James Wheaton Mott papers, 1918-1945

Overview of the Collection

Creator: Mott, James W.
Title: James Wheaton Mott papers
Dates: 1918-1945 (inclusive)
Quantity: 9.0 linear feet, (6 containers, 20 volumes)
Collection Number: Ax 077
Summary: James Wheaton Mott became a lawyer and served in the Oregon House of Representatives (1922-1928; 1930-1932) and the U.S. Congress (1933-1945). The collection contains state and U.S. congressional files that include correspondence and bills, as well as speeches, campaign material, files on Tongue Point Naval Air Base, photographs, and scrapbooks, 1918-1945.

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Languages: English

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Historical Note

James Wheaton Mott was educated at the University of Oregon, Stanford University, and the Law School at Willamette University. He started practicing law in Astoria, Oregon in 1917. He served in WWI in the U.S. Navy. He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives and served from 1922-1928 and in 1930-1932. He was then elected as a Republican to the U.S. Congress, serving from 1933 until his death in 1945. Mott wrote a version of the Federal-Aid Highway Act bill (1944) that first used the word "interstate" to refer to the new highway plan, instead of interregional, and he also worked on legislation regarding the Tongue Point Naval base.

Source: US Department of Transportation website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/naming.cfm
Content Description

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Congressional files are separated into State and U.S Congress sections, and material within each section is filed by session year.

A section marked "private bills" includes files on Tongue Point Naval Air Base. Photographs in the collection depict Mott and a group of legislators that traveled to Germany in 1945 to tour concentration camps and prepare a report.

Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings about Mott's congressional activities, Oregon politics in general, and mementos.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Processing Note

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

This collection received a basic level of processing including minimal organization and rehousing.

Description information is drawn in part from information supplied with the collection and initial surveys of the contents.

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**Names and Subjects**

**Subject Terms:**
- Campaign literature--Oregon
- Legislators--Oregon
- Legislators--United States
- Politicians--Oregon
- Transportation--Law and legislation--United States

**Personal Names:**
- Mott, James W.
- Mott, James W.--Correspondence

**Corporate Names:**
- Oregon. Legislative Assembly. House of Representatives.
- Tongue Point Naval Air Station (Or.).

**Geographical Names:**
- Oregon--Politics and government--1859-1950
- United States--Politics and government--1933-1945

**Form or Genre Terms:**
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