



Guide to the Sim A. DeLapp Papers, 1862-1976

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Summary

Collection Title:

Sim A. DeLapp papers, 1862-1976

Creator:

DeLapp, Simeon Alexander

Extent:

10 Linear Feet
circa 13,100 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Language:

English

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Collection ID:

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Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

The collection chiefly documents DeLapp's long-term involvement with the North Carolina Republican Party at the state and local level. While correspondence comprises the bulk of the collection, there are also some legal and financial papers, writings and speeches, printed material, and clippings. Being Chair of the North Carolina Republican Party (1942-1950) and legal

counsel to the party (1950-1964), provided DeLapp access to state party leaders, which is reflected by the correspondents that include J. E. Broyhill, Wilmer D. Mizell, William E. Cobb, and Jesse Helms.

Included is information concerning political appointments, canvassing and registering voters, political campaigns, and political speeches (some made by DeLapp). DeLapp's efforts to promote Republican presidential candidates is highlighted in 1952 when he served as North Carolina State Chairman of Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign. The earliest correspondence primarily relates to DeLapp's father, Alexander T. Lapp, who was sheriff of Davidson County, N.C., from 1906-1912 and 1916-1918. Also represented are DeLapp's responsibilities with the Evangelical and Reformed Church (later the United Church of Christ); information about the DeLapp family and DeLapp's published work, *People, Politics, Religion*; and concern about the Duke University administration during the 1960s and early 1970s.

Biographical/Historical

Chronology

Date	Description
1897, Dec. 21	Born Davidson County, N.C.
1918	A.B. Trinity College (now Duke University)
1921	LL.B. Trinity College
1921-1926	Practiced law in Lexington, N.C.
1922-1934	Member, Lexington Board of School Commissioners
1926-1946	Member, McCrary and DeLapp law firm
1927, July	Married Rose Sexton of Denton, N.C.
1928-1930	Davidson County attorney
1942-1950	Chair, North Carolina State Republican Party

Date	Description
1946-1950	Davidson County attorney
1946-1952	Practiced law independently in Lexington, N.C.
1950-1964	Legal counsel for the North Carolina Republican Party
1951-1952	North Carolina State Chairman of Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign for the presidency
1952-1976	Partner, Lexington law firm that maintained a general and trial practice under various names: DeLapp and Ward, 1952-1966; DeLapp, Ward, and Hedrick, 1966-1972; DeLapp and Hedrick, 1972-1974; DeLapp, Hedrick and Harp, 1974-1975; DeLapp, Hedrick, Harp, and Smith, 1975-1976.
1965-1970	Trustee, Davidson County Community College
1967-1974	Davidson County attorney
1976, Aug. 9	Died, Winston-Salem, N.C.
1983	Named posthumously to the North Carolina GOP Hall of fame

Member of the American, North Carolina, and Davidson County Bar Associations and the Lexington Rotary Club. Member and Elder in the First Evangelical and Reformed Church (later United Church of Christ) in Lexington. Member of the Kiwanis Club.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library acquired the Sim A. DeLapp Papers (1862-1976) in three installments 1978, 1980, and 1983 by purchase and gift. The donation was made by Mrs. DeLapp in 1983.

Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

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- Politicians -- North Carolina
- Voter registration -- North Carolina
- North Carolina -- Politics and government
- Patronage, Political -- North Carolina
- Presidents -- United States -- Election -- 1952
- DeLapp, Simeon Alexander
- Duke University
- Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969
- Evangelical and Reformed Church
- Helms, Jesse
- Jonas, Charles Raper
- Mizell, Wilmer D.
- Republican Party -- North Carolina
- Broyhill, J. E.
- Cobb, William E.
- Broyhill, James Thomas, 1927-
- DeLapp, Alexander T.
- DeLapp family

Collection Inventory

Correspondence Series

1862-1948	Box 1
Physical Description: 6 folders	
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Physical Description: 6 folders	
1951, Sept.-1952, June	Box 3
Physical Description: 7 folders	
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Physical Description: 7 folders	

1954, Jan.-1957, June Physical Description: 7 folders	Box 5
1957, July-1959 Physical Description: 6 folders	Box 6
1960-1964, Apr. Physical Description: 6 folders	Box 7
1964, May-1965, June Physical Description: 7 folders	Box 8
1965, July-1966, Sept. Physical Description: 7 folders	Box 9
1966, Oct.-1968, May Physical Description: 6 folders	Box 10
1968, June-1970, May Physical Description: 6 folders	Box 11
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undated	Box 17
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Physical Description: 3 folders

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Physical Description: 3 folders

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