

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Eugene H. NICKERSON Papers

SOURCE: Gift of Eugene H. Nickerson, 1978

SUBJECT: Nassau County (N.Y.) Politics and Government; Democratic Party

DATES COVERED: 1955 - 1970

NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 172,897

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged:  Listed:  Arranged:  Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

Bound:  Boxed: 289 Stored: ca. 10 Oversize

LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book and Manuscript

CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll/Nickerson

RESTRICTIONS ON USE None

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DESCRIPTION:

Personal, administrative, political and investigative files of Eugene H. Nickerson, 1918-1970, (Columbia LL.B. 1943), lawyer and Nassau County Executive, 1962-1970. The papers deal almost entirely with his eight years as County Executive, and consist of correspondence, memoranda, manuscripts of speeches, notes, press releases, photographs and clippings. Among the major correspondents are James A. Farley, Hubert H. Humphrey, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward I. Koch, and Percy E. Sutton.

The Investigation Files, which amount to nearly half the collection, document investigation into corruption and mismanagement in numerous Long Island businesses and governmental departments. These investigations, instigated and overseen by Nickerson, were carried out largely by the Commissioner of Accounts, Milton Lipson, and later by Samuel Greason, the first governmental ombudsman in the United States. These files consist primarily of memoranda, transcripts of hearings, payroll and financial accounts, notes and tape recordings.

See *over* for contents of collection and list of correspondents.

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14 March 1979

EUGENE H. NICKERSON PAPERS

Catalogued Correspondence

Box 1

Beame, Abraham David  
Celler, Emanuel  
Clark, Ramsey  
Farley, James A.  
Frankfurter, Felix  
Fulbright, J. William  
Hoover, John Edgar  
Humphrey, Hubert Horatio  
Hurok, Sol  
Javits, Jacob K.  
Kennan, George Frost  
Kennedy, John Fitzgerald  
Kennedy, Robert F.  
Koch, Edward I.  
Kollek, Theodore  
Krupsak, Mary Anne  
Lefkowitz, Louis J.  
Lindsay, John Vliet  
McCarthy, Eugene J.  
McGovern, George S.  
Mondale, Walter F.  
Moses, Robert  
Moynihan, Daniel Patrick  
Nixon, Richard Milhous  
O'Brien, Lawrence F.  
Rockefeller, Nelson A.  
Roosevelt, Franklin D., Jr.  
Sutton, Percy E.  
Wagner, Robert F., Jr.

Catalogued Photographs (signed)

Humphrey, Hubert Horatio  
Kennedy, Robert F. (signed by Ethel Kennedy)

## EUGENE H. NICKERSON PAPERS

## Uncatalogued Files

Personal FilesBox 2

Correspondence, 1961, 1966-1969  
1970 **Shelved off-site**  
Biographies, Eugene H. Nickerson  
Marie-Louise Nickerson (Mrs. Eugene H.)  
Charities

Box 3

Columbia University - 2 folders **Shelved off-site**  
Condolences - 4 folders

Box 4

Condolences - 3 folders **Shelved off-site**  
Family - 2 folders  
Gifts  
Grenade Incident, 1968

Box 5

Havens Relief Fund Society **Shelved off-site**  
Interview with A. Gonzales, ca. 1964

Box 6

Invitations, 1961 - May 1962 and n.d. **Shelved off-site**

Box 7

Invitations, May 1962 - August 1962 **Shelved off-site**

Box 8

Invitations, September - November 1962 **Shelved off-site**

Box 9

Invitations, December 1962 - February 1963 **Shelved off-site**

Box 10

Invitations, March - May 1963 **Shelved off-site**

Box 11

Invitations, May - August 1963 **Shelved off-site**

Box 12

Invitations, September - December 1963 **Shelved off-site**

(No Invitation Files received for years 1964 - 1969)

Box 13

Invitations, January - April 1970 **Shelved off-site**

Box 14

Invitations, April - May 1970 **Shelved off-site**

Box 15

Invitations, June - September 1970 **Shelved off-site**



Box 54

General File: Legislature, New York State - 1968 Press Releases  
McConnell - County Clerk  
Manhasset-Great Neck Development Council  
Memoranda and Directives, 1962-1964 **Shelved off-site**  
Memoranda and Notes, 1967-1969  
Memoranda from Departments, 1963-1964  
Moon, Alfred E.  
Metropolitan Transportation Department and Long Island Railroad

Box 55

General File: Metropolitan Transportation Department and Long Island Railroad  
Middle East (2 folders) **Shelved off-site**

Box 56

General File: New York State Comptroller - Division of Municipal Affairs, 1963-1965  
New York State Democratic Committee - Subcommittee on Local Government  
Oyster Bay - Town Board - Calendars  
Park Vandalism - photographs **Shelved off-site**  
Parks  
Parks - Pat Lordi

Box 57

General File: Payroll, Nassau County, 1963 **Shelved off-site**

Box 58

General File: Poverty Program Conference  
Record of Nickerson Administration, 1962-1967 **Shelved off-site**  
Reports, Annual - 1968  
1969

Box 59

General File: Reports, Status - 3 folders **Shelved off-site**

Box 60

General File: Resolutions and Ordinances  
Schedules, Eugene H. Nickerson, 1964-1966 **Shelved off-site**  
Schneider, Morris H., 1967-1968  
Staff Meetings, 1963-1967  
Suburban Coalition (2 folders)

Box 61

General File: Suburban Coalition (3 folders) **Shelved off-site**  
Tax, County Sales - Caso Plan  
Tax, Property - Relief Plan, 1967  
Taxes, Miscellaneous  
Tenzer, Herbert  
Tours  
Town Highway Improvement Program

Box 62

General File: Transition, 1970  
White Papers, 1966 (3 folders) **Shelved off-site**

Box 63

Subject File: Anti-Ballistic Missile  
Abolishment of Towns  
Aging  
Air Pollution  
Anti-Poverty  
Apportionment  
Assured Income  
Airports  
Alcoholism  
Apartments  
Arts  
Assessment  
Automobile  
Beth Page  
Black History  
Board of Elections  
Board of Supervisors  
Bootblack Story  
Budget (3 folders)

Shelved off-site

Box 64

Subject File: Buses (2 folders)  
Charter Revision  
Chisholm, Shirley  
Civil Defense  
Civil Rights  
Civil Service  
Clean-up  
Commerce and Industry

Shelved off-site

Box 65

Subject File: Commerce and Industry (2 folders)  
Communications  
Consumer Affairs (3 folders)  
Conservation  
Cooperative Service Centers  
County Attorney  
County Government  
Crime  
Daycare Centers  
Democratic Party

Shelved off-site

Box 66

Subject File: Donable Foods  
Economic Opportunity Commission (2 folders)  
Economy  
Education  
Employment  
Ethics  
Finance - Federal Aid  
          State Aid  
          State Aid Cuts  
          General  
Fire

Shelved off-site

Box 67

Subject File: Government  
 Handicapped  
 Health (2 folders)  
 Health, Mental  
 Health, Education and Welfare  
 Helicopter  
 Housing (3 folders)  
 Human Rights  
 Income  
 Insurance  
 Israel

Shelved off-site

Box 68

Subject File: Jail  
 Jamaica Bay  
 Jews  
 Jobs  
 Joint Municipal Survey  
 Kennedy, John F. - Center  
 Labor  
 Legislature  
 Library  
 Licenses  
 Long Island Almanac  
 Long Island Association  
 LILCO Annual Report  
 Pipeline  
 Lottery

Shelved off-site

Box 69

Subject File: M(anagement) I(nformation) S(ystems)  
 Media Lists  
 Medicaid  
 Merchant Marine  
 Metropolitan Regional Council  
 Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
 Mitchel Field (2 folders)  
 Mitchel Gardens  
 Mobilization for Democracy  
 Moon Landing  
 Narcotics (2 folders)

Shelved off-site

Box 70

Subject File: Nassau County - miscellaneous  
 Nassau-Suffolk Suburban Coalition  
 Nassau Community College  
 Nassau County officials  
 Nassau Medical Center  
 Noise  
 Office of Administrative Services  
 Office for the Aging  
 Old Bethpage Park  
 Ombudsman  
 Office of Mobilization for Democracy  
 Parks and Recreation  
 Patterson, A. Holly, Home  
 Planning

Shelved off-site

Box 71

Subject File: Planning - Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board  
Planning (general)  
Police (2 folders)  
Pollution  
Population  
Poverty (2 folders)  
Probation  
Public Relations

Shelved off-site

Box 72

Subject File: Public Service Commission  
Public Works  
Purchasing  
Race  
Radio and Television  
Recreation  
Rehabilitation  
Roads  
Safety  
Sands Point  
SCORE  
Seaford - 325th Anniversary  
Schools  
Senior Citizens  
Senior Power - Housing  
Sewers  
Sheriff

Shelved off-site

Box 73

Subject File: Small Business  
State Aid  
State Politics  
Statistics  
Suburbs  
Suffolk County  
Suggestion of the Month  
Taxes (2 folders)  
Tenants  
Town of Hempstead - general  
- annual report of comptroller  
Traffic  
Traffic Safety Board  
Transportation

Shelved off-site

Box 74

Subject File: Transportation  
Transportation Conference, 1968  
United Nations  
Utility Lines  
Veterans  
Violence  
Vocational Center for Women  
Vocational Education and Extension Board  
Volunteers  
Water & Sewers  
Welfare  
Youth  
Zoning

Shelved off-site



Box 75

Departmental Files: Administrative Services  
 Attorney, County  
 Board of Supervisors  
 Shelves off-site

Box 76

Departmental Files: Commissioner of Accounts (SEE ALSO Investigation Files)  
 - Memoranda, 1962-1966 Shelves off-site

Box 77

Departmental Files: Commissioner of Accounts - General (3 folders)  
 Assessment  
 Bridge Authority Shelves off-site  
 Civil Defense  
 Complaints, 1962 (2 folders)  
 Comptroller  
 Contributions, volunteers  
 County Attorney  
 Financial Questionnaires  
 Hate Literature, 1963

Box 78

Departmental Files: Commissioner of Accounts - Ombudsman (2 folders)  
 Pending  
 Personal Shelves off-site  
 Post Office Box 7  
 Tyma, Ed (informant)  
 "X", Mr. (county employee)

Box 79

Departmental Files: Commissioner of Accounts - Public Protector Files 1 & 2

Box 80

Departmental Files: Commissioner of Accounts - Public Protector Files 3 & 4

Shelves off-site

Shelves off-site

Box 81

Departmental Files: Planning Commission (1 volume)  
 Police Department - General  
 Complaints Shelves off-site  
 Personnel

Box 82

Departmental Files: Police Department - Traffic Matters (2 folders) Shelves off-site  
 Travel Requests etc.  
 Valachi, Joe

Box 83

Departmental Files: Probation Department (3 folders) Shelves off-site  
 Public Defender

Box 84

Departmental Files: Public Works - General - Folders 1, 4, 6 (Note: Folders 2, 3,  
 5, 8, 10 never received)

Shelves off-site

Box 85

Departmental Files: Public Works - General - Folders 7, 9, 11

Shelves off-site

Box 86

Departmental Files: Public Works - Applications  
 Beach Erosion Control Shelves off-site  
 Golf

Box 87

Departmental Files: Public Works - Land Aquisition  
 Manhasset Bay Shelves off-site  
 Parks

Box 88

Departmental Files: Public Works - Parks Shelves off-site  
 Recreation (2 folders)

Box 89

Departmental Files: Public Works - Recreation Shelves off-site  
 Salisbury Park (2 folders)

Box 90

Departmental Files: Public Works - Sewers Shelves off-site  
 Snow  
 Traffic

Box 91

Departmental Files: Purchase(2 folders) Shelves off-site

Box 92

Departmental Files: Sheriff and Jail (3 folders: files for 1964 - 1967 not received)  
 Shelves off-site

Box 93

Departmental Files: Social Services Shelves off-site  
 Welfare, Public

Box 94

Speeches: List, 1965-1970 Shelves off-site  
 Basic Speech  
 1962 Inaugural Address  
 January - October 1965

Boxes 95 - 106

Speeches: November 1965 - December 1970

Shelves off-site

Box 107

Columns and Articles: 1967 - Franklin Square Bulletin; Valley Stream Mail Leader  
 1967 - Long Island Press  
 1968 - Long Island Press Shelves off-site  
 1969 - Long Island Press  
 1969 - Amsterdam News  
 1969-1970 - Long Island Press

Box 108

Columns and Articles: 1970 - Long Island Press Shelves off-site  
 American Academy of Political and Social Science  
 New York State Budget, 1969 - Nickerson Opposition  
 Years of Progress, 1962-1967  
 Clippings and Miscellaneous Statements (3 folders)

Box 109  
Special Articles and Messages, 1961 - 1968 Shelves off-site

Box 110  
Special Articles and Messages, 1969 - 1970; miscellaneous Shelves off-site

Box 111  
Press Releases: Lists, 1962-1970  
County Departments: Clerk Shelves off-site  
Planning Commission  
Public Information Bureau  
Public Works  
Purchase  
Recreation  
Sheriff

Boxes 112-119 - For more information, see page 16 Shelves off-site  
Press Releases: 1964 - 1970

Box 120  
Address Files Shelves off-site

Political Files

Box 121  
Correspondence, 1961 - 1963 Shelves off-site  
1966 - 1967

Box 122  
Correspondence, 1968 - General Shelves off-site

Box 123  
Correspondence, 1968 - General  
- McCarthy, Eugene Shelves off-site

Box 124  
Correspondence, 1969 (3 folders) Shelves off-site

Box 125  
Correspondence, 1969  
1970 (3 folders) Shelves off-site

Box 126  
General Files: General  
Chief Executive Pamphlet Shelves off-site  
Kennedy, Robert F.  
Nixon, Richard M.  
Research

Box 127  
General Files: Rockefeller, Nelson A.  
Ronaallo, Angelo Shelves off-site  
Speeches, Political  
Survey, 1962  
Wachtler, Sol

Box 128

Democratic Party: Correspondence and Miscellaneous  
 Names and Addresses (1 folder, 1 notebook) Shelved off-site  
 Nassau County  
 Platforms and Position Papers

Box 129

Campaigns: 1961  
 1964 - General Correspondence (2 folders) Shelved off-site  
 - Contributions (2 folders)

Box 130

Campaigns: 1964 - Burns, John J. Shelved off-site  
 Congratulations  
 Election materials - general

Box 131

Campaigns: 1966 - General Correspondence Files, A - Z Shelved off-site

Box 132

Campaigns: 1966 - Press releases, Speeches and Papers (18 folders) Shelved off-site

Box 133

Campaigns: 1966 - General Shelved off-site  
 Contributions  
 Newspapers (3 folders)  
 1967 (1 folder)

Box 134

Campaigns: 1968 - General Shelved off-site  
 Correspondence  
 Clippings  
 Committee, Nickerson For Senator  
 Contributions

Box 135

Campaigns: 1968 - Education - Position Papers Shelved off-site  
 Expenses  
 Expenses and Finances - 3 folders  
 Javits, Jacob (3 folders)  
 McCarthy, Eugene (2 folders)

Box 136

Campaigns: 1968 - McCarthy, Eugene Shelved off-site  
 Primary (2 folders)  
 Resnick, Joseph Y. (3 folders)  
 Solicitations  
 Volunteers

Box 137

Campaigns: 1968 - Counties in New York State, A - Z Shelved off-site

Box 138

Campaigns: 1968 - Research on various issues Shelved off-site

Box 139

Campaigns: 1970 - Correspondence (4 folders) Shelved off-site

Box 140

Campaigns: 1970 - Correspondence (1 folder)  
General files - Booker, Jimmy  
Contributions  
Goldberg, Arthur Shelved off-site  
Interviews  
Lists  
Lucy, Bill

Box 141

Campaigns: 1970 - General files - New York City Survey  
News sequences, Proposed  
Notes and memoranda Shelved off-site  
Reports, Handbooks, etc.  
Scheduling (2 folders)  
Miscellaneous

Box 142

Campaigns: 1970 - Issues, General Shelved off-site  
A - D

Box 143

Campaigns: 1970 - Issues, E - O Shelved off-site

Box 144

Campaigns: 1970 - Issues, P - Z Shelved on-site

Box 145

Campaigns: 1970 - Research Personnel - Blume, Lois (2 folders)  
Cannava, Ron Shelved off-site  
Cyr, Picard and Associates  
Donahoe, Kathy  
  
Grimes, Charles  
Morvillo, Ed  
Rosenblum, Connie  
Walters, Jack (2 folders)  
Ziegler, Carol  
Miscellaneous

Box 146

Campaigns: 1970 - Research - Miscellaneous  
Newspapers - Weekly Reports Shelved off-site  
- Clippings, Miscellaneous

Investigation Files

Boxes 147-151 Cahn, William Shelved off-site

Box 152 Community Housing and Planning Shelved off-site

Box 153 Dierking Shelved off-site  
East Bay Development Corporation

Boxes 154-155 East Bay Development Corporation Shelved off-site

Box 156 Farrington, Palmer D. Shelved off-site  
Firester, Harry

Box 157 Fort Neck Dredging Shelved off-site

Boxes 158-174 Hempstead, Town of (Real Estate, Dredging, etc.) Shelved off-site

Box 175 Highways  
Kasotsky, J.J. Shelved off-site

Box 176 Kasotsky, J.J. Shelved off-site

Boxes 177-181 Lansdell Bituminous Shelved off-site

Boxes 182-183 LeShufy (KEB Realty et al.) Shelved off-site

Boxes 184-193 Littlefield-Alger Shelved off-site

Box 194 Long Island Materials Testing Laboratory Shelved off-site

Boxes 195-197 McAllister, Horace Shelved off-site

Box 198 Malvese Shelved off-site

Box 199 Nassau-Suffolk Research Corporation Shelved off-site

Boxes 200-206 North Hempstead, Town of Shelved off-site

Boxes 207-212 Oyster Bay (various investigations) Shelved off-site

Box 212 Parking Districts Shelved off-site

Box 213 Parks Department (Division of Public Works) Shelved off-site

Box 214 Patterson Home Shelved off-site

Boxes 215-227 Piloff, Albert Shelved off-site

Box 227 Planning Commission Shelved off-site

Box 228 Plumbers and Sanitation Shelved off-site  
Port Washington North (Village of)

Boxes 229-234 Public Works, Nassau County Department of Shelved off-site

Box 235 Purchase, Nassau County Department of Shelved off-site

Box 236 Real Estate Shelved off-site

Boxes 237-242 Republican Committees Shelved on-site

Box 243 Salvey, Joseph Shelved off-site

Box 244 Sanitorium Shelved off-site  
Sheriff's Office and Jail

Boxes 245-246 Sheriff's Office and Jail Shelved off-site

Box 246 Sign Shop Shelved off-site

Box 247 Smith, George and Sons Shelved off-site

Box 248 State Investigation Commission Shelved off-site

Boxes 249-250 Stein, Robert Shelved off-site

Box 251 Stillman, Seymour Shelved off-site

Boxes 252-256 Tafuro Building Company Shelved off-site

Box 257 Villani, William Shelved off-site

Boxes 258-261 Welfare, Department of (Dr. Eisenstein, nursing homes, and other cases) Shelved off-site

Boxes 262-268 Investigations, Minor - A-Z For more information, see page 16 Shelved off-site

Boxes 269-270 Investigations, Mixed: Name File Shelved on-site

Boxes 271-272 Reports and Testimony Shelved off-site

Box 273 Tracts, Maps and Plans Shelved off-site

Box 274 Tracts, notes and miscellaneous items Shelved off-site

Boxes 275-283 Tapes Shelved off-site

Box 284 Tapes, microfilm and movies Shelved off-site

### Photographs and Memorabilia

Boxes 285-286 Photographs (with some related correspondence) Shelved off-site

Boxes 287-288 Memorabilia Shelved off-site

Box 289 Plaques (caution: GLASS) Shelved off-site

Box 290 + 291: Plaques Shelved off-site

Oversize: ~~ca. 10 plaques~~ and unframed documents

**Boxes 20-48: Correspondence, Outgoing (carbons) - 1964-1970****Box**

- 20: January-March, 1964 *Shelved off-site*
- 21: April-June, 1964 *Shelved off-site*
- 22: July-October, 1964 *Shelved off-site*
- 23: October-December, 1964 *Shelved off-site*
- 24: January-March, 1965 *Shelved off-site*
- 25: April-July, 1965 *Shelved off-site*
- 26: August-December, 1965 *Shelved off-site*
- 27: January-March, 1966 *Shelved off-site*
- 28: April-June, 1966 *Shelved off-site*
- 29: July-September, 1966 *Shelved off-site*
- 30: October-December, 1966 *Shelved off-site*
- 31: January-February, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 32: March-April, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 33: April-June, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 34: June-August, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 35: August-October, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 36: November-December, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 37: January-March, 1968 *Shelved off-site*
- 38: February-May, 1968 *Shelved off-site*
- 39: June-September, 1968 *Shelved off-site*
- 40: September-November, 1968 *Shelved off-site*
- 41: December, 1968 - February, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 42: February-April, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 43: May-July, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 44: August-October, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 45: November-December, 1969; January, 1970 *Shelved off-site*
- 46: February-March, 1970 *Shelved off-site*
- 47: April-June, 1970 *Shelved off-site*
- 48: July-November, 1970 *Shelved off-site*

**Boxes 95-106: Speeches: November 1965-December 1970****Box**

- 95: November, 1965 - March, 1966 *Shelved off-site*
- 96: March-July, 1966 *Shelved off-site*
- 97: August, 1966 - February, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 98: March-July, 1967 *Shelved off-site*
- 99: August, 1967 - March, 1968 *Shelved off-site*
- 100: April-September, 1968 *Shelved off-site*
- 101: October, 1968 - April, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 102: May-July, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 103: August-December, 1969 *Shelved off-site*
- 104: January-February, 1970 *Shelved off-site*
- 105: February-May, 1970 *Shelved off-site*
- 106: June-December, 1970 *Shelved off-site*



**Boxes 112-119: Press Releases: 1964-1970**

Box

- 112: 1964-1965 Shelved off-site
- 113: July, 1964 - August, 1966 Shelved off-site
- 114: September, 1966 - June, 1967 Shelved off-site
- 115: July-December, 1967 Shelved off-site
- 116: January-October, 1968 Shelved off-site
- 117: October, 1968 - June, 1969 Shelved off-site
- 118: July, 1969 - February, 1970 Shelved off-site
- 119: March-December, 1970 Shelved off-site

**Boxes 262-268: Investigations, Minor - A-Z**

Box

- 262: A-Con Shelved off-site
- 263: Cou-He Shelved off-site
- 264: Hu-Lon Shelved off-site
- 265: Lor-Ph Shelved off-site
- 266: Pl-S Shelved off-site
- 267: T Shelved off-site
- 268: V-Z Shelved off-site