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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

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1920-2013

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English

Abstract

This collection covers the career of Nobel Prize winning Economist James M. Buchanan, as well as records generated by the Center for the Study of Public Choice.

Creator

Buchanan, James M.

Physical Characteristics

192.0 linear ft.

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries.Special Collections Research Center.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the James M. Buchanan papers must be obtained from the Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Acquired by George Mason University Special Collections Research Center in September 2016.

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Biographical/Historical note

Economist James McGill Buchanan, Jr. was born on October 3, 1919 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Buchanan studied at Middle Tennessee State University, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the University of Chicago, and he taught at a variety of schools, including the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and George Mason University. At Virginia Tech, he founded the Center for the Study of Public Choice, which moved to George Mason in 1983. Buchanan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1986 for his work on Public Choice Theory. He died on January 9, 2013.

Scope and Content

The collection contains material covering James Buchanan's life, education, and academic career, from his time at Middle Tennessee State University in the 1930s to his death in 2013. There is also a photo from his early childhood, circa 1920. Academic and personal correspondence, drafts, revisions, and printed versions of writings, conference materials and travel information, collected articles read by Buchanan, and material produced as part of the Center for the Study of Public Choice's operations are all included in the collection. Also of note is correspondence, etc. from Buchanan's long-time secretary Betty Tillman, as well as administrator for the Center for the Study of Public Choice Jo Ann Burgess.

Index Terms

Persons:

Buchanan, James M.

Corporate Names:

Center for the Study of Public Choice.

Public Choice Society.

Subjects:

Economics--United States.

Nobel Prizes.

Document Types:

Letters.

Photographs.

Video recordings.

Conference materials

Arrangement

The collection is currently being arranged into nine series.

- Series 1: Correspondence
- Series 2: Academic
- Series 3: Conferences and travel
- Series 4: Writings
- Series 5: Articles read
- Series 6: Photographs

- Series 7: Oversize
- Series 8: Audiovisual materials
- Series 9: Administration/Center for the Study of Public Choice

Contents List

This collection is currently being processed. The unprocessed portion of the collection is unavailable to researchers, while limited access is available for the partially processed portion. For access to the partially processed material, please contact Liz Beckman, Manuscripts and Archives Librarian, at ebeckman@gmu.edu.