

Harrison Spangler papers, 1946-1964

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Spangler, Harrison E. (Harrison Earl), 1879-1965
Title	Harrison Spangler papers
Dates	1946-1964 (inclusive) 1946 1964
Quantity	5.5 linear feet, (7 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 399
Summary	Harrison Spangler (1879-1965) was a Spanish-American war veteran who later served as a committee member and National Chairman of the Republican Party during the 1930-1940's, and after WWII became involved with Oregon politics. The collection consists of five major series: Wayne Morse, Robert Taft, Richard Neuberger, the Republican Party, and Harrison Spangler personal records.
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Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.
Additional Reference Guides	Paper finding aid with additional information is available in Special Collections & University Archives.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Historical Note

Born in Iowa in 1879, Harrison Spangler was a Spanish-American War veteran. Upon returning from the war, he studied law and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1905. Active in the Republican Party he served on the National Committee as a member from Iowa from 1932-1952. He served as National Chairman of the party in 1943-1944.

As a conservative member of the party he was known not only for his opposition to liberals such as Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, but also more moderate members of his own party like Thomas

Dewey. He was a strong supporter of Robert Taft against Dwight Eisenhower for the 1952 Republican nomination.

After moving to Portland, Oregon following WWII, he became involved in Oregon politics. He was best known for his opposition to Senator Wayne Morse. In 1962 Spangler published a book titled "The Record of Wayne Morse." Democrats claimed that the book was campaign literature and sued to find out where Spangler received his contributions. Spangler was still embroiled in the controversy when he died in 1965.

Content Description

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Files on Wayne Morse include subjects such as foreign policy, Hells Canyon, labor, party switch, voting records and Spangler's research and writings on Morse.

The Republican Party material includes correspondence, minutes, convention files and committee reports.

Also included is a section of Spangler's personal papers. Significantly missing from the collection is material from Spangler's early activities, especially his period as Republican Party National Chairman during 1942-1944.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series: Wayne Morse, Robert Taft, Richard Neuberger, the Republican Party, and Harrison Spangler personal records.

Related Materials

Other collections relating to Wayne Morse at Special Collections and University Archives include: Wayne L. Morse papers, Coll 001.

Special Collections and University Archives hold many collections related to Oregon Politics.

Processing Note

Collection processed by Daniel Montero, 1995.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Authors, American--Oregon
Conservatism--United States
Conservatives--Oregon
Political campaigns--Oregon
Politicians--Iowa
Politicians--Oregon

Personal Names :

Morse, Wayne L. (Wayne Lyman), 1900-1974
Neuberger, Richard L. (Richard Lewis), 1912-1960
Spangler, Harrison E. (Harrison Earl), 1879-1965
Taft, Robert A. (Robert Alphonso), 1889-1953

Corporate Names :

Republican Party (Or.)--History--20th century.
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)--History--20th century.

Geographical Names :

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

Form or Genre Terms :

Correspondence
Minutes
Reports

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