

# Robert Walker papers, 1958-2011

## Collection Overview

**Title:** Robert Walker papers, 1958-2011

**Dates:** 1958-2011

**Extent:** 1.75 linear feet (2 boxes); 10.7 GB

**Creator/Collector:** Robert Walker

**Source of Acquisition:** Dr. John Zuniga donated the materials on December 12, 2018.

**Repository:** UT Southwestern Archives and Special Collections  
Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center  
UT Southwestern Medical Center  
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**Preferred Citation:** Robert Walker papers, UT Southwestern Archives & Special Collections, Dallas, TX

**Separated Materials:** A plaque and medicine bag were separated from the collection and stored in the artifacts room.

**Arrangement:** This collection is currently unprocessed.

**Biographical Note:** Robert V. Walker was born on September 21, 1924 in Waco, Texas and grew up on a farm near Satin. He entered Texas A&M in 1941 before serving in the U.S. Army Field Artillery in 1943 for World War II, where he was assigned to the Baylor College of Dentistry. Walker signed a professional baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs in 1946 and graduated

with his DDS in 1947. During the Korean War, he served as a baseball player and dentist at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where he was exposed to the care and reconstruction of maxillofacial injuries. After the Korean War, Walker went to the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Medicine from 1953-1954. He then completed his residency in oral surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital in 1956. Shortly thereafter, Walker was asked to create a Division of Oral Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical School. He remained there until his retirement in 1997. Walker died on April 28, 2011.

**Scope and Contents:** The Robert Walker papers encompass materials created throughout Dr. Walker's career at UT Southwestern Medical School. The collection includes correspondence, notes, speeches, photographs, news clippings, presentation slides, booklets, awards, registration books, and CDs. The collection also includes notes, registers, and presentations from Dr. Walker's professional life. The presentations document the history of oral surgery at UT Southwestern, as well as the history of the field. The CDs contain PowerPoint presentations as well as digitized photographs from Dr. Walker's early life, which have been transferred from the CDs for preservation. Additionally, the collection contains an apron, a plaque, and a medicine bag.