



## ALBERT GORE RESEARCH CENTER

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**Title:** Jerry Futrell Papers

**Dates:** 1980–1996 (Bulk 1988–1992)

**Creator:** Jerry Futrell

**Summary/Abstract:** Jerry Futrell was a longtime friend and political supporter of Albert Gore, Sr. and Albert Gore, Jr. He also worked on Al Gore, Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign. The collection includes magazines, newspaper articles, photographs, campaign buttons, and other materials related to Al Gore Jr.'s 1988 Presidential campaign, as well as President Clinton's 1992 and 1996 Presidential campaigns.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** Approximately 5 linear feet

**Languages(s):** English

**Repository:** Albert Gore Research Center, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132, (615) 898-2632

**Restrictions on Access:** In the correspondence series, there are contact lists with names and addresses of campaign supporters. This information may be restricted.

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**Preferred Citation:** (Box Number, Folder Number/Name), Jerry Futrell Papers, Albert Gore Research Center, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**Acquisition:** Jerry Futrell donated the material to the Gore Center in 2002

**Processed By:** Natalie Goodwin, graduate assistant

### Biographical Note:

Jerry Futrell was a pharmacist from Carthage, Tennessee, and a friend of Albert Gore, Sr. and his family for over 35 years. He was also a supporter of Albert Gore, Jr. during his 1988 campaign for president, and he contributed money to Gore's campaign, and spoke in interviews during the 1988 and 1992 campaigns. He also worked as a campaign organizer for Gore during the 1988 campaign, and he was appointed as a legislative adviser on the staff of Representative Lincoln Davis. As a longtime friend of the Gores, he collected correspondence, newspaper articles, and magazines from the 1988 and 1992 presidential campaigns. These documents are included in the collection.

*Sources: a paper listing quotes from "The Washington Post" included in box 2, and a certificate appointing Futrell legislative adviser included in oversize folder 1*

**Scope and Content:** Records in the Jerry Futrell Collection range from 1980–1996. The bulk of the collection ranges from 1988–1992. The collection consists of newspaper and magazine clippings, correspondence, and some contribution checks from citizens who supported Albert Gore, Jr.'s 1988 campaign. The first box of the collection consists of correspondence between Al Gore and his supporters, as well as campaign materials. Magazines and newspaper clippings are in boxes two through four, and they cover the 1988 presidential campaign when Gore was a presidential candidate, as well as the 1992 campaign when Gore ran as vice-president with Bill Clinton. The remaining three boxes contain political memorabilia, including t-shirts, hats, canvas bags, and fans. Researchers who are interested in studying the presidential campaign of Al Gore in 1988 or the political campaign of Bill Clinton in 1992 will find this collection useful.

**Arrangement:** These papers are arranged by seven series according to material type and subject.

**Series 1: Events** (6 folders) (1987–1996) This series includes reception invitations, letters, and memos for the 1993 Presidential Inauguration. There are also letters, memos, and invitations for the 1988, 1992, and 1996 Democratic National Conventions. The series also includes one folder with a Finance Council Itinerary and a flyer for the Red Boiling Springs Folk Medicine Festival on June, 27, 1987.

**Series 2: Correspondence** (10 folders) (1987–1988) This series includes letters and memos between Albert Gore, Jr. and Jerry Futrell. There are also photocopies of checks sent by campaign supporters, as well as contact lists for people who participated in the 1988 presidential campaign for the Democratic Party. There are also letters from Hank Hillin who wrote a biography about Albert Gore, Jr.

**Series 3: Campaign Materials** (5 folders) (1987–1992) This series includes a campaign speech by Albert Gore, Jr. in June 1987 as well as campaigning schedules. The series also includes fliers and campaign donation cards from the 1988 presidential campaign, and postcards for the 1992 presidential campaign.

**Series 4: Photographs** (2 folders) (1988–1992) This series contains one folder with photocopies of photographs from the 1988 campaign. There is a second folder with photographs from the 1992 presidential campaign with Bill Clinton and Al Gore. There are also some photographs of Bart Gordon and other local politicians in the collection.

**Series 5: Politics** (3 folders) (1992–1993) This series contains a copy of the Regional Organized Crime Information Prospectus which discusses crime prevention. Also included is a copy of President Clinton's Economic Plan, as well as papers on NAFTA's provisions and labor and environmental cooperation agreements.

**Series 6: Publications** (35 folders) (1970; 1985–1998) This series includes magazines which contain articles about President Gore's 1988 Presidential Campaign, as well as magazines which contain articles from President Clinton's 1992 Presidential Campaign. Some of the magazines included are *People*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Southern Magazine*, and *Tennessee Illustrated*. The magazines cover 1985–1992. There is one copy of the *Safety Service* from May 1970. There are two additional boxes of newspaper articles dated 1984–1998. The bulk of these newspapers are

dated 1987–1988 and 1992–1993. They cover the 1988 and 1992 Presidential Campaigns, as well as President Clinton’s first Presidential Inauguration.

**Series 7: Political Memorabilia** (3 Boxes) This series includes t-shirts, hats, canvas bags, fans, campaign buttons, and other memorabilia related to Bill Clinton’s 1992 Presidential campaign.

**Oversized Materials (2 folders):** Stored separately from the other series. Oversized items include a Legislative Adviser Certificate that Futrell received upon appointment as Legislative Adviser on the staff of Representative Lincoln Davis, May 21 (year not listed), and a 1988 campaign poster for Al Gore, Jr. labeled “Al Gore ’88 President.”

**Related Collections:** There are no known related collections.

**Subject Terms:**

**Persons**

Jerry Futrell  
Al Gore  
Bill Clinton  
Michael Dukakis  
George Bush, Sr.  
Lincoln Davis  
Bart Gordon  
Hank Hillin

**Places**

Tennessee  
Carthage, TN  
Atlanta, GA

**Subjects (General)**

Presidential campaigns  
Democratic National Convention  
Democratic Party

**Material Types**

Newspaper clippings  
Magazines  
Correspondence  
Pamphlets  
Bank statements

**Container List:**

Box	Folder	Series	Contents	Dates
1	1	Events	Inauguration	1993
1	2	Events	Inauguration	1993
1	3	Events	Democratic National Convention	1988

1	4	Events	Democratic National Convention	1992
1	5	Events	Democratic National Convention	1996
1	6	Events	Finance Council Itinerary/Folk Medicine Festival	1987
1	7	Correspondence	Letters/Memos/Contact Information	
1	8	Correspondence	Letters/Memos	
1	9	Correspondence	Letters/Memos	
1	10	Correspondence	Letters/Memos	
1	11	Correspondence	Contact List/Memos	
1	12	Correspondence	Letters/Contact Information	
1	13	Correspondence	Gore Biography by Hank Hillin	
1	14	Correspondence	Campaign Checks (photocopies)	
1	15	Correspondence	Letters/Campaign Checks (photocopies)	
1	16	Correspondence	Letters/Memos	
1	17	Campaign Materials	Fliers/Announcements	
1	18	Campaign Materials	Postcards/News Releases	
1	19	Campaign Materials	Campaign Cards/Brochures	
1	20	Campaign Materials	Speeches/Announcements	1987
1	21	Campaign Materials	Overview of the 1988 Presidential Campaign	1988
2	1	Photographs	Campaigning (photocopies)	
2	2	Photographs	Campaigning	
2	3	Politics	Regional Organized Crime Information Center Prospectus	
2	4	Politics	NAFTA	
2	5	Politics	President Clinton's Economic Plan July 16, 1993	1993
2	6	Publications	Newspaper articles	1987-1991
2	7	Publications	Magazine articles (photocopies)	1987-1988
2	8	Publications	<i>Good Housekeeping</i> 1993; <i>People</i> 1992	1992-1993
2	9	Publications	<i>Southern Magazine</i> 1989 (photocopy); <i>Nashville</i> 1985	1985; 1989

2	10	Publications	<i>People</i> Feb 4, 1985; <i>Drug Topics</i> May 1984	1984-1985
2	11	Publications	<i>Tennessee Illustrated</i> March/April	1989
2	12	Publications	<i>US News</i> Feb. 4, 1985; <i>Washington Dossier</i> Feb. 1985, Mar 1985	1985
2	13	Publications	Magazine articles	1988
2	14	Publications	<i>New Republic</i> Mar. 7, 1988, Dec. 26, 1988; <i>Regardie's</i> Dec. 1987	1987-1988
2	15	Publications	<i>Southern Magazine</i> Dec. 1988	1988
2	16	Publications	<i>Time</i> Oct. 1987, Apr. 1988, May 1988; <i>Vanity Fair</i> Mar. 1988	1988
2	17	Publications	<i>Southern Magazine</i> May 1988; <i>Safety Service</i> May 1970	1970; 1988
2	18	Publications	<i>Southern Magazine</i> June 1988; <i>Vanity Fair</i> Nov. 1997	1988; 1997
2		Publications	Pamphlets and books related to Democratic National Convention of 1988	1988
3		Publications	This box contains newspaper articles and clippings about Albert Gore, Jr.'s 1988 Presidential campaign. The majority of the articles are from <i>The Nashville Banner</i> and the <i>Tennessean</i> .	1984-1985
4		Publications	This box contains newspaper articles and clippings about Albert Gore, Jr.'s 1988 and 1992 presidential campaigns. The majority of the articles are from <i>The Nashville Banner</i> and the <i>Tennessean</i> .	1988-1998

5		Political Memorabilia	4 Albert Gore t-shirts 1 Bill Clinton t-shirt 1 plastic speaker labeled "Pop for Gore" Small box containing a 1949 penny and a 1953 penny in silver frames labeled "Keep Me and Never Go Broke"; also an Al and Tipper Gore Kaleidoscope 2 small boxes of campaign buttons for Al Gore's 1988 Presidential Campaign and Bill Clinton's Presidential Campaigns 2 Canvas Bags for the Clinton/Gore Campaign of 1992	
6		Political Memorabilia	5 Baseball caps: "Tennessee Chicago '96," "Albert Gore, Jr. for President 1988," "Democratic Party of Arkansas," "Clinton Gore," "Albert Gore, Jr. Our next President" Styrofoam hat: "President 1988 Albert Gore, Jr." 45 RPM Record: "The Man Who Would Be B.B. King" 2 Blue Boxes labeled: "Stouffer Mayflower Hotel" ; they each contain a Presidential Inauguration 1993 Plate	
7		Political Memorabilia	4 cardboard fans 4 small boxes containing bumper stickers, key chains, a license plate labeled "97 <sup>th</sup> Congress," and 3 kaleidoscopes labeled "The Windy City," "'96 Chicago Convention," and "Cool Jazz Aug. 27, 1997"	
Oversized	1		Legislative Adviser Certificate	
Oversized	2		Poster -- "Al Gore '88 President"	