



## Summary Information

**Title:** Charles W. Armstead Collection

**Collection Number:** 2019:013

**Creator:** Charles W. Armstead

**Collection Dates:** 1950s-1990s

**Extent:** 1/3 cubic foot

**Language:** English

**Collection Abstract:** The Charles W. Armstead Collection contains correspondence, photographs, business contracts, awards, certificates, and other personal papers related to his youth in Lufkin, Texas and his career all over the world. Many of the records pertain to Mr. Armstead's work in South Africa in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The collection also contains government-issued IDs and award pins, including his father, Jack Armstead's, 35-year service pin from Southern Pine Lumber Company.

## Repository:

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## Biographical/Historical Note:

Charles W. Armstead was born in Diboll, Texas in 1940 to parents Jack and Lillie Mae Armstead. The family lived in Diboll, where Jack Armstead worked at the Southern Pine Lumber Company Sawmill, until Charles was nine years old. At age 9, the Armstead family built a home in and moved to Lufkin, Texas. Charles Armstead graduated from Lufkin's Dunbar High School in 1957. After high school, he got financial aid and attended Prairie View A & M University. Charles worked at various jobs while in the Houston area, including positions at Humble Oil and Gas Company and General Foods. In the 1970s he took a job at a marketing firm in New York, Ogilvy and Mather. While he was in New York he met a French woman who later became his wife. From 1979-1986 Mr. Armstead worked for the US Department of Defense as a Finance Officer, and some duties included intelligence acquisition and analysis. Then, in the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Armstead owned his own business where he contracted with

oil companies and the government of South Africa to purchase oil for South Africa. After marrying his wife, Mr. Armstead moved to Paris, France where still resides today.

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**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged and described at the folder level.

### Subject Terms

#### Corporate Names

- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Humble Oil and Gas Company

#### Locations

- Lufkin (Tex.)
- Diboll (Tex.)
- South Africa

### Access and Use

**Access Restrictions:** There are United States passports and government-issued IDs in this collection.

**Acquisition Information:** The materials belonged to and were collected by Charles W. Armstead throughout his life. In May 2019 he donated these materials to The History Center.

#### Custodial History:

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### Collection Inventory

#### Box 1

Folder 1	Personal Correspondence, 1982, 1989
Folder 2	Business Correspondence, 1988, 1990-1991, 1994-1996
Folder 3	South Africa Entrance Visas
Folder 4	Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986
Folder 5	<i>Candid</i> Newsletter, November 1970
Folder 6	Business Contracts
Folder 7	Embassy Event Invitations and Capitol Visitor Passes
Folder 8	Award Certificates
Folder 9	Dunbar High School and Lufkin
Folder 10	U. S. Government Identification and Immunization Records
Folder 11	Pins and Medals
Folder 12	Photographs