Congressional art contest, Bowers Museum, Santa Ana, CA |
| Box 5 : 23 | July, Seniors forum |
| Box 5 : 24 | July, Women’s Advisory Committee |
| Box 5 : 25 | Oct. 15, Women’s forum with Karen Grassle |
| Box 5 : 26-32 | 1984 |
| Box 5 : 26 | Feb., El Salvador trip |
| Box 5 : 27 | Feb., Visit with Henry Waxman |
| Box 5 : 28 | Mar. 9, Garden Grove crime forum |
| Box 5 : 29 | Apr. 12, Visit with Wilma Presley |
| Box 5 : 30 | July 1, Speech, Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce in America |
| Box 5 : 31 | July 6, Senior citizens conference |
| Box 5 : 32 | Sept. 21, Central America conference |
| Box 6 : 1-12 | Undated |
| Box 6 : 1 | Admiral Sansone and speakers on defense procurement |
| Box 6 : 2 | Archbishop of Mobile |
| Box 6 : 3 | Buena Park “Hugathon“ |
| Box 6 : 4 | Commission on Security and Economic Assistance meeting with George Schultz |
| Box 6 : 5 | Hearing with Orange County witnesses |
| Box 6 : 6 | Olympics cable show |
| Box 6 : 7 | Patterson on Cable News Network |
| Box 6 : 8 | Patterson with groups at the Capitol |
| Box 6 : 9 | Presidential classroom kids |
| Box 6 : 10 | Santa Ana Police |
| Box 6 : 11 | Space Shuttle in Los Angeles |
Box 6 : 12  
Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA

Box 6 : 13-22  
Legislative activities

Box 6 : 13  
1977 May-June, Housing Piracy Prevention Act

Box 6 : 14  
1978-1980, Orange County Urban National Park

Box 6 : 15  
1979, Oct.-Dec., Energy Jurisdictions of House Committees, report on hearings before the Select Committee on Committees

Box 6 : 16  
1979-1981, Select Committee on Committees

Box 6 : 17-19  
1981-1982, Olympic Coin Act

Box 6 : 17  
Correspondence

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Hearings

Box 6 : 19  
Letters of public support

Box 6 : 20  
1982, Select Committee on Aging

Box 6 : 21  
1983, Apr. 20, Subcommittee on Inter-American Development Bank Authorities

Box 6 : 22  
1983-1984, Reports, Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families

Box 7 : 1  
Nameplate, undated

Box 7 : 2  
Notes, clippings and correspondence, 1974-1984 and undated

Box FB-22 : 2  
Program, "The Democratic Study Group Salutes the Speaker, Thomas P. O'Neill", 1978 Feb. 28

Box 7 : 3-7  
Photographs of Patterson

Box 7 : 3  
Alone, 1976-1978 and undated

Box 7 : 4  
In Congress, 1976-1984 and undated

Box 7 : 5  
At events, 1979-1984 and undated

Box 7 : 6  
In his district, 1978-1984 and undated

Box 7 : 7  
With others, 1976-1984 and undated

Box 8-9  
Pocket calendars

Box 8  
1976-1978

Box 9  
1979-1984

Box 10 : 1-11: 5  
Scrapbooks

Box 10 : 1-6  
1976.  
Physical Description: 6 folders.

Box 11 : 1-3  
1979

Box 11 : 1-2  
Orange County National Urban Park and other issues, Sept.-Dec.  
Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 11 : 3  
Political issues, Sept.-Nov.

Box 11 : 4-5  
1980 May-July.  
Physical Description: 2 folders.