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**Bicks, Robert A. Papers, 1953-1962**

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The papers of Robert A. Bicks were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his brother, David P. Bicks, in June 2003. An accretion to the collection was received in October 2017.

Linear feet: 7.5  
Approximate number of pages: 10,500

David P. Bicks, brother of Robert A. Bicks, signed an instrument of gift for the papers on September 8, 2002. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Robert A. Bicks in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the National Archives have been donated to the public.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Robert Alan Bicks (1927-2002) graduated from Yale University in 1949 and received his law degree from Yale in 1952. From 1952 to 1953 he served under Attorney General Howard Brownell as executive secretary to review antitrust laws. From 1954 to 1959 Bicks worked as a legal assistant in the antitrust division of the Justice Department and in 1960 President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him to head the division. Following his years in public service he worked in private practice for a number of companies, ending his career as a partner in the firm of Whitman Breed Abbot and Morgan.

The papers of Robert A. Bicks pertain to his work in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. The material includes his personal correspondence, appointment books, notes of his telephone conversations, working papers of the National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws, newspaper clippings, and other printed material. Most of the material is from the period 1957-1961. Three scrapbooks were photocopied and the originals returned to the family at their request. Materials are organized in six series.

### **Correspondence Series**

Boxes 1-5

Correspondence from 1953 through 1958 was arranged first by year, then by initial letter of the alphabet, and then in reverse chronological order. Documents are grouped loosely into general correspondence and congratulatory letters on Bicks' appointment in 1960 to head the Justice Department Antitrust Division. Personal and general correspondence dating from General Correspondence, April 22, 1959 to November 16, 1960 was bound into three volumes. A number of items were included in the correspondence files but not attached to any specific letters. These are included at the end of the series.

### **Confirmation Hearing Documents**

Box 6

This series contains two items received as bound volumes. The first is the proceedings of the U.S. Senate Special Subcommittee on Nominations relating to confirmation of Bicks as the Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department. The second contains copies of court documents, newspaper clippings, and other items documenting Bicks' qualifications for that position. The binding on the second volume was damaged, so materials were rehoused in folders.

### **Desk Telephone Logs and Appointment Books**

Boxes 7-10

This series contains Bick's telephone call log books and appointment calendars. The appointment books and desk diaries are bound volumes. The telephone logs were kept in spiral bound stenographer's notebooks and contain notes written in shorthand. Some logs continue on the reverse side of the notebook pages. There is also a travel record containing bound copies of travel authorizations and travel vouchers.

### **National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws**

Box 11

This series contains draft reports, memoranda, studies, and other related materials compiled while Bicks served on the National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws. See the Publications Series for the published committee report.

### **Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, Scrapbooks and Memorabilia**

Boxes 12-14

This series contains a biographical sketch, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and other items relating to Bicks and his career. Three scrapbooks were photocopied by Eisenhower Library staff, with the original scrapbooks returned to the family at the time the collection was initially received.

### **Publications**

Boxes 15-16

This series contains published reports, articles and journals, including the published report of the National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws.

## CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	<b>Correspondence Series</b>
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954 [unknown dates and/or incomplete names]
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, A-B [Alexander Bicks re: Shell Oil Co.]
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, C-D
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, E-G
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, H-I
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, J-L
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, M-N
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, O-R
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, S-T
	Correspondence, Personal, 1953-1954, U-Z
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955 [unknown dates and/or incomplete names]
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, A-B
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, Bicks Family [includes biography with outline of discussions for a course in Congressional Practice]
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, C-D
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, E-G
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, H-I
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, J-L
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, M-N
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, O-R
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, S-T
	Correspondence, Personal, 1955, U-W

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Correspondence, Personal, 1955, X-Z

Correspondence, Personal, 1956 [unknown dates and/or incomplete names; includes small notebook with addresses]

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, A-B

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, Bicks Family

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, C-D

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, E-G

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, H-I

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, J-L

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, M-N

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, O-R

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, S-T

Correspondence, Personal, 1956, U-Z

Correspondence, Personal, 1957 [unknown dates and/or incomplete names]

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, A-B

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, Bicks Family

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, C-D

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, E-G

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, H-I

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, J-L

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, M-N

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, O-R

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, S-T

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, U-W

Correspondence, Personal, 1957, X-Z

3 Correspondence, Personal, 1958 [unknown dates and/or incomplete names]

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, A-B

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, Bicks Family

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, C-D

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, E-G

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, H-I

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, J-L

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, M-N

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, O-R

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, S-T

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, U-W

Correspondence, Personal, 1958, X-Z

Correspondence, Personal, 1959-1961 [original copies of Eisenhower letters were not included in the folder, only photocopies]

4 General Correspondence, April 22, 1959 to April 21, 1960

General Correspondence, April 22, 1960 to November 15, 1960

Personal Correspondence, April 25, 1960 to November 16, 1960

[Copies of thermofax documents in bound volumes]

5 Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment

Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, A

Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, B

Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, C  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, D  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, E  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, F  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, G  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, H  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, I  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, J  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, K  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, L  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, M  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, N  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, O  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, P-Q  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, R  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, S  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, T  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, U-V  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, W  
Congratulatory Letters, May 1960 Appointment, XYZ

Attachments to Documents, no date [“The Antitrust Philosophy of the Eisenhower Administration” by Stanley N. Barnes; statistical information on the Ninth Circuit Court]

Attachments to Documents, 1952 [questionnaire on the Citizens Committee for the Re-election of U.S. Senator Irving M. Ives for the U.S. Senate, Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections]

Attachments to Documents, 1954 (1) [U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, Kenneth H. Gunther v. United States of America; Motion to Strike Affidavit of Bias and Prejudice, U.S. v. Owen Lattimore; documents re: Shell Oil Company]

Attachments to Documents, 1954 (2) [court documents: American Top Corporation against Shell Oil Company]

Attachments to Documents, 1955 (1) [American Top Corporation against Shell Oil Company; USA v. Nathan Laut; testimony of Leonard Patterson, 1/24/55]

Attachments to Documents, 1955 (2) [Farbenfabriken Bayer v. Sterling Drug; block Nixon newspaper clipping; documents re: Emmuel Celler]

Attachments to Documents, 1956 [Breswick & Co. and Myron Neilsoll against O. Henry Briggs]

Attachments to Documents, 1957 [affidavits re: Warren Petroleum]

Attachments to Documents, 1958 [Noerr Motor Freight v. Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference, et al]

## 6 **Confirmation Hearing Documents**

Confirmation Hearings

Confirmation Hearings and Material (1)-(7)

## 7 **Telephone Logs and Appointment Books**

Desk Diary 1956

Desk Diary 1957

R. A. Bicks Calendar Sheets, 1957

## 8 **R. A. Bicks Calendar Sheets, 1958**

R. A. Bicks Calendar Sheets, 1959

R. A. Bicks Calendar Sheets, 1960

9 Telephone Call Log, September 21-October 31, 1956 and May 10-31, 1957

Telephone Call Log, June 3-August 12, 1957

Telephone Call Log, August 27-September 17, 1957

Telephone Call Log, October 8-November 18, 1957

Telephone Call Log, November 18-December 12, 1957

Telephone Call Log, December 13, 1957 to January 23, 1958

Telephone Call Log, January 24-March 10, 1958

Telephone Call Log, March 11-April 11, 1958

Telephone Call Log, April 14-July 9, 1958

10 Telephone Call Log, September 2-October 17, 1958

Telephone Call Log, November 17, 1958 to May 18, 1959

Telephone Call Log, May 18-October 19, 1959

Telephone Call Log, October 19, 1959 to March 30, 1960

Telephone Call Log, March 30-August 25, 1960

Telephone Call Log, August 25, 1960 to January 23, 1961

Travel Record, August 18, 1958 to November 15, 1960

11 **National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws**

Preliminary Agenda for Study of the Economic and Legal Concepts of  
Competition and Monopoly – Long Form (1)-(3)

Anti-Trust Policy in Relations to the Modern Day Trade Associations, Report of  
George P. Lamb

Draft B or Proposed Report, Anti-Trust Committee Work Group on Legal and  
Economic Concepts (1)-(2)

Legal and Economic Concepts of Competition and Monopoly (1)-(5)

12 **Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, Scrapbooks and Memorabilia**

Bicks Newspaper Clippings (originally framed)

Scrapbook #1 (1)-(6)

Scrapbook #2 (1)-(12)

Scrapbook #3 (1)-(2)

13 **Biographical Information**

Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, and Magazine Articles, n.d.

Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, and Magazine Articles, 1954-1958

Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, and Magazine Articles, 1959

Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, and Magazine Articles, 1960

Newspaper Clippings, Press Releases, and Magazine Articles, 1961-1962

“Post Mortem” [a 12-page short story]

[Untitled Short Story] [page 1 is missing]

Desk Name Plates

Materials Transferred to Audiovisual Department

14 **Matted Documents Removed from Frames**

15 **Publications**

Annual Report of the Attorney General of the United States, 1958

Annual Report of the Attorney General of the United States, 1959

Annual Report of the Attorney General of the United States, 1960

“Defendant’s Waiver of Double Jeopardy by Appealing Conviction for a Lesser Included Offense,” reprinted from *Yale Law Journal*, Volume 60, Number 4, February 1957 [2 copies]

“Regulation of Federal Election Finance: A Case of Misguided Morality,” by Robert A. Bicks & Howard I. Friedman, reprinted from *New York University Law Review*, May 1953, Vol. 28, No. 5 [2 copies]

Report of the Attorney General’s National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws [copy 1]

16 Report of the Attorney General’s National Committee to Study the Antitrust Laws [copy 2]

Report of the Special Committee to Study the New York Antitrust Laws of the New York State Bar Association, Section on Antitrust Law, 1957

Review of *The Judicial Humorist*

School of Medicine, Bulletin of Temple University, Philadelphia, Announcement for the Sessions, 1955-1957

*Yale Law Report*, Volume 1, Number 1 and Number 3