Overview of the Collection

Creator  Smith, Arthur Robert, 1925-
Title  Arthur Robert Smith papers
Dates  1931-1966 (inclusive)
Quantity  .9 cubic feet (2 document cases, 1 reel microfilm)
Collection Number  Mss 1074
Summary  Papers relating to journalist Robert Arthur Smith’s research and writing on Senator Wayne Morse. Includes copies of Morse’s correspondence; Smith’s correspondence and notes concerning Morse; materials relating to Morningside Hospital in Portland, Oregon; the Alaska Mental Health Bill of 1954; and typescript of Smith’s book *The tiger in the Senate* (1962).
Repository  Oregon Historical Society Research Library
            1200 SW Park Avenue
            Portland, OR 97205
            Telephone: 503-306-5240
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            libreference@ohs.org
Access Restrictions  The collection is open to the public.
Languages  English
Sponsor  Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Arthur Robert Smith was an Oregon journalist and author whose book on Senator Wayne Morse, *The tiger in the Senate*, was published in 1962. In the mid-1950s Smith wrote a number of investigative articles for the *News-Miner* of Fairbanks, Alaska, regarding the Morningside Hospital in Portland, Or. The hospital had housed mental health patients from Alaska, and its administration came under the scrutiny of the U.S. Senate as it debated a bill to fund mental health services in that state (then a U.S. Territory). The move for funding was championed by Oregon Senator Richard Neuberger, then in his first year in Congress.

Content Description

The collection includes copies of correspondence to and from Senator Wayne Morse, and correspondence and notes of Arthur Smith regarding Morse. The microfilm contains copies of Morse’s correspondence with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Also included in the collection are materials concerning the investigation of the Morningside Hospital in Portland, Or., and the related U.S. Senate
effort to fund a mental hospital in Alaska in the mid-1950s. A typescript of Smith's book on Morse, titled *The tiger in the Senate* (1962) is also included.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series:

- Series A: Wayne Morse research materials and correspondence, 1931-1966
- Series B: Morningside Hospital materials, 1954-1956
- Series C: Typescript of *The tiger in the Senate*, circa 1961

Acquisition Information


Location of Originals

The collection includes copies of papers housed at the U.S. National Archives, Washington, D.C., and at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, New York.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series A: Wayne Morse research materials and correspondence, 1931-1966

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**Series C: Typescript of *The tiger in the Senate*, circa 1961**

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| 1/13 | Pages 1-109 | circa 1961 |
| 2/1 | Pages 110-232 | circa 1961 |
| 2/2 | Pages 233-435 | circa 1961 |
| 2/3 | Pages 436-end, and related materials | circa 1961 |

**Names and Subjects**

**Subject Terms**:
- Mental health--United States--Law and legislation.
- Mental health--Alaska--History.
- Mental health--Oregon--History.
- Psychiatric hospitals--Oregon--Portland--History.

**Personal Names**:
- Morse, Wayne L. (Wayne Lyman), 1900-1974--Correspondence.
  (creator)
- Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.
- Smith, Arthur Robert, 1925-.
  (creator)

**Corporate Names**:
- Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

**Geographical Names**:
- Oregon--Politics and government--1951-.
- Portland (Or.)--History.

**Titles within the Collection**:
- The tiger in the senate: the biography of Wayne Morse.

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