

James C. Garlington Papers, 1967-1972

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Garlington, James C., 1908-1995
Title	James C. Garlington Papers
Dates	1967-1972 (inclusive) 1967 1972
Quantity	1.5 linear feet, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	Mss 099
Summary	James C. Garlington was a Missoula, Montana, attorney elected as a delegate to the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention. The collection consists of Garlington's papers from the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
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.

Biographical Note

James C. Garlington was born in 1908. He attended the University of Montana, where he received his law degree in 1930. He founded the law firm of Garlington, Lohn & Robertson in Missoula, Montana.

Garlington ran as a Republican during the campaign for delegateship for the 1972 Constitutional Convention, which was called to revise Montana's 1889 state constitution. Despite opposition Garlington won the position by a narrow margin. His losing opponent, T. Gary Curtis, called for a recount, but that recount showed that Garlington had won the election. Garlington served on the Executive, Education and Natural Resources, and Agriculture committees. He also prepared the ceremony for the signing of the new constitution after it was approved by Montana voters in 1972.

After the convention, Garlington returned to his Missoula home and his law practice. He died in 1995.

Content Description

The collection consists of Garlington's papers from the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention. It contains a daily journal kept by Garlington, his campaign expenditures and some speeches, legal material dealing with the election recount, newspaper articles on the Convention and Missoula delegates, a copy of the Montana revised codes, and correspondence between Garlington and others. Publications in the collection concern the drafting of state constitutions. A voter's guide has short biographies of all Convention delegates.

From the Convention itself are draft proposals and letters of transmittal from committees on the executive, education, natural resource and agriculture, judicial committees, and legislative committees. Also contained in the collection are various member proposals, educational material sponsored by the Society of American Foresters and Office of Public Instruction, a resolution calling for submittal of the proposed constitution to the voters, and highlights of the proposed constitution.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in five series:

Series I: Journal, 4 folders, 1917-1972

Series II: Correspondence, 2 folders, 1971-1972

Series III: Campaign, 2 folders, 1971

Series IV: Convention, 0.5 linear feet, 1967-1972

Series V: Clippings, 2 folders, 1971-1972

Acquisition Information

Gift of James C. Garlington, 1972.

Processing Note

The original processor arranged the collection and prepared a finding aid. In 2004, the collection was minimally rearranged, and a new finding aid was produced with minor revisions to the original.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Journal, 1917-1972

4 folders

This series contains the journal that Garlington kept throughout the Convention, and consists mainly of his notes on each day's events. It includes many copies of minutes, proposals, and other inserts.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1		November 27, 1971-February 4, 1972
1/2		February 5, 1972-February 25, 1972
1/3		February 25, 1972-March 13, 1972
1/4		March 13, 1972-March 20, 1972

Series II: Correspondence, 1971-1972

2 folders

This series contains Garlington's correspondence related to the Convention. It contains letters congratulating him on his election, requests to focus on particular issues, and other matters.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/5		1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6		1972

Series III: Campaign, 1971

2 folders

This series contains records of Garlington's election, including campaign materials, speeches, the recount challenge, and the financial records from the campaign.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/7	Garlington and others	1971
1/8	Financial records	1971

Series IV: Convention, 1967-1972

0.5 linear feet

This series contains materials from the Convention, including the activities of committees. It also contains Garlington's appointment certificate and materials about the Convention delegates.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/9	Member proposals	1972
1/10	Bill of Rights	1972
2/1	Education	1972
2/2	Education	1972
2/3	Education	1972
2/4	Education	1972
2/5	Education	1972
2/6	Education	1972

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/7	Education	1972
2/8	Education	1972
2/9	Education	1972
2/10	Judicial	1972
2/11	Legislative	1972
2/12	Local Government	1972
2/13	Natural Resources and Agriculture	1972
2/14	Revenue and Finance	1972
3/1	Miscellaneous	1972
3/2	State of Montana vs. Leo Graybill et al.	1972
3/3	Garlington appointment certificate	1971
3/4	Biographies of convention delegates	1972
3/5	<i>The Drafting of State Constitutions</i> National Municipal League	1967
3/6	Miscellaneous	1972

Series V: Clippings, 1971-1972

2 folders

This series contains clippings from Montana newspapers about the Convention and its activities.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/7		1972-1972
3/8		1972-1972

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Constitutional conventions--Montana

Corporate Names :

Montana. Constitution (1972)

University of Montana--Missoula--Alumni and alumnae

Geographical Names :

Montana--Politics and government--20th century

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Montana. Constitutional Convention (1971-1972)

Montana. Office of Public Instruction

Society of American Foresters

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