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Creator

American Political Items Collectors

Physical Characteristics

6 linear feet (8 boxes)

Repository

George Mason University. Special Collections and Archives

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the American Political Items Collectors collection must be obtained from Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Richard Lyon and Robert Fratkin of APIC in 1981 and donated by Theodore Hake in 1982. Additional photographs donated by Mills Kelly in 2009.

Processing Information

The APIC Collection was processed in 1988 by Special Collections and Archives Staff. It was divided alphabetically and chronologically into six separate boxes. In 2008 the collection was re-processed by Beth Jante, Special Collections and Archives Staff. The collection was put into new folders and boxes and arranged into three series: Subject Files, Printed Material and Oversize Material. The collection now spans eight boxes.

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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Special Collections and Archives also holds collections of many Northern Virginia local and national political leaders and organizations, such as the [Emilie F. Miller Papers](#), the William L. Scott Papers, and the [Records of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area](#).

Biographical Information

The American Political Items Collectors (APIC) is a non-profit membership organization that seeks to encourage and support the collection, study and preservation of original materials relating to political campaigns of the United States of America. The APIC was founded in 1945 with the hope of promoting the heritage of the United States through the study of materials that cover political campaigns and the presidency.

Scope and Content

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The first series, Subject Files, ranges from 1895 to 1982. It is composed of campaigning materials from presidential candidates such as Jimmy Carter, Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, Richard Nixon and many more. Included in this campaigning material are informational pamphlets, stickers and stamps. The inaugural events and invitations to John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson's inaugural celebration are included here as well as a copy of the Watergate Transcript. The historic voting ballots of 1936 which elected Franklin D. Roosevelt president are in this collection as well. Also in the Subject Files is a collection of magazines such as "Time" and "Life" from 1960-1967 that cover the life and death of President John F. Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson's photography book entitled "This America" is also included here.

The second series, Printed Material, is composed of magazines, newsletters and books dating from 1932 to 1982. Included in this collection is the APIC newsletter, "Keynoter," dating from 1967 to 1982, as well as the 1965 APIC "Brummagem." Also included are special 1976 magazine issues covering the 200-year anniversary of America. Magazines included for these special anniversary issues are "McCall's," "Time," and "Newsweek." Also provided in the Printed Materials series are handbooks, pamphlets, admission tickets and official proceeding booklets of the Democratic National Convention from the years 1964 to 1976. Other printed material included in this collection are copies of "Political Intelligence" newsletter, "The Capitol," and "The Standard."

The third series in the APIC collection, Oversize Material, is composed of posters, newspapers, photographs, political buttons and a Presidential Fact Finder Wheel artifact. Posters date from as early as 1940 up to as late as 1980. Some highlights in the poster collection include posters of Ronald Reagan and George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale, Richard Nixon, Andrew Pulley and Matilde Zimmerman of the Socialist Workers Party, and Henry Wallace. The newspaper collection contains articles from 1961 to 1981 and is composed of the "Washington Post," "Washington Star," "Washington Daily News," and the "New York Times." Important subjects of these newspapers range from President John F. Kennedy's assassination and internment as well as the marriage of Chuck Robb and Lynda Bird Johnson. Other highlights are the 100 year anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the inauguration coverage of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. There are also three large format photographs from the 1988 Democratic National Convention and the 1988 Republican National Convention. The photographs are of Michael Dukakis' acceptance speech, Beryl Ann Bentson, Lloyd Bentson, Michael Dukakis, and Kitty Dukakis together on the stage, Senator Paul Simon speaking to reporters, Jesse Jackson, Pat Robertson, and Jerry Falwell. The three political buttons feature "Vote Communist for a free, happy, prosperous America", "Ollie for President!", and "Bush, Quayle '88".

Index Terms

Subjects:

Political campaigns--United States.

Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.

Persons:

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973.

Arrangement

Organized into three series:

- Series 1: Subject Files, 1895-1982 (Boxes 1-3)
- Series 2: Printed Material, 1932-1982 (Boxes 3-6)
- Series 3: Oversize Material, 1940-1988 (Boxes 7-8)

Contents List

Series 1: Subject Files 1895-1982

Extent

2.5 Boxes

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APIC Meeting, 1982

Container 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Barry, Marion, 1979

Container 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Carter, Jimmy, 1977

Container 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Coxey, J.S., 1895-1896

Container 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Eisenhower, Dwight D., 1950-1953

Container 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Eisenhower, Dwight D., 1956

Container 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Goldwater, Barry, 1964

Container 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Humphrey, Hubert, 1968

Container 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Johnson, Lyndon B., 1964-1965

Container 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Johnson, Lyndon B. ("Time," "Life"), 1964-1972

Container 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Johnson, Lyndon B. ("This America"), 1966

Container 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Kennedy, John F., 1960-1962

Container 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Kennedy, John F. ("Time," "Look"), 1960-1963

Container 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Kennedy, John F. ("Life"), 1963

Container 2 (Box)

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Kennedy, John F. ("Life") , 1967-1968

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Kennedy, Robert, 1964-1968

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McGovern, George, 1972

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Container 6 (Folder)

Miscellaneous, 1952-1968

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Nixon, Richard, 1968-1972

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Roosevelt, Franklin D., 1936, 1982

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Stevenson, Adlai E., 1952, 1977

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Container 2 (Folder)

Watergate Transcript, 1982

Container 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 2: Printed Material, 1897-1982

Extent

3.5 Boxes

Scope and Content

The second series, Printed Material, is composed of magazines, newsletters and books dating from 1932 to 1982.

Anniversary Magazine Issues ("McCalls," "Time," "Newsweek"), 1976

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"APIC Brummagem", 1965

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Container 5 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1967

Container 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1970

Container 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1971

Container 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1972

Container 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1973

Container 3 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1974

Container 3 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1975

Container 3 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1976

Container 3 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1977

Container 4 (Box)

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"APIC Keynoter", 1978

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Container 2 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter, 1979-1980

Container 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"APIC Keynoter", 1981-1982

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Container 4 (Folder)

"APIC Newsletter", 1982

Container 4 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

APIC Research Project, "Parker and Davis", 1971

Container 4 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

"APIC Roster", 1982

Container 4 (Box)

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Auction Catalogs, 1982

Container 4 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Civil Rights, "The People Take the Lead", 1958

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Democratic National Convention, 1964

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Democratic National Convention, 1968

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Democratic National Convention, 1972

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Democratic National Convention, 1972

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National Democratic Convention, 1972

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Democratic and Republican Platforms (PA), 1958

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"Federal Election Campaign Laws", 1975

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"Financial Management System for Political Campaigns", 1972

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"Look Out Neighbor", 1952

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"Platforms of the Two Great Political Parties", 1932-1948

Container 6 (Box)

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"Political Intelligence" newsletter, 1976

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Container 6 (Folder)

"Presidential Campaign in Buttons", 1972

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Container 7 (Folder)

"The Presidents of the United States", 1897-1964

Container 6 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

"Project '68 and '76", 1968,1976

Container 6 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

"The Capitol", 1957

Container 6 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

"The Standard", 1978-1979

Container 6 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Series 3: Oversize Material, 1940-1988

Extent

2 Boxes

Scope and Content

The third series in the APIC collection, Oversize Material, is composed of posters, newspapers, photographs, and political buttons. Posters date from as early as 1940 up to as late as 1980.

Ronald Reagan, George Bush poster, 1980

Oversize 7

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Ronald Reagan, George Bush poster, 1980

Oversize 7

Container 2 (Folder)

Andrew Pulley, Socialist Workers Party, Presidential candidate, poster, 1980

Oversize 7

Container 3 (Folder)

Matilde Zimmerman, Socialist Workers Party, V.P. candidate, poster, 1980

Oversize 7

Container 4 (Folder)

Edward Clark, poster, 1980

Oversize 7

Container 5 (Folder)

Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale, poster, 1976

Oversize 7

Container 6 (Folder)

George Wallace, poster, 1974

Oversize 7

Container 7 (Folder)

Richard Nixon, poster, 1972

Oversize 7

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George McGovern and Sgt. Shriver, poster, 1972

Oversize 7

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George Schmitz and Thomas J. Anderson, poster, 1972

Oversize 7

Container 10 (Folder)

George Wallace, 1972

Oversize 7

Container 11 (Folder)

George Wallace, Undated

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Henry Wallace, 1940

Oversize 7

Container 13 (Folder)

Kennedy Inaugural Edition, "Washington Evening Star," newspaper, January 20, 1961

Oversize 8

Container 1 (Folder)

Kennedy is Killed, "Washington Daily News," newspaper, November 22, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 2 (Folder)

Kennedy is Killed, "Washington Evening Star," newspaper, November 22, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 3 (Folder)

Kennedy Lies in State, "New York Times," newspaper, November 24, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 4 (Folder)

Kennedy Lies in State, "Washington Post," newspaper, November 24, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 5 (Folder)

Kennedy Tribute, "Washington Daily News," newspaper, November 25, 1963

Oversize 8

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Oswald is Shot, "Washington Post," newspaper, November 25, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 7 (Folder)

Nation Buries President, "Washington Post," newspaper, November 26, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 8 (Folder)

100th Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg, "Gettysburg Times," newspaper, 1963

Oversize 8

Container 9 (Folder)

Convention and Election Almanac, "Washington Post," newspaper, August 23, 1964

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Chuck Robb and Lynda Bird Johnson Marry, "Washington Post," newspaper, December 10, 1967

Oversize 8

Container 11 (Folder)

Chuck Robb and Lynda Bird Johnson Marry, "Washington Star," newspaper, December 10, 1967

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Nixon Sworn In, "Washington Post," newspaper, January 20, 1969

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Jimmy Carter Inaugural, "Washington Star," newspaper, January 20, 1977

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Jimmy Carter Inaugural, "Washington Star," newspaper, January 20, 1977

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Humphrey Dies, "Washington Star," newspaper, January 14, 1978

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Container 16 (Folder)

Humphrey Dies, "Washington Post," newspaper, January 14, 1978

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Humphrey Lies in State, "Washington Star," newspaper, January 15, 1978

Oversize 8

Container 18 (Folder)

Humphrey Lies in State, "Washington Post," newspaper, January 15, 1978

Oversize 8

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Inauguration '81, The Reagan Presidency, "Washington Post," newspaper, January 20, 1981

Oversize 8

Container 20 (Folder)

Inauguration '81, Inaugural Address, newspaper, January 21, 1981

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Container 21 (Folder)

Democratic and Republican National Convention Photographs, 1988

Oversize 8

Container 22 (Folder)

Political buttons, undated-1988

Oversize 8

Container 23 (Folder)

Extent

Three buttons