Overview of the Collection

Interviewee  
Jones, Richard H. (Richard Hutton), 1914-1998

Title  
Oral history interview with Richard H. Jones

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Biographical Note

Richard Hutton Jones was born in Rye, Colorado, in 1914. He attended the University of Northern Colorado, earning a bachelor's degree in 1934 and a master's degree in 1937. In 1935, he and Alyce Decker were married. He taught history at Stanford College from 1938 until 1941, when he began teaching at Reed College. He taught at Reed until 1982, specializing in medieval and constitutional history. He continued his education later in life, earning a Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1947 and an doctor of laws degree from Reed College in 1982. He was active in Republican politics in Colorado and Oregon. He served as campaign chair for Mark Hatfield in 1958, 1966, 1978, and 1984, as well as for Tom McCall in 1964. Jones died in 1998.

Other Descriptive Information

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Forms part of the Senator Mark O. Hatfield Oral History Project.

Other Descriptive Information

Incomplete transcript (117 pages) is available for in-person use at the Oregon Historical Society Research Library.

Content Description

This oral history interview with Richard H. Jones was conducted by Jim Strassmaier from December 11, 1987, to January 13, 1988. In this interview, Jones discusses his family background and early life in Colorado, including his early education. He then discusses his memories of the Depression and coming to the West Coast to accept a teaching job at Stanford University in 1938. He then talks about teaching history at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and becoming acquainted with Mark Hatfield and Gerry Frank. He discusses his involvement in Hatfield's 1958 campaign for Oregon governor. He discusses appointments Hatfield made as governor, and the increasing conservatism of the Republican Party. He also talks about the differences and similarities between Mark Hatfield and Tom McCall. He describes Hatfield's accomplishments as governor, including on education; Hatfield's relationship with the state Legislature; and the attempt to revise the Oregon constitution in the early 1960s. He discusses Hatfield's involvement with national Republican politics in the 1960s, particularly his involvement in the Goldwater and Nixon presidential campaigns. He also talks about Hatfield's opposition to the Vietnam War, and how his own views aligned with Hatfield's; his involvement with Hatfield's senatorial campaigns; and Hatfield's relationship with U.S. Senator Bob Packwood. He closes the interview by discussing Hatfield's support for the National Rifle Association.

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Alternative Forms Available

Audio available online in OHS Digital Collections.

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## Names and Subjects

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- McCall, Tom, 1913-1983

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