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**HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY RECORDS
DURWOOD GREENE CASE FILES
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Case Summary:

Durwood Greene Construction Company and G & S Asphalt were awarded asphalt supply and road construction service contracts by the Harris County Commissioners Court in 1982. By complying to overpayments, shorting deliveries, fabricating delivery, truck, and truck driver tickets, and using sub-standard materials, Durwood Greene Construction Company and G & S Asphalt cost county taxpayers over 10 million dollars in damages. The company also used the county's materials to build a mile long road for Commissioner Robert "Bob" Y. Eckels on his private ranch. In 1986, Attorney Mike Driscoll pressed charges against the companies for deceptive trade policies.

Durwood Greene and G & S Asphalt reached an out of court settlement with the County Attorney and Attorney General. The defendants paid a million dollar penalty and plead guilty for making an unlawful gift to Commissioner Eckels. Eckels plead guilty to accepting this gift, received probation, and resigned from office. After the settlement, Harris County reorganized the road construction bidding process, established quality control audits and created the Public Infrastructure Department to create broader authority over county construction projects.

Scope and Contents Note:

Bids and construction specifications, legal documents, correspondence, and photographs (1982-1987) document the deceptive trade policies of Durwood Greene construction and G & S Asphalt, and the ensuing litigation. The bids and construction specifications chronicle the work done by Durwood Greene and G & S from 1982 to 1987. These also contain estimates and managerial documents for Medberry Richey Road and the Hardy

Toll Road construction projects. Legal documents consist of case files for Durwood Greene and G & S Asphalt, witness interviews, and criminal indictments from 1984-1986. Correspondence and notes refer to the investigation and trial of Durwood Greene, as well as the inspection of construction sites. Photographs (1986-1987) record the Durwood Green asphalt trucks and the Medburry Richey Road construction site.

Archivist's Note:

Also see Terrence O'Rourke Papers (MC48), which includes VHS tapes pertaining to Durwood Greene case.

This collection has been minimally processed, maintaining original order and titles of the folders and only separating photographs. Be sure to read the entire inventory.

Inventory

Title	Date	Location
Harris County Pollution Control Documents	1987, 03 - 1990, 10	1876-X-01
M & C Consolidates Inc. and Durwood Greene Construction Company	1987, 07 - 1987, 11	1876-X-02
Public Integrity Files: Hearings/Statements Media Reports	1988, 04	1876-X-03
Public Integrity Files: RY Eckels	1982, 07 - 1985,09	1876-X-04
Public Integrity Files: Durwood Greene and G & S Asphalt	1986, 06 - 1987, 04	1876-X-05
G & S Asphalt	1986, 06/17	1876-X-06
Private Investigator's Insurance and Licsense Records	1976, 02 - 1987, 04	1876-X-07
David Brown	1985, 01 - 1986, 07	1876-X-08
Richey Road Medberry Photographs	1987, 05 - 1987, 06	1876-X-09
County Engineer Organization Chart and Inspectors	1983, 04 - 1986, 06	1876-X-10
List of County Inspectors/Engineer's Office Policy Manual	1984, 04 - 1986, 09	1876-X-11
Medberry Richey Temp File. Job Completed 7-24-86	1985, 07 - 1987, 07	1876-X-12
[Bids/Construction Specifications] Unlabeled Accordion File	1982, 05 - 1987, 01	1877-X-01
Pct. 3 Phone Records	1985, 01 - 1986, 12	1877-X-02
[Construction Bid Documents] Found loose in box	1985, 01 - 1986, 05	1877-X-03
Notes	n.d.	1877-X-04
Durwood Greene Construction Company	1984, 05 - 1985, 05	1877-X-05

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Articles of Incorporation G & S/Durwood Greene Construction	1978, 01/13	1877-X-06
Unlabeled Accordion File	1984, 03 - 1988, 04	1877-X-07
Memos	1986, 05 - 1986, 08	1877-X-08
Katy Ford, Inc. (Computer Lease)	1983, 11/15	1877-X-09
Comments Re: Executive Override	1986, 10	1877-X-10
Note on Gravel to RYE Ranch	n.d.	1877-X-11
Authority of Commissioners to Act Outside of Commissioner's Court Approval	1986, 04	1877-X-12
City Ordinances (Ryan)	1986, 05/22	1877-X-13
Unauthorized Credit Checks	n.d.	1877-X-14
Allied Tech	1986, 06 - 1986, 08	1877-X-15
Whistle Blowers	1986, 06	1877-X-16
Notice to Employees & Demand Letter	1986, 06	1877-X-17
List of Persons Receiving "Whistle Blower" Notice	n.d.	1877-X-18
Distribution List	n.d.	1877-X-19
Visitorial Letter	1986, 07/22	1877-X-20
Notes on Status and Strategy Meetings	1986, 10	1877-X-21
Kownslar's Timesheets	1986, 04 - 1986, 11	1877-X-22
Houston Chronicle Request Letter	1986, 07 - 1986, 09	1877-X-23
Personnel Telephone Numbers and Adresses Durwood Greene Construction Company and G&S Visitorial Letter	1986, 09/04	1877-X-24
Lyman Personnel	1986, 07 - 1986, 09	1877-X-25
Commissioner's Order Durwood Greene Contstruction Company and G&S Re: Expenses of Litigation	1986, 06 - 1986, 09	1877-X-26
G & S Asphalt	1985, 10 - 1985, 11	1877-X-27

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Appendices to Original Petition	1985, 10 - 1986, 07	1877-X-28
Unlabeled Accordion Folder	1986, 05 - 1986, 07	1877-X-29
Interdepartmental Communications	1985, 04 - 1985, 07	1878-X-01
Weight Limits of A.G's Petition	1986	1878-X-02
CSB Notes- Durwood Greene	1984, 09-1986, 07	1878-X-03
Harris County v. G & S Asphalt, Durwood Greene (Deceptive Trade Practices) Sample Bid and Contract	1986, 11- 1987, 07	1878-X-04
Pictures Durwood Greene TR's 10/28/86	1986 10 - 1986, 11	1878-X-05
Eckels Correspondence	1983, 03 - 1987, 01	1878-X-06
Visitorial Letter TX AG	1986, 06 - 1986, 07	1878-X-07
DA Criminal File Stubbs/Skyhawk	1982, 10 - 1985, 03	1878-X-08
TX Attorney General	1985, 02 - 1987, 05	1878-X-09
Lymans Employees and Microfilm Info	1986, 06 - 1987, 04	1878-X-10
Offset Durwood Greene/ G & S Claims	1986, 09 - 1986, 10	1878-X-11
Eckels Removal- Timbers	1986, 02 - 1987, 02	1878-X-12
Miller, David	1986, 05/05	1878-X-13
G & S Case File	1986, 04 - 1986, 10	1878-X-14
Correspondence	1983, 07 - 1987, 05	1878-X-15
Witness Interviews: Allbritton, Hart, King, Middleton, Spinks, Stokes, and Gray	1986, 08/28	1878-X-16
Vera's Club	1986, 06/09	1878-X-17
Conflict of Interest Stats and Opinions	1982, 08 - 1986, 04	1878-X-18
Eckels- Notes on Privelege: Attorney Client Priv.	1986, 04/03	1878-X-19
Jessie C. Smith	1985, 09/16	1878-X-20
6% Factor	n.d.	1878-X-21
Estimates Partial File	1986, 01 - 1987, 05	1878-X-22

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Test Reports	1986, 04 - 1986, 07	1878-X-23
Change in Contract	1986, 02 - 1986, 12	1878-X-24
Hardy Toll Road Construction Management	1986, 11/07	1878-X-25
Criminal Indictments Durwood Greene Construction Company and G & S	1984, 06 - 1986, 04	1878-X-26
Eckels Lawsuit: Farrow Calendar	1985, 10 - 1985, 12	1878-X-27
Eckels Removal- Trailer	1985, 03 - 1986, 03	1878-X-28