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Language

English

Creator

Jones, Stephen

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Scope and Contents

Research papers and drafts of a biography of William Chapman Revercomb (1895-1979). Original accession includes one bound typescript of over 540 pages narrating the political career of Chapman Revercomb, authored by Stephen Jones and Ann Bradley; includes photocopies of maps (with much demographic data) and photographs. Also includes a typescript of over 350 pages of second version of this book.

The addendum of 2018-03-30 includes research materials and copies of primary sources as well as drafts of the book. In 2017, the book was published as *A Conspiracy of Events: Senator Chapman Revercomb and West Virginia Politics, Immigration Reform, and the Eisenhower-Taft Conflict* by Stephen Jones and Ann Bradley. This addendum is minimally processed; its contents list is based on an inventory provided by the donor and checked by staff.

Keywords

United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century

West Virginia -- Politics and government

Revercomb, Chapman, 1895-

United States. Congress. Senate

Description of Subordinate Components

Original Accession

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77544

Unit Date undated

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Language English.

Scope and Contents

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Addendum of 2018-03-30

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77545

Unit Date ca. 1932-1990s

Scope and Contents

Addendum includes research materials and copies of primary sources as well as drafts of the book.

Full Book Draft pages 1-194

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77546

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Full Book Draft pages 195-367 and Table of Contents

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77547

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

"A Conspiracy of Events" Revercomb draft chapters 1-4 including maps and pictures

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77548

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

"A Conspiracy of Events" Revercomb draft chapters 5-14 including maps and pictures

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77549

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Miscellaneous Maps and Manual 1939-1989

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77550

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes 1957 Manual of the Senate and House of Delegates; 1952 Highway Map of West Virginia; 1939 Map of West Virginia; Undated Charleston, WV Map; 1981 Charleston, WV & Vicinity Street Map

Revercomb Notes Cassette Tape

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77551

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Copy of From Governor to Cabby (The Political Career and Tragic Death of West Virginia's William Casey Marland: 1950-1965) by Paul F. Lutz

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77552

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Revercomb: Ann's Notecards

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77553

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Daily Reminder Book 1942

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77554

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Daily Reminder Book 1952

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Daily Reminder Book 1956

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Daily Reminder Book 1957

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Daily Reminder Book 1958

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Daily Reminder Book 1960

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77559

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Research Toward Introduction

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77560

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: First rewrite on first chapter of Revercomb not including the introduction; Miscellaneous photocopies of different books' pages; Handwritten drafts and outline; Revercomb Biography-Chapter 1

1956 (2 folders)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77561

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Edited drafts and conversations between Ann Bradley and Stephen Jones concerning the 1956 election

Intro

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77562

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Primarily notes on 1960 election

1942 Election

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77563

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Newspaper clippings; Excerpts from 1942 South Eastern Reporter, 2d series

1942 Term

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77564

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Photocopies of newspaper clippings including the fear of communist spread home and abroad and the Marshall Plan; Senate Key Votes 1945-1948; S.J. Res. 227 (re: United States Washington and Lee University Bi-Centennial Commission); H.R. 1752 to amend Selective Training and Service Act of 1940; 1948 Congressional Quarterly Almanac excerpts

Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77565

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Photocopied clips from *New York Times* and *Charleston Daily Mail* and *Charleston Gazette* largely concerning the election swinging Republican, calls to vote, etc.

1956-1958 Term

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77566

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Transcript from 1957 "Personalities in Your Government"; 1958 Congressional records, campaign finances, Major legislation, etc.; Lyrics from Senatorial dinner 1957

1958 Campaign

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77567

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Official Returns of the November 4, 1958 General Election; Campaign spending; Photocopies of articles about Republican/Democrat struggle for WV; black and white copies of voting propaganda fliers; Political backgrounds; Labor organizations in WV; 3 manuscripts of "1958 Election" in various stages, including handwritten notes

Miscellaneous/Mechanics of Research

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77568

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Software Valley West Virginia concept brochure; Photocopies from *West Virginia History*; Handwritten directions for photocopies and reimbursement request

Death and Retirement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77569

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Photocopies of newspaper articles; Obituary from *The Washington Post* 8 October 1979

1956 Campaign

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77570

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Photocopies of state and national newspaper articles; Copy of letter from Eisenhower to Revercomb; Original October 1956 *Harper's Magazine*; Timeline titled "Where was Revercomb during his 1956 campaign"; Copy of *Charleston Daily Mail* "Voter's Guide"

1942-1948 Speeches

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77571

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copy of bill Revercomb introduced on anti-lynching; Transcript of Radio Talk to West Virginia no 21, September 17, 1947; Copies of various other bills; "Subversive Agents via United Nations" speech 13 August 1948; Statement on establishing a Negro veterans hospital at Booker T Washington's birthplace; Various undated speeches detailing threat of communists infiltrating the US

Republican Principles and Achievements of the 80th Congress (January 3, 1947-March 15, 1948)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77572

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

The Story of the 80th Congress

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77573

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Civil Rights Bill

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77574

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Revercomb's statement on right of trial by jury; Letter from Eisenhower disagreeing with Revercomb's position on jury system; Copy of "Senate Rules and the Civil Rights Bill: A Case Study" by Howard Shuman; Miscellaneous newspaper articles

Displaced Persons

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77575

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Letter from *The Catholic Review*; Senate votes on key issues; Revercomb's speeches on subversives within the US and its government; 1946 Report to The Senate Republican Steering Committee on The Possible Admission of Displaced Persons to the United States; "Displaced Persons in Europe" Report of the Committee on the Judiciary: A Resolution to make an investigation of the immigration system; Manuscript of chapter with handwritten notes

Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77576

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Original senate gallery tickets for 1956 and 1957 for Stephen Jones (includes 1 signed by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson); Copies of newspaper articles covering party politics; "The Threat to America" propaganda against "Communists and other subversives"; Documents related to Republican National Committee includes Organizational analysis and vote history; Copy of Joseph Raymond McCarthy's Memorial Services

Miscellaneous Publications

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77577

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Republican Review of the First Session, 85th Congress; Current Biography Who's News and Why June 1958; Infant Care 1955; Meade Alcorn and the 1958 Election by Philip S Wilder, Jr.; Policy Review Summer 1989 (global warming, NRA and international politics); Policy Review Fall 1989 (Republicans in Congress, Central America policies)

Tour of Europe 1945

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77578

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: "Southern Beaches of West Virginia" 1987 *The Washington Post* (oversized); Log of military and naval affairs subcommittee trip to European and Mediterranean theaters of operation

Gubernatorial Voting of WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77579

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copy of governor elections by county, 1932-1944

Miscellaneous/Committee on the Judiciary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77580

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: 1947 copy of Appendix to Congressional Record; Copy of *History of the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, 1816-1967*

Walter S. Hallanan

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77581

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Voter analysis; Official returns of 1942 primary election; Newspaper articles on election attempt

Matthew Neely

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77582

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copy of 1950 Neely biography; Overdue ILL charge 1988; Neely obituary

Louis Reed

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77583

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Reed obituary; Copy of Reed family history

1956-1958 Appointments/Invitations

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77584

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copy of 1956 appointment book; Copy of WV county map 1957, 1958; Timeline of Revercomb's whereabouts during 1956 campaign

Time 1957

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77585

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: *Time* August 12, 1957; Correspondence on Judge Moore's death and replacement 1959; *Time* January 14, 1957

1956 Election

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77586

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copies of newspaper articles of election, Hanna-Hallanan Deal, pictures including "Jonny Reb" hat

1956 Speech Kit

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77587

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

1960 Gubernatorial Campaign (2 folders)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77588

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copies of newspaper articles on controversy over endorsements, liquor vote, Neely tension

Eisenhower Library Research

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77589

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: List of materials to be photocopied; Booklet: Historical Materials in the Dwight D Eisenhower Library (1984); Research Room Rules; Researcher Application

Eastern & Western Virginia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77590

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Copied chapter: "The cleavage between Eastern and Western Virginia" by Charles H Ambler

Rush Dew Holt

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77591

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: 1967 newspaper article copy; Copy of Chapter: "The Private Papers of West Virginia's 'Boy Senator,' Rush Dew Holt" by Thomas Coode and Agnes Riggs

[WLW?] WLR Broadcast

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77592

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: 1957 "Personalities in Your Government" bio of Revercomb transcript

Henry D. Hatfield

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77593

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes: Bio from *National Cyclopedia of American Biography*, Excerpt from *Henry D. Hatfield and Reform Politics: A Study of West Virginia Politics from 1908-1917* by Neil Shaw Penn

WCR Military Affairs Committee

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77594

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

W. Chapman Revercomb Ancestors

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77595

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Revercomb: Materials from Truman Library

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77596

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Revercomb Literature

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77597

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Book Reviews (SJ)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77598

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Miscellaneous (includes numbered index to Revercomb files)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77599

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

CQ 85th Congress Complete Votes

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77600

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'56-'58 Term, Work in Progress

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Xeroxes CQ '46-'47

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Memos

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Interview Notes Unidentified (?)

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Judicial Appointment, W.C.R.

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Robert Byrd

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Miscellaneous

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Revercomb's Diaries from 1956-1958

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Mr. Armentrout's Xerox on WCR's Yeager Announcement

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Biography Sen. Revercomb

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1960

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Thesis: The Direct Primary in West Virginia

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Neely: State Papers and Public Addresses

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A History of the Labor Movement in West Virginia

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1958

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77615

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Book Drafts, ca. 1989

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77616

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Facsimiles/Research Materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77617

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Drew Pearson-Articles By (copies of clippings)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77618

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

1954 Speech Kit

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77619

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Bound: Remarks of Hon. Chapman Revercomb 79th Congress, 1st Session

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Bound: Remarks of Hon. Chapman Revercomb 79th Congress, 2nd Session

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77622

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Important Research (includes loose material and folders labeled "1952" and "W Chapman Revercomb Corres thru 1993")

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Notepad

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77624

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Facsimile Clippings Regarding Revercomb, ca. 1957-1958

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Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Newsletters and Speeches of Senator Revercomb

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/77626

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Miscellaneous (Large Folder of Book Drafts, Congressional Quarterly facsimiles regarding congressional voting, material re. Hon. James R. Durfee, "Helpers List" of Senator Chapman Revercomb 1956-1958, and more)

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WV atlas, almanac, and large state seal

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Mixed Materials oversize folder (Folder)