

Benjamin J. Conroy Papers

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Scope and Content

The Benjamin J. Conroy, Jr. Papers Collection contains documents recording his career as a cable system operator in Texas since the 1950's. Included are clippings and documents about the start up of the cable system and its impact in the community of Uvalde, Texas. Also included are correspondence, minutes, membership bulletins, and technical papers from the NCTA in its early years. There are also legal documents in the collection relate to cases involving the community antenna television industry.

Biography

Benjamin J. Conroy Jr. was born on October 18, 1923 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. From 1941-1944 he attended Brooklyn College, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1948 he received a B.S. Degree in Engineering from the Naval Academy in Annapolis. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1954 and saw active duty during World War II. After his discharge in October of 1954, he was in the US Naval Reserve until 1969 when he retired as a Lieutenant Commander.

His entry into the cable industry in 1954 was marked by the startup of a new cable system in Uvalde, Texas, Uvalde Television Cable Corp. He was their founder, owner and operator from 1955-1966. From 1955-1979 he was also their President and Director. From 1962-1982 he held similar positions in many other cable companies such as Cotulla Cable TV Inc., County Cable TV Inc., Nueces County Cable TV Inc. San Patricio County Cable Inc., Communications Properties Inc., and Atascosa County Cable TV Inc., all in Texas. He also held positions with Effingham TV Cable Company in Illinois and Oxford TV Cable Company in Maine. He was also the President, Director and sole shareholder of Conroy Management Services, Inc., which provided cable television companies with management services in areas of administration, operations, engineering, sales promotion and finance.

He was a founder and the first President of the Texas CATV Association from 1960-1962 and the Director from 1968-1971. From 1961 until 1975 he was involved in many different aspects of the NCTA such as Secretary, Board of Directors, Chairman, NCTA Utility Relations Committee, Chairman, NCTA Pole Line Committee, and he was their tenth National Chairman from 1965-1966. He received several NCTA honors including the Advertising Award, the Larry Boggs Award, and the Inter-industry Relations Award. Regionally, he received the John E. Mankin Award from the Texas Cable TV Association. He was also the Chairperson of the Cable TV Pioneer Managing Board. Ben Conroy was instrumental in the beginning and early development of The National Cable Television Center and Museum. He served as the first Chairman of Board of Directors of The Center when it was at Pennsylvania State University.

BENJAMIN J. CONROY, JR. PAPERS COLLECTION

Box 1: Clippings, Correspondence, Legal, Manuals, Map, Minutes, Programs, Proposal, Publications

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ff 7	Correspondence – Regional Associates 1965
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ff 10	Legal – Congressional Record # 90 v.106 p. 9674-9695 re. Senate Bill 2653 5/17/1960
ff 11	Legal – Copyright Act of 1976 Appendix E
ff 12	Legal – Black Hills & Midwest Video Corp. vs. USA & FCC vol. 1 Joint Appendix
ff 13	Legal – Black Hills & Midwest Video Corp. vs. USA & FCC vol. 2 Joint Appendix
ff 14	Legal – Black Hills & Midwest Video Corp. vs. USA & FCC Intervener Brief 10/18/1965
ff 15	Legal – Black Hills & Midwest Video Corp. vs. USA & FCC Petitioner Brief 10/18/1965
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ff 17	Legal – Black Hills & Midwest Video Corp. vs. USA & FCC Petitioner Brief 7/17/1967
ff 18	Legal – CBS, Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV, Dena Pict. vs. TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics Defendant-Appellees Brief 11/15/1972
ff 19	Legal – FCC, et al. vs. Midwest Video Corp., et al. – Brief for respondents 10/1978
ff 20	Legal – Fortnightly vs. UA TV Petitioner Brief 10/1967
ff 21	Legal – Fortnightly vs. UA TV Petitioner's Reply 10/1967
ff 22	Legal – Klix Corp. vs. Cable Vision & Idaho Microwave Respondents Brief 10/1964
ff 23	Legal – NCTA vs. USA & FCC Petitioners Reply Brief 10/1972
ff 24	Legal – NCTA vs. USA & FCC Petitioner's Brief 10/1972
ff 25	Legal – TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics vs. Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV, Dena Pict. Petitioners' Reply Brief 10/1972
ff 26	Legal – TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics vs. Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV, Dena Pict. Brief Amicus Curiae 10/1973
ff 27	Legal – TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics vs. Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV, Dena Pict. Petitioners' Reply Brief 10/1973
ff 28	Legal – TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics vs. Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV,

	Dena Pict. Petitioners' Brief 10/1973
ff 29	Legal – TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics vs. Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV, Dena Pict. Respondents' Brief 10/1973
ff 30	Legal – TelePrompTer & Conley Electronics vs. Calvada Prod, Jack Chertok TV, Dena Pict. Petition for Writ of Certiorari 10/1973
ff 31	Legal – TV Pix & Wells TV vs. Public Service Commission of Nevada Appendix to Brief Amicus Curiae 10/1969
ff 32	Legal – TV Pix & Wells TV vs. Public Service Commission of Nevada Motion 10/1969
ff 33	Legal – UA vs. Fortnightly Defendant-Appellant Brief
ff 34	Manual – CATV Engineering Data 1971
ff 35	Manual – Construction 8/1976
ff 36	Manual – Construction 3/12/1979
ff 37	Manual – Procedures (Public Relations)
ff 38	Manual – Sylvania Pathmaker CATV Data
ff 39	Map – Topographic of Uvalde, Texas 1931
ff 40	Minutes – Community Television Council 9/18/1951
ff 41	Minutes – Community Television Council 9/51-1/1952
ff 42	Program – Hill County 2 nd Dixie Fest 4/25/1992
ff 43	Program – Texas Show Silver Anniversary Special Cable Television Business 1/1985
ff 44	Proposal – "Review of Proposals for Developing Pole Attachment Rates" Jay Ricks 4/30/1974
ff 45	Publication – <u>Antenna TV: Some Issues of Public Policy</u> <i>AL Law Review</i> Spring 1966
ff 46	Publication – <u>The Cable Fable</u> <i>Journal of Communication</i> Winter 1975

Box 2: Publications, a Seminar, Theses, NCTA Agenda, NCTA Articles of Incorporation, NCTA Bulletins, NCTA Calculators, NCTA Correspondence

ff 1	Publication – <u>Cable TV and Media Concentration</u> p1 <i>Stanford Law Review</i> 1/1970
ff 2	Publication – <u>CATV – A Tainted Virgin?</u> <i>Federal Bar Journal</i> Fall 1967
ff 3	Publication – <u>Community Antenna TV: A Regulatory Dilemma</u> <i>Alabama Law Review</i> Fall 1965
ff 4	Publication – <u>Community Antenna TV: Survey of a Regulatory Problem</u> <i>Georgetown Law Journal</i> Fall 1963
ff 5	Publication – <u>The Far North</u> <i>Journal of Communications</i> Autumn 1977
ff 6	Publication – <u>Ford – on Cable TV Legislation</u> <i>Weekly Television Digest</i> 6/15/1970
ff 7	Publication – <u>Everything You Always Wanted To Know About...What All Those Guys Writing Reports Don't Know</u> <i>CATV</i> 11/13/1972
ff 8	Publication – <i>Line New of the Community Antenna Television Industry</i> 10/26/1962

ff 9	Publication – <u>A Look Ahead Through the CATV Maze</u> <i>Telephony</i> 6/7/1969
ff 10	Publication – <u>Nine Myths of CATV</u> <i>Federal Bar Journal</i> Fall 1967
ff 11	Publication – <u>Problems Raised by Community Antenna TV</u> <i>Telephony</i> 9/18/1965
ff 12	Publication – <i>TV & Communications</i> 8/1965
ff 13	Publication – <u>Where Are We in the CATV Maze?</u> <i>Telephony</i> 5/31/1969
ff 14	Seminar – CATV: Financial 1/1966
ff 15	Thesis – The Genesis of Community Antenna Television 1969
ff 16	Thesis – The Genesis of Community Antenna Television 1969
ff 17	Thesis – A Historical Study of the Issues & Policies Related to the Educational Application & Utilization of Community Antenna Television p1 Mary Alice Meyer 8/1969
ff 18	Thesis – A Historical Study of the Issues & Policies Related to the Educational Application & Utilization of Community Antenna Television p2 Mary Alice Meyer 8/1969
ff 19	Agenda 3/2/1954
ff 20	Agenda 8/14-15/1961
ff 21	Agenda 11/8-9/1961
ff 22	Articles of Incorporation 3/1952
ff 23	Bulletin – Membership 1954
ff 24	Bulletin – Membership 1955
ff 25	Bulletin – Membership 1- 6/1968
ff 26	Bulletin – Membership 7-12/1968
ff 27	Bulletin – Membership 1968
ff 28	Bulletin – Membership 1-6/1969
ff 29	Bulletin – Membership 7-12/1969
ff 30	Calculator – CATV Cable Calculators 1960-1972
ff 31	Correspondence 1952-1956
ff 32	Correspondence 1961-1966
ff 33	Correspondence 1964-1967
ff 34	Correspondence 1965
ff 35	Correspondence 12/1965-7/1966
ff 36	Correspondence 6/11/1966
ff 37	Correspondence – Convention Miami 1966
ff 38	Correspondence – Nominating Committee 1967

Box 3: NCTA Legal Papers, an NCTA Manual, NCTA Minutes, an NCTA Notebook, NCTA Programs, NCTA Public Relations, NCTA Publications, NCTA Speeches

ff 1	Legal – Groner Pitch S2653-1960
ff 2	Manual – NCTA Safety Manual
ff 3	Minutes – 2/18/1952
ff 4	Minutes – 3/31/1952

ff 5	Minutes – 5/5/1952
ff 6	Minutes – 10/13/1952
ff 7	Minutes – 11/24/1952
ff 8	Minutes – 1/26/1953
ff 9	Minutes – 2/26/1953
ff 10	Minutes – 3/26/1953
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ff 16	Minutes – 12/1/1953
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ff 18	Minutes – 6/13/1954, 6/17/1954
ff 19	Minutes – 9/11/1954
ff 20	Minutes – 6/5/1955, 6/7/1955, 6/9/1955
ff 21	Minutes – 10/24/1955
ff 22	Minutes – 2/11/1956-2/12/1956
ff 23	Minutes – 6/14/1956
ff 24	Minutes – 10/3/1956
ff 25	Minutes – 2/7/1957-2/8/1957
ff 26	Minutes – 6/3/1957, 6/6/1957
ff 27	Minutes – 9/23/1957
ff 28	Minutes – 11/8-9/1961
ff 29	Minutes – 2/12-14/1962
ff 30	Minutes – 6/8-9/1963, 6/14/1963
ff 31	Minutes – 6/23/1961
ff 32	Minutes – 6/20-23/1961
ff 33	Minutes – 1965
ff 34	Minutes – 1966
ff 35	Notebook
ff 36	Program – NCTA Convention 1965
ff 37	Program – NCTA Convention 22 nd Annual 6/20-23/1973
ff 38	Public Relations 1960-1962
ff 39	Publication – Cable News 6/12/1970, 4/9/1971
ff 40	Publication – NCTA Convention Daily 7/8/1971
ff 41	Publication – NCTA Convention Daily 4/24/1974
ff 42	Publication – NCTA Convention Review 6/29/1966
ff 43	Publication – NCTA Technical Papers: 20 th Annual Convention 7/6-9/1971
ff 44	Publication – NCTA Technical Papers: 21 st Annual Convention 5/14-17/1972
ff 45	Publication – NCTA Technical Papers: 22 nd Annual Convention 6/17-20/1973
ff 46	Publication – NCTA Technical Papers: 26 th Annual Convention 4/17-20/1977
ff 47	Publication – Videotex Services 10/1980
ff 48	Speeches – 1965-1966

ff 49	Speeches – Annual Report of the Chairman of NCTA – Benjamin J. Conroy, Jr. Miami 6/27/1966
ff 50	Speeches – The Polar Star of CATV – 17 th Annual NCTA Convention of the NCTA Fred Ford 7/2/1968

Publications Removed from Collection

HE8700.7.C6 T85	Two Way Cable Television: An Evaluation of Community Uses in Reading, Pennsylvania
KF27.I5538 1966a	Regulation of Community Antenna Systems
TK6675.C157 1973	CATV Operator's Handbook
HE8819.S97 1975	"Regulatory Policy Changes & the Future Of the Independent Telephone Industry" 10/1975
HE8700.8.U73 1972	Urban Cable Systems - Summary 1972
HE87800.7.C6 N382 1972	The Selling of Cable Television 1972
TK6675.S57	On the Cable - The Television of Abundance
HE8700.7.C6 N382 1973	The Complete Guide to Cable Marketing 1973
TK6630.N33 1960	The 9 th Annual Exhibit & Symposium. NCTA 6/21-24/1960
HE8693.U6 A5	VHF Booster and Community Antenna Legislation
TK6630.N33 1959	The 8 th Annual Exhibit & Symposium. NCTA 6/23-25, 1959
TK6630.N33 1962	The 11 th Annual Exhibit & Symposium. NCTA 6/17-22/1962
TK6630.N33 1961	The 10 th Annual Seminar and Symposium. NCTA 6/19-23/1961
HE8700.7.C6 F31 1964	Over the TV Horizon - NCTA 1959
TK6630.N33 1969	18 th Annual NCTA Convention, Official Transcripts 6/22-25/1969
HE8700.8.T73	Broadcasters and CATV
HE8698.A43	Television Inquiry
TK6675.K35	Questions and Answers about Pay TV
KF27.I5538 1965	Regulation of Community Antenna Television
KF27.I5538 1966	Regulation of Community Antenna Television
HE8700.7C6 F64 1977	The New Communicators - A Guide to Community Programming
TK6630.N33 1973	22 nd Annual NCTA Convention, 6/17-20/1973
HE8700.7.C6 N3	A Cable Primer
TK6675.S85 1973	Visions of Cablevision
TK6675 U5 1971	"A Short Course in Cable", 11/1971
LB1044.7 N345 1961	And TV Too! - Uvalde TV Cable Corp.
TK6630.N33 1956	The 5 th Annual Exhibit and Symposium. NCTA 6/12-14/1956
HE8700.7.C6 N35 1974	Over the Cable
HE8700.7.C6 P801	The Cable/Broadband and Communications Book
HE8700.8.U73	Urban Cable Systems
KF2844.L489	"Problems raised by community antenna TV", H. Levy 9/18/65
KF2844.L495	CATV A Television Service Beset

HE8693.U6.A52 1960	Communications Act Amendments
HE8700.7.C6 P7	Cable Television: A Guide for Citizen Action
KF2844.C65 1963	Community Antenna Television, the Broadcaster Establishment & the Federal Regulator
KF2844.A56 C3 1973	Cable Television Report & Order & Reconsideration
TK6675 W57 1971	Wiring the World
KF2844.Z9 C88	Current Developments in CATV and Pay Television
KF2844.Z9 C89	Current Developments in CATV, TV & Pay Television
	CATV Legal Seminar, 1966
	Federal Regulation of Cable Television: The Visible Hand
	Audiocassette tape. Benjamin J. Conroy, Jr., Chair, Center & Museum Board visiting house of John Nance Garner in Uvalde, TX, 8/4/90. Also present: Tully Garner, son; Harry Hornby, publisher of Uvalde Leader News; Bob Wellborn, Mgr. of Uvalde Chamber of Commerce; Ross Brumfield, longtime Garner friend and hunting and fishing companion. (Ben Conroy made some update comments, 8/2/90)

Vertical File

Information on the United States Naval Institute Oral History Program
Correspondence and questionnaires relating to the conception and beginnings of the National Cable Television Center and Museum
Purpose of Museum and Library – early stages
Goldenrod Gazette – Souvenir Programme 6/10-14/1987 (ragtime)