Overview of the Collection

Creator: Wheeler for Senate Club
Title: Wheeler for Senate Club Records
Dates: 1940-1946 (inclusive)
Quantity: 0.75 linear feet, (2 boxes)
Collection Number: Mss 109
Summary: The Wheeler for Senate Club was formed to re-nominate U.S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler in the 1946 Montana Democratic primary. The collection contains materials produced and collected by the Wheeler for Senate Club.

Repository: University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections

Access Restrictions: Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana-Missoula.

Languages: English

Sponsor: Funding for creating this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Wheeler for Senate Club was formed to re-nominate U.S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler in the 1946 Montana Democratic primary. R. Bailey Stortz, a member of Wheeler’s Washington, D.C. staff, became secretary-treasurer for the club, and Sam E. Winn was president. The club was headquartered in Helena, Montana. Wheeler, who had first been elected by Montanans in 1922, and who was one of the most powerful senators in Washington D.C. in the 1930s, was defeated in the 1946 primary by Leif Erickson. Erickson was subsequently defeated in the general election by Republican candidate Zales Ecton.
Content Description

The collection contains materials produced and collected by the Wheeler for Senate Club. Materials they collected were about and by the Senator and include his voting record, speeches, and newspaper clippings; they used these to establish the case for his re-election. Materials produced by the Club include correspondence, campaign materials, and financial records.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Copyright not transferred to The University of Montana.

Preferred Citation

[Name of document or photograph number], Wheeler for Senate Club Records, Archives and Special Collections, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, The University of Montana-Missoula.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Date and source of acquisition unknown.

Processing Note

The original processors arranged and described the collection as the R. Bailey Stortz Papers, LC 109, and produced a finding aid. In 2004, the collection was re-named the Wheeler for Senate Club Records, re-numbered Mss 109, and the finding aid was revised and encoded.

Related Materials

Burton K.Wheeler’s papers are held by Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections, Montana State University Libraries.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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**Names and Subjects**

- **Subject Terms**:
  - Elections--Montana
  - Political campaigns--Montana

- **Personal Names**:
  - Wheeler, Burton K. (Burton Kendall), 1882-1975

- **Corporate Names**:
  - United States. Congress. Senate--Elections, 1946
  - Democratic Party (Mont.)

- **Geographical Names**:
  - Montana--Politics and government--20th century

- **Form or Genre Terms**:
  - Speeches, addresses, etc., American

- **Other Creators**:
  - **Personal Names**:
    - Stortz, R. Bailey
    - Wheeler, Burton K. (Burton Kendall), 1882-1975
    - Winn, Sam E.

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