

Alarcon, Arthur L.

Oral History Interview with Arthur L. Alarcon.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 394 pages

Abstract

Alarcon discusses his family background, education, experience in the military, post-secondary education, and activities, events, and issues during his tenure in the Edmund G. Brown, Sr., administration from 1961-1964, in particular those relating to narcotics, capital punishment, extradition, clemency, and law enforcement.

Alquist, Alfred E.

Oral History Interview with Alfred Alquist.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris and Donald B. Seney

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 182 pages

Abstract

The interview discusses Democratic party politics in Santa Clara County as well as statewide. He speaks about his election campaigns from 1960 through 1984, including his candidacy for Lt. Governor in 1970. He also discusses issues such as campaign spending, reapportionment, economic development, and the budgetary process, as well as personalities such as Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr., John Vasconcellos, and others. It also includes comments by Administrative Assistant Loretta Riddle on Alquist's San Jose office.

Alshuler, Robert E.

Oral History Interview with Robert E. Alshuler.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven

1991

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 157 pages

Abstract

Alshuler discusses his family background, education in Los Angeles and at UCLA, student activities leadership, presidency of the UCLA Alumni Association, and business of the Regents of the University of California during his ex officio regency from 1961 to 1963.

Babbage, John D.

Oral History Interview with John D. Babbage.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 145 pages

Abstract

The interview includes biographical background information: family, education, training as a lawyer, and work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (1941-1946). The focus is his period of service from the Riverside area in the state assembly: elections, committee work, legislation carried. Mr. Babbage discusses his efforts to obtain funding for the Riverside campus of the University of California.

Bagley, William T.

Oral History Interview with William T. Bagley.

Interviewed by Ann Lage

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 49 pages

Abstract

Bagley discusses his post-legislative career. As the first chairman of the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission, he was responsible for creating a new body of regulatory law. His discussion of these years and of his subsequent California state service includes observations on the dangers of combining judicial, legislative, and executive power in regulatory commissions, and on the gubernatorial administrations of Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Ronald Reagan, and George Deukmejian. In his discussion of his public law practice with the firm Nossaman, Guthner, Knox, and Elliot, he reflects on the changes in the California legislature since 1974.

Bane, Tom

Oral History Interview with Tom Bane.

Interviewed by Steven L. Isoardi

1995

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 348 pages

Abstract

Bane tells of his family background and early life in California and, particularly, Los Angeles. He discusses his initial interest in politics, decision to run for Assembly, and his campaigns. He talks about his unsuccessful bid for Congress in 1964 and the ten years he spent in the financial sector between his assembly service periods. He relates his experiences as a founding member of the Constitution Revision Commission and the switch to a full-time legislature. Bane also discusses his differences with Jesse Unruh, his time as speaker pro tem and his sponsorship of hate crime and anti-discrimination legislation.

Bannai, Paul T.

Oral History Interview with Paul T. Bannai.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass
1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 264 pages

Abstract

Bannai relates his family background, early career, and World War II experiences, including his dedication to the reimbursement of interned Japanese-Americans. He discusses his business career, service as an elected official in Gardena, elections to the state assembly, assembly committee service, legislative leadership in the assembly, other Asians in the legislature, and public service after he left the assembly.

Baus, Herbert M.

Oral History Interview with Herbert Baus.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass
1989, 1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 323 pages

Abstract

Baus discusses his background, early work on political campaigns, especially those in Los Angeles City during the late forties and fifties. He describes the development of the firm Baus and Ross Co. and the way in which the two partners coordinated their work. He details the many ballot issue and candidate campaigns he consulted on locally, regionally, statewide, and nationally. Baus remarks on the political consulting profession and the changes in the manner in which campaigns are conducted.

Beard, John William

Oral History Interview with Hon. John William Beard.

Interviewed by Larence B. de Graaf
1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 168 pages

Abstract

Judge Beard discusses the formation of the California Democratic Council, the workings of the senate prior to full time operation or reapportionment, and the role of lobbyists. He offers profiles of senate leaders and several fellow Democrats and comments on major legislation. The structure and operations of the Industrial Accident Commission and workmen's compensation are treated. Most of the interview covers 1957 to 1965.

Beck, Julian

Oral History Interview with Julian Beck.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 106 pages

Abstract

Beck discusses his family background, education, secondary school teaching, law practice, career and his major accomplishments while a member of the California State Assembly, service as Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr.'s legislative secretary, and comments on legislative leadership, partisanship, electioneering, fund raising, and lobbying for teachers' groups.

Behr, Peter H.

Oral History Interview with Peter H. Behr.

Interviewed by Anne Lage

1988, 1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 393 pages

Abstract

Behr discusses open space issues on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, election campaigning, lobbying, and the legislative process in the senate, as illustrated by the progress of his Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 1971-1972; his bill to require roll call votes in committees; protective legislation for tule elk, herring, and striped bass; malpractice and no-fault insurance legislation; and his efforts to pass property tax reform legislation in 1977 and 1978, including the campaign for his alternative to Proposition 13 in 1978.

Below, William C.

Oral History Interview with William C. Below.

Interviewed by Phillip L. Gianos

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 128 pages

Abstract

Below discusses the assembly reapportionment plan for the 1965 redistricting, the creative role of a technician in drawing districts, development and use of computer programs, and direct mail techniques. He also discusses the relationship with Jesse Unruh, Phillip Burton, and Michael Berman.

Bergeson, Marian

Oral History Interview with Marian Bergeson

Interviewed by Susan Douglass Yates

2000

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 445 pages

Abstract

Bergeson discusses her childhood experiences and family background, her teaching career, and early local political involvement. She outlines her experiences as a Republican woman, her decision to run for Assembly, and her Assembly campaigns. She refers to the Women's Caucus, her support for Howard Berman as Speaker, and her legislation on income tax indexing. Bergeson delineates her reasons for running for Senate, talks about those campaigns, and about particularly important water issues including the Salton Sea and the Peripheral Canal. She also relates her political experiences after leaving the Senate on the Orange County Board of Supervisors during the county's bankruptcy, as the State Secretary of Child Development and Education, and as a member of the State Board of Education.

Betts, Bert A.

Oral History Interview with Bert A. Betts.

Interviewed by Jacqueline S. Reinier

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 187 pages

Abstract

Betts discusses the Democratic victory in 1958 and campaigns in 1962 and 1966. He focuses on the history of the State Treasurer's Office, attempts to create flexibility and competition in investment programs and bond sales, increase in bond sales in the 1960s, and modernization of office procedures. He concludes with discussion of the State Treasurer's office in the late 1980s and reflects on its growth under the direction of Jesse Unruh.

Beverly, Robert G.

"Reflections of a Republican Assemblyman," Legislative-Governor Relations in the Reagan Years: Five Views.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1982

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 286 pages

Abstract

In 1970 and 1971, Beverly co-authored significant consumer protection legislation, and by the 1973-1974 legislative term was leading the Republican minority in the assembly.

Bouché, Briec

Oral History Interview with Briec Bouché

Interviewed by Germaine LaBerge

1993

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 113 pages

Abstract

Bouché discusses his background and early life in France, learning wood carving, and immigrating to America. He talks about becoming an American citizen and his experiences while teaching at the Manzanar Relocation Center. He discusses the treatment and living conditions of Japanese Americans during World War II at Manzanar.

Brainin, David

Oral History with David Brainin.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 93 pages

Abstract

Brainin discusses budgets and tax programs of Governors Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Ronald Reagan, and George Deukmejian; federal tax reform, income tax withholding, revenue sharing, property tax reform and related issues; references to key finance department staff and legislative leaders of the period.

Britschgi, Carl A.

Oral History Interview with Carl A. Britschgi.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 103 pages

Abstract

This interview discusses politics in San Mateo County and Redwood City, as well as the state legislature. It covers campaigning, Education Committee, Ways and Means Committee, reapportionment, speakership, Britschgi's duties as Republican Whip, and the Legislative Representation Committee. He discusses Luther Lincoln, Ralph Brown, Jesse Unruh, Goodwin Knight, Edmund G. Brown, Sr., and Ronald Reagan.

Broaders, Halden C.

Oral History Interview with Halden C. Broaders.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 328 pages

Abstract

Broaders talks about the 1949 consolidation of judicial district courts and about local justice in Tulare County (1950-1959). As lobbyist for Bank of America he discusses legislative reform and its impact on lobbying, regulation of banking institutions, five California governorships, and five speakerships.

Bronson, Leisa G.

Oral History Interview with Leisa G. Bronson.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass and Germaine La Berge

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 134 pages

Abstract

Bronson relates her family and educational background and her activities in Ohio with the YWCA, as state public affairs chairman, and the League of Women Voters, in which she was active re child labor laws. She discusses her entry into party politics in California, her service as state vice chairman, her entry into Democratic politics in Arizona, and her service as Democratic National Committeewoman from that state. She reports on the three national conventions she attended--1952, 1956, 1960.

Bronzan, Bruce

Oral History Interview with Bruce Bronzan.

Interviewed by Germaine La Berge

1995

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 133 pages

Abstract

Bronzan discusses his activity on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and his interest in public health care. He covers county and state election campaigns as well as key issues of his legislative service: health and mental health, family preservation, children's services, and agriculture.

Burby, John F.

Oral History Interview with John F. Burby.

Interviewed by Carlose Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 187 pages

Abstract

Burby discusses his family background, education, World War II military experience, career in journalism, service as press secretary from 1961 to 1967 in the administration of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr., and significant events and issues that impacted the Brown administration in that period, and comments on state and local politics in general in Sacramento.

Burgener, Clair W.

Oral History Interview with Clair W. Burgener.

Interviewed by Phillip L. Gianos

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 204 pages

Abstract

Burgener outlines his experiences in California state politics, government, and legislation from the assembly and senate viewpoints. He tells of his relationship with Speaker Jesse Unruh and his committee assignments while in the assembly. He speaks of the transition to the state assembly and the effects of reapportionment. He focuses on his campaign for U.S. Senate, his activities in Congress, and his relationships with presidents, governors, and colleagues. He also discusses his work with mentally retarded children and his other legislative interests.

Burton, John L.

Oral History Interview with John L. Burton.

Interviewed by Julie Shearer

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 54 pages

Abstract

Burton discusses leadership and politics, Rules Committee, social welfare benefits; observations on Phillip Burton, Jesse Unruh, Robert Monagan, other political figures.

Busch, Burt W.

Oral History Interview with Burt W. Busch.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 93 pages

Abstract

Busch discusses activities of the Senate Interim Judiciary Committee, legislative leaders, earlier service as Lake County District Attorney (1930-1946); water, transportation, and other issues in northern California, 1920-1980.

Byrne, Jerome

Oral History Interview with Jerome C. Byrne.
Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven
1993
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 191 pages

Abstract

Byrne relates information about his early life in Michigan, education in Michigan and at Harvard Law School, and professional career with Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher. He details the work of the University of California Board of Regents' Special Forbes Committee under his direct supervision as special counsel. The campus free speech controversy and assessment of students in the 1960s figures prominently in Byrne's discussion. Byrne also talks about his association with several voluntary and professional associations and his role in the John F. Kennedy presidential primary campaign in California.

Cameron, Ronald B.

Oral History Interview with Hon. Ronald Brooks Cameron.
Interviewed by Phillop Gianos
1990
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 167 pages

Abstract

Cameron discusses Democratic party politics, government, campaigns, and legislation; activities in the assembly and House of Representatives; personal opinions and problems with fellow assemblymen and House members, presidents Kennedy and Johnson; electronic voting idea, and publishing his voting record for his constituency.

Chappie, Eugene A.

Oral History Interview with Eugene A. Chappie.
Interviewed by Donald B. Seney
1990
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 316 pages

Abstract

Chappie discusses his family and early life as well as running a farm in El Dorado County as

an adult. He talks about his appointment and service on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and his campaign and election to the state Assembly. He details his participation in state welfare reform, the role of republicans in the Assembly, and reapportionment in 1966 and 1970. He refers to his efforts in removing architectural barriers for the handicapped and his views on water rights and water politics including Tahoe Basin planning and the Auburn Dam. Chappie talks about lobbying on the local, state, and national levels and discusses his House of Representatives service while offering comparisons of each level.

Cobey, James A.

Oral History Interview with James A. Cobey.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 250 pages

Abstract

He discusses his legal background as a deputy county counsel, chief law clerk to Justice Clement Shinn, and practicing attorney in Merced County. He talks about his first senate term: the power structure, nature of the senate, water legislation, and bills he carried. He speaks about various personalities: Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Lieutenant Governors Powers and Anderson, Hugh Burns, and other senators.

Connelly, John Robert

Oral History Interview with John Robert Connelly.

Interviewed by Charles Wollenberg

2001

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 336 pages

Abstract

Connelly discusses his early life and family background, his travels and military service. He details his legislative staff service on environmental legislation and with finance committees on the state budget. He talks about building a professional legislative staff and changes in California with term limits. Connelly comments on leaders and relationships in the legislature, the executive office under different governors, and the power of the Third House.

Corey, Dorothy D.

Oral History Interview with Dorothy D. Corey.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 225 pages

Abstract

Dorothy Corey reviews her family background and education. She recollects her days as a

pioneering market researcher during the thirties in Chicago and her acquaintance with George Gallup and Elmo Roper. She talks about her company's clients in political polling and their reliance on research. She also discusses the various techniques in market research and their applicability in the political field.

Cory, Kenneth

Oral History Interview with Kenneth Cory.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1987, 1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 150 pages

Abstract

Cory discusses tax reform efforts by the governor and the legislature in the late 1960s and 1970s, campaigning and campaign reform, reapportionment, the Office of Controller, audits of Medi-Cal and welfare programs, the Board of Equalization, unitary system of accounting for corporate taxation.

Costa, Edward

Oral History Interview with Edward Costa.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 62 pages

Abstract

Costa discusses political campaigning, school system reform, proposition 13, Legislative Reform Act of 1984 (Proposition 24), and the Watson initiative (Proposition 14 in 1972); no-fault auto insurance, and tax-free pensions.

Currie, W.R.

Oral History Interview with W.R. Currie.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 63 pages

Abstract

Currie describes development of California Dept. of Finance revenue forecasting methods, including population forecasting, other economic studies; legislative revenue and taxation committees; budget preparation and financial concerns of Governors Earl Warren, Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Ronald Reagan; finance department directors Arlin Stockburger, James Dean, John Peirce, Hale Champion, Gordon Paul Smith, and Caspar Weinberger; Assemblyman Thomas MacBride.

Debs, Ernest E.

Oral History Interview with Ernest E. Debs.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 147 pages

Abstract

Debs discusses his family background, education, migration to California in 1923, pre-legislative employment, electioneering, and service in the California State Assembly, particularly his involvement on committees related to education and health.

Dills, Ralph C.

Oral History Interview with Ralph C. Dills.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 455 pages

Abstract

Dills discusses his background, education, early political involvement in the EPIC movement and in the Democratic party, tenure as a municipal court judge particularly during the Watts rebellion in 1965, and provides considerable information on his chief legislative interests and accomplishments while serving initially as a California State assemblyman and then as a California state senator.

Dolwig, Richard J.

Oral History Interview with Richard J. Dolwig.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 89 pages

Abstract

Interview covers partisanship in the state legislature; leadership in the assembly and the

senate; reapportionment; legislation pertaining to water, pharmaceuticals, railroad crossings, freeways, Long Beach tidelands; power politics; Eurovest trial; Hugh Burns, Edmund G. Brown, Sr.; Randolph Collier, Jesse Unruh, other government officials.

Jean Duffy

Oral History Interview with Jean Duffy

Interviewed by Jacqueline S. Reinier

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 247 pages

Dunlap, John F.

Oral History Interview with John F. Dunlap.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 277 pages

Abstract

Dunlap, as both assemblyman and senator, was instrumental in getting environmental legislation passed. He worked on open space lands, the coastal commission, fluorocarbon legislation, offshore drilling. He also discusses education and transportation issues, tax law, and legislative reform.

Erwin, Thomas M.

Oral History Interview with Thomas M. Erwin.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 91 pages

Abstract

This interview discusses southern California dairy farming and agricultural associations in the 1930s; Erwin's career in the state assembly, 1943-1955, including organization and leadership, with comments on fish and game, highways, land use, other contemporary issues; Richard Nixon, Goodwin Knight, Jesse Unruh, other political figures.

Farr, Frederick S.

Oral History Interview with Frederick S. Farr.

Interviewed by Ann Lage

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 127 pages

Abstract

Farr gives a picture of the senate and senators during his service from 1955 to 1967, and discusses early environmental legislation to preserve the mountain lion and sea otter, encourage scenic highways, coordinate state planning, and preserve Monterey Bay and Lake Tahoe; his support for legislation to outlaw the death penalty during the Caryl Chessman case; and legislation to aid agricultural workers and fishermen. He outlines his work as coordinator for highway beautification in the Lyndon Johnson administration and as a member of the State Coastal Commission, 1972-1979.

Fenlon, Roberta

Oral History Interview with Roberta Fenlon.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1984

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 49 pages

Abstract

Fenlon discusses her training in clinical medicine in the 1940s and her many years of activity in public affairs with the San Francisco Medical Society and CMA. Focus is on development of Medicaid (1965) and Medi-Cal (1966) legislation and regulations on health care for the poor, and subsequent controversies between the medical profession and the California Dept. of Health Care Services.

Fischer, Michael L.

Oral History Interview with Michael L. Fischer.

Interviewed by Ann Lage

1992-1993

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 211 pages

Abstract

Fischer discusses his personal and educational background and his interest in politics. He speaks of his experience and education in planning and his leadership in the Coastal Zone Conservation Commission, including relations with the regional commissioners and the statewide commission, the coastal planning process, and the permitting process for coastal development, including controversies over Bodega Harbor, Sea Ranch, and Christo's Fence. He talks about his position in the Office of Planning and Research and gives insights into the Jerry Brown administration. He comments on the statewide land-use planning process and the controversy over the proposed Dow Chemical plant in Solano County. Fischer also discusses his role as executive director of the California Coastal Commission, including the declining quality of commission members, budget cuts under Governor Deukmejian, increasing political pressures from Democratic legislators, offshore oil issues, and federal-state relations.

FitzRandolph, John A.

Oral History Interview with John A. FitzRandolph.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 260 pages

Abstract

FitzRandolph discusses his experience as staff attorney to the California Constitution Revision Commission and as chief consultant to the California State Assembly Democratic party caucus. He provides detail about his service on the staff of Assembly Speaker Robert Moretti and as a staffer for United States Senator John V. Tunney.

Fleury, Gordon A.

Oral History Interview with Gordon A. Fleury.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 50 pages

Abstract

Fleury discusses his campaign in 1948 and his role in the legislature. Topics include the speakership, changes in legislative process, responsibilities to constituency, Long Beach tidelands oil issue, unemployment insurance fraud, workers' benefits, and lobbyists.

Forbes, William E.

Oral History Interview with William E. Forbes.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 658 pages

Abstract

Forbes discusses his involvement, then presidency, of the UCLA Alumni Association leading to his ex-officio regency, appointment to a full sixteen-year term on the Board of Regents, and numerous policy areas before the board during his tenure, including vigorous campus expansion, student dissent, curriculum development, and systemwide leadership.

Franchetti, Michael

Oral History Interview with Michael Franchetti.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1993

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 462 pages

Abstract

Franchetti discusses his family background and early life, education, and military service. He describes working in the Attorney General's office and talks about Evelle Younger's term as attorney general, comparing it to that of George Deukmejian. He speaks of being responsible for the office of Attorney General while the attorney general was campaigning. He focuses on Deukmejian's campaign for governor in 1982 and the budget crisis he inherited. He also talks about, as director of Finance, implementing Governor Deukmejian's policies through numerous budget cuts in 1983. He also discusses his legal, lobbying, and consulting work after leaving the administration when his appointment as Finance director was not confirmed.

Gann, Paul

Oral History Interview with Paul Gann.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 101 pages

Abstract

Paul Gann discusses his leadership in California initiative election campaigns: Proposition 13 (1978) Property Tax Reform; Prop. 4 (1979) Government Spending Reform; Prop. 8 (1982) Victims' Bill of Rights; Prop. 24 (1984) Legislative Reform; Prop. 61 (1986) Public Pay Initiative; Prop. 72 (1988) Emergency Reserve for Highway Improvements. He also comments on the founding and operations of People's Advocate, Inc., his 1980 U.S. Senate campaign, and contracting Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Garcia, Miguel F. II

Oral History Interview with Miguel F. Garcia II.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 169 pages

Abstract

Garcia discusses his early life in Mexico and Los Angeles, education through law school, legal work defending individuals subjected to police abuse, and details his activities--and those of many others--in Chicanos for Fair Representation leading up to the reapportionment of electoral districts in California based on 1970 and 1980 census counts, respectively. At the time of the interview he was an attorney in private practice.

Garibaldi, James D.

Oral History Interview with James D. Garibaldi.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 65 pages

Abstract

Garibaldi discusses campaigning, assembly speakers, the practice of lobbying, the Third House, presidents pro tem of the senate, campaign financing.

Garrigus, Charles B. II

Oral History Interview with Charles B. Garrigus.

Interviewed by Carlose Vasquez

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 248 pages

Abstract

Garrigus discusses his family background in Illinois, migration first to Oregon and later to California, campaigning for a state assembly seat; major education, water, agriculture, health, and civil rights issues and legislation; the legislative and executive leadership of Jesse M. Unruh and Edmund G. Brown, Sr.; California politics in the 1950s and 1960s, the Brown-era "responsible liberalism," one man, one vote; and the relationship between poetry and politics.

Gianturco, Adriana

Oral History Interview with Adriana Gianturco.

Interviewed by George F. Petershagen

1994

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 298 pages

Abstract

Gianturco discusses her family background, education, and jobs prior to taking the position as Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). She describes the

creation of Caltrans from the Division of Highway, that transition, and ongoing department reorganization. She also discusses controversial issues such as diamond lanes, "bankruptcy" of the state highway fund, her relations with the California Transportation Commission, and her relationship with the press. She touches on the goal of creating a balanced transportation system including mass transit such as Amtrak, light rail, and proposed high speed rail.

Gleason, Verne E.

Oral History with Verne E. Gleason.

Interviewed by Julie Gordon Shearer

1981

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 198 pages

Abstract

Gleason discusses Dept. of Social Welfare directors and organization from 1937 to 1970: administrative style and legislative programs of governors of the period; state Health and Welfare Agency organization and administrators; and development of principal legislation for public assistance and welfare services programs, including the 1971 Welfare Reform Act.

Grant, Allan

Oral History Interview with Allan Grant.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven

1991

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 401 pages

Abstract

Grant discusses his background, entry into farming, involvement in community organizations in Tulare County, California, leadership positions in county, state, and national Farm Bureau Federations, and comments extensively on his eight-year term as a member of the University of California Board of Regents.

Greenaway, Roy

Oral History Interview with Roy Greenaway.

Interviewed by Amelia R. Fry

1990, 1991

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 287 pages

Abstract

Greenaway discusses Democratic politics from 1950 to 1968, including the Stevenson-

Kefauver and Kennedy-Johnson presidential races, the senate campaigns of Clair Engle, Pierre Salinger, and Alan Cranston. He focuses on California: the evolution of the California Democratic Council (CDC); California elected officials - Pat Brown, Jesse Unruh, and William F. Knowland; the United Farm Workers and Cesar Chavez.

Greene, Leroy F.

Oral History Interview with Leroy F. Greene.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1999

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 228 pages

Abstract

Greene discusses his family and early life, career, and move to California. He talks about establishing a consulting engineers firm, then closing it and running for the Assembly. He outlines his committee assignments and describes how the legislative process really works. Greene describes the changes in the legislature's political style and campaigning as the years progress. He also discusses his relationships with other legislators, Speakers, and governors.

Gregorio, Arlen F.

Oral History Interview with Hon. Arlen F. Gregorio.

Interviewed by Anne Lage

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 174 pages

Abstract

Gregorio discusses his youth, education, family background, and early career before his upset election to the senate in 1970; his interest in the political process in the legislature and his efforts to reform the process with bills on open budget committee meetings, reform of the reapportionment process, limitation of legislator's terms, campaign and election reforms; his work on youth-oriented issues, environmental legislation, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Arts; his efforts to tax liquor to fund alcoholism rehabilitation programs; his work as chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee and the reorganization of Dept. of Health. He offers observations on legislative relations with Governors Ronald Reagan and Edmund G. Brown, Jr., and discusses his narrow election loss in 1978 and his subsequent career as a San Mateo County supervisor and a mediator in private practice.

Emma Gunterman

Oral History Interview with Emma Gunterman

Interviewed by Jacqueline S. Reinier

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 462 pages

Haas, Lucien C.

Oral History Interview with Lucien C. Haas.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 344 pages

Abstract

Haas discusses his family and educational background, early journalism career in Los Angeles, brief stint with the Western Beet Sugar Producers in Denver, work with Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr., as communications director or press secretary in several critical statewide campaigns in the 1960s and 1970s, and continuing work with U.S. Senator Alan Cranston as policy analyst, press secretary, and speechwriter.

Haldeman, H.R.

Oral History Interview with H.R. Haldeman.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven

1991

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 502 pages

Abstract

Haldeman discusses his involvement in, then presidency of, the UCLA alumni Association leading to his ex officio regent's appointment to a full term on the Board of Regents, origins and development of the UCLA Foundation, and business before the regents during his ex officio regency and during his brief stint on the board in 1969.

Hamm, William G.

Oral History Interview with William G. Hamm.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 101 pages

Abstract

Hamm discusses his work at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (1969-1977) and as California legislative analyst, including references to Model Cities, other housing programs; sunshine, zero-based, and program planning budget systems; need for long-term strategic fiscal studies as well as current budget analyses; government spending limits and

accountability; work with California Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Department of Finance; issues concerning prison facilities, school funding, and long-term care.

Hardy, Leroy C.

Oral History Interview with Leroy C. Hardy.

Interviewed by Raphael J. Sonenshein
1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 244 pages

Abstract

Hardy discusses the theory, background, and realities of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s redistricting in California, the creation and division of districts, his involvement with California legislators and congressional representatives, and the complex relationship of the congressional and state legislature redistricting. He also discusses his relationship with and the tactics of Phillip Burton and Jesse Unruh.

Hart, Gary K.

Oral History Interview with Gary K. Hart.

Interviewed by Christopher J. Castaneda
2000

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 338 pages

Abstract

Hart discusses his early life, family background, and education. He recalls his involvement in the civil rights movement, working with the Stanford in Washington Program, and teaching at the college and high school levels. He discusses his anti-war activism and its impacts on his failed candidacy for Congress and successful candidacy for Assembly. Hart details his committee assignments in the legislature, and relationship with colleagues and governors. He talks about his educational interests and legislation.. He also discusses his run for Senate, his committee service there, his relationship with the UC and CSU campuses, and such issues as school reform and finance. Hart also speaks about his service one-year service as Secretary of Education, leaving public office, and his involvement with the Institute for Education Reform at CSU, Sacramento.

Hawkins, Augustus F.

Oral History Interview with Augustus F. Hawkins.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez
1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 196 pages

Abstract

Hawkins discusses his childhood and family background as well as educational experience. He talks about his early political activity in challenging the Los Angeles political machine then moving on to state office during the Depression. He mentions the rarity of African American Republicans at the time and the support of white Democrats. He comments on his long tenure in the California State Assembly where his legislation addressed such areas as child care, old age security, apprenticeship training, civil rights, slum clearance and low-cost housing, and workman's compensation.

Hayes, James A.

Oral History Interview with James A. Hayes.

Interviewed by Donald B Seney

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 194 pages

Abstract

Hayes discusses his background and early years in Fowler, California, education through law school, early employment in radio broadcasting and subsequent legal practice, and service as a member of the Long Beach City Council, California State Assembly, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. At the time of the interview he was an attorney in private practice and a governmental consultant in Rolling Hills, California.

Hayes, Thomas W.

Oral History Interview with Thomas W. Hayes.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1995

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 188 pages

Abstract

Hayes discusses his early life and family background, education, and military service. He talks about going to work in the General Accounting Office and for the Legislative Analyst. He then shares his experiences as Auditor General, and State Treasurer and relates his experiences as Finance Director and working with Governor Wilson. He explains the state budget cycle and process and comments on its effectiveness. He also discusses his post-Treasurer position with Orange County in assisting with the finances after their bankruptcy.

Heilbron, Louis

Oral History Interview with Louis H. Heilbron.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke
1991-1992
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 175 pages

Abstract

Heilbron discusses the problems of providing welfare to the needy during the Depression in the 1930s. He talks about the creation of a state emergency relief office and changes in relief concepts. He also details the formation of the California State College (now University) System and the changes it went through in the 1960s, particularly as related to campus unrest.

Henson, Burt M.

Oral History Interview with Burt M. Henson.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass
1988

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 95 pages

Abstract

Henson discusses Democratic party politics in Ventura County and his two election campaigns for the Assembly. He talks about the speakership of Jesse M. Unruh and the activities of lobbyists. During this period Ventura County experienced a flurry of activity in homebuilding, and Henson carried a number of bills dealing with problems with contractors. He discusses other legislation he carried. Various facets of CDC activity is covered.

Heslop, Alan

Oral History Interview with Alan Heslop.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass
1994

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 398 pages

Abstract

Heslop discusses his childhood and education. He talks about the founding of the Rose Institute, his interest in redistricting and his activities as an adviser to Republican Party leaders in the Governor's office and the legislature. He discusses California redistricting since 1951 and his involvement in the seventies, eighties, and nineties. He also talks of his ideas about needed reform.

Higgs, DeWitt A.

Oral History Interview with DeWitt A. Higgs.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven
1991
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 377 pages

Abstract

Higgs discusses his family background, education, entrance into and development of his law practice and firm, and appointment to the University of California Board of Regents, focusing on numerous policy issues that came before the Board during his tenure from 1966-1982: campus expansion, student dissent, administrative leadership, with particular attention to the University of California, San Diego.

Hill, Gladwin

Oral History Interview with Gladwin Hill.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez
1987
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 188 pages

Abstract

Hill discusses his family background, education, early work experiences related to journalism, experiences as an Associated Press correspondent in Europe during World War II, over two decades as the New York Times Los Angeles bureau chief covering western states and California politics and government. He comments on contemporary environmental and development issues in California, and elaborates upon major themes appearing in Dancing Bear and Madman in a Lifeboat.

Holen, Marvin L.

Oral History Interview with Marvin L. Holen.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez
1990
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 256 pages

Abstract

Holen discusses his family background, education, early involvement in political activities, origin and development of his long friendship with Jesse M. Unruh, working with Unruh on various legislation after accompanying the newly-elected assemblyman to Sacramento in 1959, and comments on many legislative leaders and members as well as Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr.

Honig, Bill

Oral History Interview with Bill Honig.

Interviewed by Charles Wollenberg
2000
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 220 pages

Abstract

Honig speaks of his family background, education, and law practice. He discusses teaching in the San Francisco public schools and his appointment to the State Board of Education by Governor Jerry Brown. He details his relationships with subsequent governors and covers his 1982 campaign for superintendent of public instruction against the incumbent, Wilson Riles. Honig also discusses his wife, Nancy Honig, her parent-involvement Quality Education Program, and conflict of interest charges brought against him by the attorney general. Honig discusses his dismissal from office, his community service, and educational issues: curriculum reform, teaching reading, school financing, charter schools, and assessment.

Huerta, John E.

Oral History Interview with John E. Huerta.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez
1990

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 261 pages

Abstract

Huerta discusses his family background and education, employment in Peru, Santa Maria Valley, California; University of California, Davis; and as deputy assistant United States attorney general for civil rights in the James E. Carter administration, as executive director of the Southern California office of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund, and as general counsel for Californios for Fair Representation, and comments extensively on reapportionment and Mexican-Americans in the city and county of Los Angeles and in California for assembly, senate, and the U.S. Congress.

Huff, Martin

Oral History Interview with Martin Huff.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris
1987, 1988

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 189 pages

Abstract

Huff discusses the history, organization and operations of the California Franchise Tax Board

during his years as executive officer (1963-1979), including collection of personal income and business taxes, unitary system of corporate taxation, relations with supervisory board, other state and federal fiscal agencies.

Jervis, John V.

Oral History Interview with John V. Jervis.

Interviewed by Ann Lage

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 55 pages

Abstract

Jervis discusses political campaigning and press relations for Senate Majority Leader George Moscone and Controller Kenneth Cory, service on several state boards as a representative of the controller, the duties and special concerns of Cory, and the Senate Democratic Caucus under Senator John Dunlap.

Johnson, Gardiner

Oral History Interview with Gardiner Johnson.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1973

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 249 pages

Abstract

Johnson discusses his career as California state assemblyman 1935-46 and Republican party activities 1932-66, including Alameda County politics, legislative friction with Governors Culbert Olson and Earl Warren, criminal justice and penal reform, Youth Authority, lobbying, World War II postwar employment and public works planning studies and legislation, state tax legislation; election campaigns 1934, 1942, 1952-64, including Republican national conventions.

Keene, Barry

Oral History Interview with Barry Keene.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1994

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 301 pages

Abstract

Keene comments on his childhood and education and becoming involved in politics as an

intern. He discusses his law career and his work on the Constitution Revision Commission. He talks of Democratic politics in California and on the national level, including comments on Assembly speakers. Keene speaks about health policies: the California Natural Death Act, durable power of attorney, generic drug substitution, child abuse reporting, and the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act. He also compares governors Reagan, Jerry Brown, Deukmejian and Wilson and discusses environmental issues such as costal protection, forestry, oil spills, and trails.

Kline, Richard A.

"Governor Brown's Faithful Advisor," The Governor's Office Under Edmund G. Brown, Sr.

Interviewed by Germaine LaBerg

1977

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 90 pages

Abstract

Kline joined Pat Brown's staff in 1960 serving in a number of capacities until 1966. He was the travel secretary during the 1962 campaign against Richard M. Nixon. Two other important assignments were directing Californians Against Proposition 14 (the fight to preserve fair housing), and heading the governor's Los Angeles office from 1964 to 1966, during which time the Watts riot occurred.

Lagomarsino, Robert J.

Oral History Interview with Robert J. Lagomarsino.

Interviewed by Susan Douglass Yates

2000

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 355 pages

Abstract

Lagomarsino discusses his family background, his childhood in Ventura, his Navy service, and pursuing a law degree. He also talks about his law career, his election and experiences serving on the Ojai City Council. He details his successful bids for the California State Senate, his campaigns, committee assignments, and carrying legislation. He talks about the Republican Caucus, the impact of Proposition 1A and reapportionment on the legislature, and the leadership styles of various assembly speakers. He his successful and unsuccessful bids for the United States House of Representatives, and the impact of term limits. Norma Lagomarsino also joins the interview.

Lancaster, William

Oral History Interview with William H. Lancaster.

Interviewed by Enid hart Douglass

1994-1995

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 550 pages

Abstract

Lancaster discusses his family background and early interest in politics. He talks about his experience at the local government level and local government's significance as well as legislation he carried to address its problems. He talks about his approach to aiding his district and changes in campaigning. He reflects on the Republican Caucus and Minority Leaders and discusses the speakership and the need to restructure it. He speaks about his term on the Rules Committee and his view of its proper role. He also analyzes the long-range impact of Proposition 13, which he opposed, and the need to define the financial bases for local and state government.

Lewis, Jonathan C.

Oral History Interview with Jonathan C. Lewis.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 61 pages

Abstract

Lewis discusses how he learned legislative processes as a young, inexperienced aide to state Senator Nicholas Petris, especially tax equity issues of 1971-1977, including passage of S.B. 90 (1972), the Gann initiative (1979); activities of the California Tax Reform Association and other reform groups.

Lowenstein, Daniel H.

Oral History Interview with Daniel H. Lowenstein.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 238 pages

Abstract

Lowenstein discusses his family background, youthful years, and formal education through Harvard Law School, work with California Rural Legal Assistance (1968-1971), stint as deputy secretary of state, background of campaign in support of Proposition 9 (Political Reform Act of 1974), and service as first chairman of the Fair Political Practices Commission, a period during which the Commission's powers over disclosure and campaign financing were defined.

Lowrey, Lloyd W.

Oral History Interview with Lloyd W. Lowrey.

Interviewed by Jacqueline S. Reinier

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 147 pages

Abstract

Lowrey discusses his service in the legislature, in particular, legislation passed in California concerning Japanese internment during World War II, effort to remove influence of lobbyist Arthur H. Samish from the assembly and legislation concerning agricultural, conservation, educational, and water policy issues.

Luevano, Daniel M.

Oral History Interview with Daniel M. Luevano.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 461 pages

Abstract

Luevano discusses his family background, education, and activities in East Los Angeles and post-secondary education, state service as a consultant to the state assembly Committee on Ways and Means and as deputy director of the Dept. of Finance, and federal service during the Lyndon B. Johnson administration. He provides insights into California's three branches of government.

Lunardi, Paul J.

Oral History Interview with Paul J. Lunardi.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 356 pages

Abstract

Lunardi discusses his family, early life, education, military service, business experience, election to and service on the Roseville City Council, and the state legislature, his legislative district, and duties as a lobbyist for the California Wine Institute. While in the assembly, He was chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, vice-chair of the Water Committee and served on the Fish and Game, Public Utilities and Corporations, and Transportation and Commerce Committees. He sponsored legislation that became the Williamson Act, preserving farm land in urban areas, and provided exemptions to the Buy-American Act, and authored legislation creating the state park at Bodie. In the senate, he was vice-chair of the Fish and Game Committee and served on the Institutions, Insurance and Financial Institutions, and Natural Resources Committees.

Lyon, LeRoy E., Jr.

Oral History Interview with LeRoy E. Lyon, Jr.

Interviewed by Jacquelines Reinier
1988
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 201 pages

Abstract

Lyon discusses Republican politics in southern California in the 1950s, his service in the assembly, procedures of lobbying, comparison of lobbying on the national and state levels, campaign funds, and changes in lobbying in California after passage of the Fair Political Practices Act in 1974.

MacBride, Thomas J.

Oral History Interview with Thomas J. MacBride.

Interviewed by Julie Shearer
1987
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 128 pages

Abstract

MacBride covers a wide range of political and governmental topics of his years in the California assembly: Democratic local, state, and national campaigns; legislative organization, leadership, and negotiations on tidelands oil revenues, state employees, budget and revenues, fish and game concerns, California Water Plan, death penalty, role of lobbyists, Sacramento constituents' concerns; comments on Ralph Brown, Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Jesse Unruh, Caspar Weinberger, and other public figures.

MacGillivray, Mary E.

Oral History Interview with W. Don MacGillivray and Mary E. MacGillivray. Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 271 pages

Abstract

Mary MacGillivray discusses her background and education, as well as support for her husband, Don MacGillivray, during his political career in Santa Barbara and Sacramento. She also comments on the PALS Club, Sacramento, and her work as a volunteer at the Western White House.

MacGillivray, W. Don.

Oral History Interview with W. Don MacGillivray and Mary E. MacGillivray.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 271 pages

Abstract

W. Don MacGillivray discusses his background and education, reflects on his tenure as Santa Barbara city council member and period as mayor, and provides information about issues and specific legislation while serving in the California State Assembly from the Twenty-sixth district.

Maddy, Kenneth L.

Oral History Interview with Kenneth L. Maddy.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1999

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 1107 pages

Abstract

Maddy discusses his family and early life, military service and law school. He comments on community affairs in Fresno, practicing law, deciding to run for assembly, and campaigning from a community service rather than local government background. He outlines his education policy, his friendship with Bob Moretti, and redistricting, as well as farm labor issues, and the conservative-moderate split among Republicans. He covers assembly leaders, being a Republican in a Democratic district, Sal Russo and his assistance in campaigning-particularly during the primary campaign for Governor, and assembly committee work. Maddy also discusses his special senate election, his time as Senate Republican Caucus Chair, fund raising, the "Shrimpscam" scandal, and the "Gang of Five." He also covers budget negotiations, horse racing and related matters, battles over the speakership, and term limits.

Margolis, Larry

Oral History Interview with Larry Margolis.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 378 pages

Abstract

Margolis discusses staffing of the Assembly, various legislation such as the Rumford Act; political campaigning, the California Democratic Council, governors and legislative leaders, especially Jesse Unruh.

Marks, Milton

Oral History Interview with Milton Marks.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1996

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 559 pages

Abstract

Marks discusses his family background and family political leanings and participation. He mentions his military service during WWII, law school, and practicing law. He talks about his campaign and election to the assembly and about assembly leaders and colleagues. He covers the creation of the Little Hoover Commission and other important legislation. He also deals with the effects of reapportionment, losing his assembly seat, and his judicial appointment. He details his run for Senate and discusses the difference between the legislative houses. Marks also discusses battles for Senate leadership, his switch to the Democratic party, and his committee work-in particular as Chair of the Elections and Reapportionment Committee during Governor Wilson's administration, and the legislation he sponsored.

Marler, Fred W. Jr.

Oral History Interview with Fred W. Marler, Jr.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 126 pages

Abstract

Marler discusses his tenure in the senate. Topics include senate partisanship; seniority; service on Governmental Efficiency, Education, Judiciary, Fish and Game Committees; committee consultants; comments on contemporary issues: legislative intent, milk-pooling, water project, 1970-71 president pro tem changes, tax revision, budget, bridges and highways, welfare, forestry, agricultural burning; comments on Ronald Reagan, Ed Regan, Hugh Burns, George Miller, Stephen Teale, Joseph Rattigan, Eugene McAteer, Howard Way, Jack Schrade, and James Mills

Marshall, Greta

Oral History Interview with Greta Marshall.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 45 pages

Abstract

Marshall explains her policies in managing the growth of the fund and the changes she

effected. She discusses the impact of the fund on financial markets and describes the installation of the high technology database system

Martinez, Richard A.

Oral History Interview with Richard A. Martinez.

Interviewed by Carlosse Vasquez

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 265 pages

Abstract

Martinez discusses his early life and education in Los Angeles, service in the National Guard during the Watts revolt in 1965, the growing involvement in activist organizations. The interview focuses particularly on Martinez's observations of the 1970 and 1980 California reapportionment efforts among Mexican Americans.

McAlister, Alister

Oral History Interview with Alister McAlister.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 211 pages

Abstract

McAlister discusses Democratic politics, legislative reform, the tax revolt in California in the 1970s, the United Farm Workers Union, activities of the Finance and Insurance Committee, constitutional revision, and leadership in the assembly.

McCarthy, Leo T.

Oral History Interview with Leo T. McCarthy.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1995-1996

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 226 pages

Abstract

McCarthy discusses his family background and education. He talks about Democratic politics in San Francisco and California, with particular mention of legislative leaders. He recalls specific legislation on the environment, the elderly, children and families and assesses the gubernatorial terms of Ronald Reagan, Jerry Brown, George Deukmejian, and Pete Wilson. McCarthy also discusses the management of the California Assembly Committee System.

Meade, Kenneth A.

Oral History Interview with Kenneth A. Meade.

Interviewed by Timothy P. Pong

1987, 1988
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 133 pages

Abstract

Meade's interview covers his 1968 and 1970 campaigns for the state legislature, getting oriented to the legislature, work on the elections and reapportionment committee, 1972-73 reapportionment, criminal justice committee, capital punishment and other criminal justice issues, and relationships between the speaker and the assembly.

Mellon, Carlotta H.

Oral History Interview with Carlotta H. Mellon.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 232 pages

Abstract

Mellon reviews her family background and education. She speaks of her early involvement in Democratic party politics and her eventual participation in the campaign of Edmund G. Brown, Jr. for governor as a resource and advisor on women's issues. She relates how she came to be appointed as Appointments Secretary to the Governor and her experiences while she held that position.

Merksamer, Steven A.

Oral History Interview with Steven A. Merksamer.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1994

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 358 pages

Abstract

Merksamer begins the interview with information about his early family life and education. He discusses Republican politics in California, and comments on the Assembly speakership of Bob Monagan, Ed Reinecke's time as Lt. Governor, and the governorship of Ronald Reagan. Most of the interview focuses on the career of George Deukmejian as attorney general and as governor until Mr. Merksamer's resignation as his chief of staff in 1987.

Miller, Allen

Oral History Interview with Allen Miller.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 193 pages

Abstract

Miller discusses his family background, migration to California, education, service as State Registrar of Contractors during the Culbert L. Olson administration, his law practice with Julian Beck and Parkes Stillwell, and career in the California State Assembly, including such areas as legislative reform, leadership, partisanship, fundraising, electioneering, and tidelands oil legislation.

Molina, Gloria

Oral History Interview with Gloria Molina.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 531 pages

Abstract

Molina describes her family background, education, and development as a Chicana activist and feminist. She discusses her successful campaign for a seat in the California State Assembly and her primary legislative interests and activities, and details Chicano politics in Los Angeles. In the interview all stages of her political and public career are covered.

Moss, John E.

Oral History Interview with John E. Moss.

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 217 pages

Abstract

Moss discusses his family background, education, arrival in California in 1923, pre-legislative employment, Democratic party activities, election to the California Assembly, service in the assembly, election to the U.S. House of Representatives, and Freedom of Information Act.

Mulder, Carel E.H.

Oral History Interview with Carel E.H. Mulder.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 78 pages

Abstract

Mulder discusses accounting work and the state welfare program in the 1930s, his work for the Bureau of Collections and for the California Dept. of Health Care Services, especially the Medi-Cal program. The interview covers his career from 1936-1970.

Myers, Helen Linder

Oral History Interview with Helen Linder Myers.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 247 pages

Abstract

Myers reviews her family background, education and life in the Midwest. She describes her volunteer work for the Democratic party in Los Angeles beginning in 1946. She relates experiences while managing Evelyn Johnson's and Helen Rudd Brown's campaigns. In addition she explains the formation of the California Democratic Council.

Nannini, Rico J.

Oral History Interview with Rico J. Nannini.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1986, 1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 157 pages

Abstract

Nannini describes a period of growth and professionalism in the Department, 1948-1984. He was closely involved in the development of the California Uniform Commercial Code, and the development of an electronic data processing system for those records, including the Central Records Depository. The interview also discusses notaries, the development of state election services, state budgets and personnel procedures, affirmative action, and the Political Reform Act of 1974, which changed the requirements for reporting campaign

financing, both for candidates and lobbyists. He also discusses the administrative style of Secretaries of State Jordan, Sullivan, Brown, and Eu.

Navarro, Armando

Oral History Interview with Armando Navarro.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 231 pages

Abstract

Navarro discusses his early life and education in Cucamonga, California, military service and higher education, and provides information about his role as scholar/community activist in such organizations as La Raza Unida, Californios for Fair Representation as well as organizing regional conferences and meetings to discuss such issues as immigration reform, voter registration and education, policy-community relations, church-community relations, and United States-Mexico relations.

Nejedly, John A.

Oral History Interview with John A. Nejedly.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 129 pages

Abstract

Nejedly discusses the work of the Contra Costa County District Attorney and Nejedly's innovations during the 1960s. It covers his career in the state senate, where he carried much environmental improvement legislation, serving as chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife.

Nevins, Richard

Oral History Interview with Richard Nevins.

Interviewed by Jackson K. Putnam and Lawrence B. deGraff
1987, 1989
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 591 pages

Abstract

Nevins discusses family and career background, activities in California Democratic organizations, and profiles the Board of Equalization. He reviews developments in California taxation since 1933, interweaving them with BOE policy and structural change. He emphasizes A.B. 80, Reagan era tax reform, Proposition 13 (1978), property and unitary tax issues, and specialized taxes. He concludes with his elections and the election process.

Newman, Frank C.

Oral History Interview with Frank C. Newman.
Interviewed by Carole Hicke
1989, 1991
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 348 pages

Abstract

Newman discusses his education and career, including work with the Office of Price Administration, the University of California (with mention of security/loyalty issues, the Tenney Committee, Governors Earl Warren, Pat and Jerry Brown, and faculty colleagues). Newman discusses the California Supreme Court from 1977 to 1983 with references to his fellow jurists, the Constitutional Revision Commission, and the Commission on Judicial Performance. He talks about human rights work with Amnesty International and the United Nations and his visits to Greece and Chile. He also makes references to politicians, judicial personnel, and presidents throughout the period.

Nichols, Leland L.

Oral History Interview with Leland L. Nichols.
Interviewed by Donald B. Seney
1991
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 320 pages

Abstract

Nichols discusses his family and educational background, working as a reporter for NBC News, especially during the 1960 Democratic convention, working for Governor Pat Brown as Radio-Television Press Secretary, working with Jesse Unruh as an assembly staff member and devising and institutionalizing the staff system for the California State Assembly. He also reflects on being gay in political and personal life.

Nielsen, Vigo G., Jr.

Oral History Interview with Vigo G. Nielsen, Jr.

Interviewed by Anne Lage

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 138 pages

Abstract

Nielsen discusses his youth and education in southern California and at Yale University, his Coro foundation fellowship and work on Ed Reinecke's first campaign for Congress; Flournoy's campaign for controller in 1966 and his staff position in controller's office; duties and politics of chief administrative officer for Assembly; work of lieutenant governor's office under Reinecke, Reinecke's reelection campaign, alleged perjury. He also discusses the emergence of field of political law 1972-present; his legal work for Republican Party candidates and for initiative campaigns; and the effects of Political Reform Act of 1974. He assesses the Fair Political Practices Commission under four chairmen and changes in the state legislature since 1967.

Nigg, Cyril C.

Oral History Interview with Cyril C. Nigg.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven

1993

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 163 pages

Abstract

Nigg discusses his family background, education at the University of California, Los Angeles, long-time involvement in and support for the UCLA Alumni Association, and the business of the Regents of the University of California during his two years of service as alumni association president.

O'Brien, Charles A.

Oral History Interview with Charles A. O'Brien.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 115 pages

Abstract

O'Brien covers the duties and responsibilities of California's deputy and assistant attorneys general, law enforcement, state legislators, major problems of law enforcement in California during the 1960s.

O'Connell, John A.

Oral History Interview with John A. O'Connell.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 75 pages

Abstract

O'Connell discusses Democratic politics in San Francisco City and County. He covers his career in the assembly, where he served on the Finance and Insurance, Judiciary, and Criminal Procedures committees. He offers observations on Philip Burton, Goodwin Knight, and colleagues in the 1955 assembly freshman class. He discusses the demise of the California Democratic Council.

O'Gara, Gerald J.

Oral History Interview with Gerald J. O'Gara.

Interviewed by Julie Shearer

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 41 pages

Abstract

O'Gara discusses his election to the state senate in 1946, impressions of the California legislature including housing and highway issues, creation of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District in 1951; as well as a 1962 campaign fraud incident and campaign practices in the 1980s.

Pachon, Harry P.

Oral History Interview with Harry P. Pachon.

Interviewed by Charles C. Turner

1997

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 110 pages

Abstract

Pachon discusses his family background and childhood, Latino movements and political ideology, and his education and teaching career. He relates his experiences as administrative assistant to Congressman Edward R. Roybal and talks about immigration and naturalization. He also speaks of the mission of The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, and comments on Latino politics in California as well as relations between Latinos and African Americans.

Papan, Louis J.

Oral History Interview with Louis J. Papan.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 233 pages

Abstract

Papan discusses issues and activities of the state legislature during his tenure as Democratic assemblyman. He talks of his chairmanship of the Rules Committee and membership on the Finance and Insurance, Transportation, and Policy and Research Management committees. He also discusses Governors Reagan and Deukmejian and other legislators such as Leo McCarthy, Bob Moretti, John Foran.

Patsey, Richard L.

Oral History Interview with Richard L. Patsey.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 98 pages

Abstract

Patsey was appointed in 1964 as counsel and executive director to the Constitutional Revision Commission. He worked closely with Bruce Sumner, head of the commission on several articles dealing with the powers of government. In 1966 he left to practice law, and in 1980 he was appointed to the Contra Costa superior court bench.

Pesonen, David E.

Oral History Interview with David E. Pesonen.

Interviewed by Anne Lage

1992

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 160 pages

Abstract

Pesonen discusses the campaign for the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative and the anti-nuclear power movement, including the citizen's group Creative Initiative. He comments on his appointment to the State Board of Forestry and the relationship between the Board and the Department of Forestry. He outlines his subsequent appointment to the State Department of Forestry and restructuring and reorganizing the department. He talks about working with

Secretary for Resources Huey Johnson, managing resources, and fire fighting programs. He also describes his midnight appointment to the Contra Costa Superior Court and the political difficulties of retaining a judgeship in a county where he had no political base.

Petris, Nicholas C.

Oral History Interview with Nicholas C. Petris.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 411 pages

Abstract

Petris has represented Alameda County in the California Assembly since 1959 and in the state senate since 1967. He discusses local and state Democratic politics, the California Democratic Council, and key issues on which he has been a leader: environmental protection, mental health services, tax structure and equity, legislative reapportionment, judicial appointments, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and others.

Post, Manning J.

Oral History Interview with Manning J. Post.

Interviewed by Carlose Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 306 pages

Abstract

Post discusses his family background and education, business activities, and the growing interest in state government efficiency. He details his work on various state government commissions, particularly his service on the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy (Little Hoover Commission). He talks about the formation of the Commission, its staff, and specific reports of the Commission. Post also offers his views on bureaucracy, political campaigns and fundraising, and those in positions of power.

Quinn, T. Anthony

Oral History Interview with T. Anthony Quinn.

Interviewed by Doald B. Seney

1991

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 562 pages

Abstract

Quinn discusses his family and early education, working for John F. Kennedy, becoming a Republican, and returning to California to work with the legislature. He talks about redistricting and reapportionment in California, with particular emphasis on the State Supreme Court's involvement, and explains reapportionment issues from the point of view of the Republican party. He also comments on politics in the Assembly, legislative reform, and legislative leaders. Quinn discusses the Fair Political Practices Commission, its organization, and his role in the body. He also comments on the initiative process, term limits, and the power of lobbyists.

Rains, Omer L.

Oral History Interview with Omer L. Rains.

Interviewed by Arlene Lazarowitz

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 102 pages

Abstract

Rains briefly discusses his family and background. He talks about his early political influences, activities in the Democratic party, his law practice, and community activities in Ventura County. He comments on the structure and leadership style in the state legislature and focuses on reapportionment issues. He also stresses his concern for political ethics, civil rights, and environmental issues.

Ralph, Leon D.

Oral History Interview with Leon D. Ralph.

Interviewed by Arlene Lazarowitz

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 202 pages

Abstract

Ralph reminisces about his background and early life, mentioning his commitment to justice for ethnic minorities. He discusses Democratic party politics, government, and legislation and outlines his activities in the assembly including the legislation he sponsored. He gives his opinions about his fellow assembly members and political figures with emphasis on his

split with Willie Brown. Ralph stresses his concern for the need to have minorities represented on the Capitol Restoration Project.

Rees, Thomas M.

Oral History Interview with Thomas M. Rees.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 400 pages

Abstract

Rees discusses his family background, education, World War II service, conversion from the Republican to Democratic parties in the early-1950s, agricultural implement business in Mexico, participation in national Democratic party conventions from 1956 to 1968, activities as a member of the California State Assembly, California State Senate, and the United States House of Representatives, and comments on a wide range of individuals and issues involved in California and national politics from the 1950s to 1987.

Ringer, Roy J.

Oral History Interview with Roy J. Ringer.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 172 pages

Abstract

Ringer discusses his family background, migration to Los Angeles, developing interest in journalism, working on various Los Angeles newspapers, and provides detailed information about his close association from 1961-1966 with the Edmund G. Brown, Sr. gubernatorial campaigns, programs, accomplishments, and shortcomings.

Roberts, Edward V.

Oral History Interview with Edward V. Roberts.

Interviewed by Susan P. O'Hara

1994

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 77 pages

Abstract

Roberts discusses contracting polio as a teenager and adapting to high school and junior college in San Mateo County. He covers his admittance to the University of California, Berkeley as the first resident disabled student in the 1960s and the growth of the Disabled Students Program under Dr. Henry Bruyn and Dean of Students Arleigh Williams.

Ross, William B.

Oral History Interview with William B. Ross.

Interviewed by Enid haart Douglass

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 322 pages

Abstract

Ross reviews his family background and education. He discusses the structure of his company, the division of responsibilities with Herbert Baus, use of polling, and the strategies employed for various political campaigns conducted for candidates and ballot issues. Ross talks about his business relationship with many prominent politicians: Sam Yorty, Norris Poulson, William Knowland, Pat Brown, George Christopher, Barry Goldwater, and Richard Nixon.

Ryan, Marilyn

Oral History Interview with Marilyn Ryan.

Interviewed by Susan Douglass Yates

2000-2001

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 309 pages

Abstract

Ryan discusses her family background, marriage, and education. She talks about her involvement with the League of Women Voters and community activism, leading study groups on California issues, and then moving on to involvement in local politics. She comments on the incorporation of Rancho Palos Verdes and running for city council and being mayor. She outlines her campaigns for state office, her committee assignments, and talks about Republican women in politics. Ryan mentions tax reform issues, her opposition to Proposition 13, and her work on income tax indexing legislation. She also discusses the Women's Caucus, struggles over leadership in the Assembly, and reapportionment and its effect on her loss of the last primary election. She also talks about her post-legislative career as executive director of California Arts Council and organizer of the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research (CEWAER).

Samuel, Bruce

Oral History Interview with Bruce Samuel.

Interviewed by Germaine La Berge

1991-1992

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 160 pages

Abstract

Samuel begins the interview with a brief discussion of his childhood and education. He discusses Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post and his office, the budget hearing process under three governors and the Consumer Counsel's Office under Helen Nelson. He discusses partisanship changes in the state senate and assembly among legislators and staff. Samuel speaks about transportation issues such as sales tax on gasoline and motor vehicle air pollution. He discusses in detail the pro tem-ship of Senator Jim Mills, the renovation of the Capitol, the power of the press, and special interest groups.

Santillan, Richard A.

Oral History Interview with Richard A. Santillan.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 265 pages

Abstract

Santillan discusses his early life and education in Los Angeles and details his activities and advocacy in various organizations, especially Californios for Fair Representation, and his reapportionment-related work as director, Chicano Reapportionment Project, Rose Institute of State and Local Government, Claremont, California.

Sargent, Gladys W.

Oral History Interview with Gladys W. Sargent.

Interviewed by Jacqueline S. Reinier

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 242 pages

Abstract

Sargent discusses her long career, from the 1950s to the 1990s, lobbying on the behalf of animals, stressing the tactics and point of view that have made her a beloved and highly successful woman lobbyist. Her friendships and access at the Capitol provide many anecdotes about individuals and proceedings at the California Legislature. She also discusses women legislators and other women lobbyists.

Schott, Phillip H.

Oral History Interview with Phillip H. Schott.

Interviewed by Carole Hicke

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 285 pages

Abstract

Schott discusses Jesse Unruh campaign of 1962, issues of the California assembly, work of the Rules Committee, senate and assembly leadership, legislative reform, and the role of the lobbyist.

Seeley, Raymond T.

Oral History Interview with Raymond T. Seeley.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 195 pages

Abstract

Seeley discusses his family background and education, the impact of the Great Depression on his personal life and its effects on his professional career. He talks about his political career, both on the county level and in the state legislature. He addresses the legislative needs of his district and the necessity of clean government in general. Seeley also describes the duties of the California Horse Racing Board and his eight years of service on it.

Shaw, Stanford C.

Oral History Interview with Stanford C. Shaw.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Doglass

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 231 pages

Abstract

Shaw discusses the nature of the assembly in the early 1950s: Speaker Sam Collins, lobbyist Arthur Samish, use of spot bills, impact of the Korean War, early concerns over smog, issues addressed in his bills. His senate service centered on his obtaining a state college for his county, the State Water Plan, and leadership in the senate. He comments on lobbying and the effect of incumbency in relationship to the state legislature.

Sieroty, Alan G.

Oral History Interview with Alan G. Sieroty.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989, 1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 331 pages

Abstract

Sieroty discusses his early life in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, California, education and early involvement in local politics, and details many aspects of his tenure in the California state assembly and California state senate before retiring from elective office in 1982.

Singer, Rita

Oral History Interview with Rita Singer.

Interviewed by Malca Chall

1991

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 140 pages

Abstract

Singer discusses her law school experience in the 1930s as one of very few women; people in the Bureau of Indian Affairs including John Collier, William Brophy, Phileo Nash and handling Indian claims litigation in Alaska; World War II and Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman; Department of Interior issues and people including Harold Ickes, Stewart Udall, Cecil Andrus; the Bureau of Reclamation and the 160-acre limit, power and electrical utility law, water issues, the Westlands contract; the state of California Dept. of Water Resources and Ronald Robie.

Smith, Steven E.

Oral History Interview with Steven E. Smith.

Interviewed by Phillip Gianos
1990
Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 111 pages

Abstract

Smith discusses his educational background, activities in the state legislature, the 1960s reapportionment, his consulting and political firm, campaigns for Los Angeles City Council and his defeat in his bid for the state senate. He discusses at length his relationship with Congressman Phillip Burton, and Jesse Unruh's interest and supervision in reapportionment plans.

Song, Alfred H.

Oral History Interview with Alfred H. Song.

Interviewed by Raphael J. Sonenshein
1986

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 222 pages

Abstract

Song discusses his early political career in Monterey Park, the philosophy and organization of the Democratic Party and its leadership in the 1960s and 1970s. He spends considerable time on the practices of lobbying and legislating, with particularly detailed accounts of the formulation of consumer protection and legal code revision laws. Evaluations are made of many other office holders during his tenure, as well as on political changes in the legislature in the 1970s.

Soto, Nell

Oral History Interview with Nell Soto.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez
1988

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 116 pages

Abstract

Soto discusses her family background, education, experiences working during World War II, interest and activity in Democratic party politics in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, and involvement in her husband's [Philip L. Soto] La Puente City Council and California State Assembly election campaigns.

Soto, Philip L.

Oral History Interview with Philip L. Soto.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 241 pages

Abstract

Soto discusses his family background, service in World War II, securing a vocational education under the G.I. bill, civic affairs and community involvement in La Puente, including service on the city council, supporting the presidential candidacy of John F. Kennedy, running successfully in 1962 and 1964 for an assembly seat, sponsoring numerous bills on education, health, and local government. He shares his observations about Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Jesse M. Unruh and other assembly members.

Stanford, Dan L.

Oral History Interview with Dan L. Stanford.

Interviewed by Enid hart Douglass

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 171 pages

Abstract

Stanford discusses his legal training and clerkship under U.S. District Court Judge Malcolm Lucas and his association with the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps. He relates his active role in Republican politics in San Diego and his work with George Deukmejian in his statewide campaigns. He fully discusses his chairmanship of the Fair Political Practices Commission and his campaign for the state controllership.

Stiern, Walter W.

Oral History Interview with Walter W. Stiern.

Interviewed by Enid hart Douglass

1987

Language: English
Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 489 pages

Abstract

Stiern discusses his family background, veterinary career, and service in World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater. He discusses his initial and other election races, especially reapportionment and the 1966 election, the Donahoe Act (Master Plan for Higher Education), the governors in office during his service, particular legislation he carried, members of the state senate and presidents pro tem, lieutenant governors, Ronald Reagan and the University of California, the senate in the 1970s, and committee service.

Thelin, Howard J.

Oral History Interview with Hon. Howard J. Thelin.

Interviewed by Lawrence B. deGraaf

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 215 pages

Abstract

Thelin discusses the local organization of the Republican Party in the Glendale area, legislative campaigns and organization in the late 1950s, and talks at length about major state legislative issues, especially between 1957 and 1961, and a few of his own personal legislative ideas. He also discusses at length various events that changed the Republican Party and California politics in the 1960s.

Tomlinson, Constance M.

Oral History Interview with Stanley T. Tomlinson and Constance M. Tomlinson. Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 134 pages

Abstract

Tomlinson discusses her family background, migration first to Los Angeles and then to Santa Barbara, marriage to Stanley Tomlinson, and activities in Sacramento, particularly the PALS Club, which was comprised of legislators' wives.

Tomlinson, Stanley T.

Oral History Interview with Stanley T. Tomlinson and Constance Tomlinson. Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 134 pages

Abstract

Tomlinson discusses his family background, migration to California, education, election to the California State Assembly, service on several key committees, and service as city attorney, City of Santa Barbara, California.

Trombley, William H.

Oral History Interview with William H. Trombley.

Interviewed by Dale E. Treleven

1994

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 194 pages

Abstract

Trombley discusses his background and education, early journalism positions, and career at the Los Angeles Times. He recalls his observations and impressions while covering meetings of the University of California Board of Regents during the Free Speech Movement and beyond. He comments on the people involved and the atmosphere of the time.

Veysey, Victor V.

Oral History Interview with Victor V. Veysey.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 324 pages

Abstract

Veysey talks about his training and career at Caltech, including his wartime experiences, and assuming the role of owner/operator of a farm near Brawley in Imperial County. He discusses Jesse Unruh as speaker and the manner in which the assembly operated in the 1960s. He compares Governors Edmund G. Brown, Sr. and Ronald Reagan and mentions his service on a select committee on campus disturbances. Also, school finance, reapportionment, running for congress, service after congress.

Vicencia, Frank D.

Oral History Interview with Frank D. Vicencia.

Interviewed by Raphael Sonenshein

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 204 pages

Abstract

Frank Vicencia discusses lobbying and the legislature before and after the political reforms of Proposition 9 in 1974. There is a special focus on the speakership battles of 1974 and 1980 as well as on the factional divisions within the Democratic caucus. Vicencia's service as speaker pro tem is highlighted.

Vickerman, John L.

Oral History Interview with John L. Vickerman.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 109 pages

Abstract

Vickerman discusses evolution of the California Legislative Analyst Office and development of state tax programs and policies, 1959-1986; including negotiations for homeowners' exemptions, property tax reform, school finance, and related legislation; also discussion of impact of various ballot measures on state spending and taxation, 1968-1979, sponsored by Philip Watson, Paul Gann, Ronald Reagan, and others; references to Alan Post, William Hamm, California legislative leaders and finance department officials of the period.

Waldie, Jerome R.

Oral History Interview with Jerome R. Waldie.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 187 pages

Abstract

Waldie discusses politics in Contra Costa County as well as in the California Democratic

Council. He covers his career in the Assembly where he served on the committees for Education, Ways and Means, Judiciary, Rules, and Criminal Reform. He was active in issues concerning retarded children's services, mental health, and water. In Congress, he served on the Post Office, Public Works, and Judiciary committees. After leaving Congress he was appointed to the California Fair Political Practices Commission and later, to the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board. He offers observations on Don Allen, Pat Brown, Jerry Brown, Phil Burton, Clair Engle, George Miller, Jr., Nicholas Petris, David Sterling, Jesse Unruh and other California political figures.

Lawrence E. Walsh

Oral History Interview with Lawrence E. Walsh

Interviewed by Donald B. Seney

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 276 pages

Waters, Laughlin E.

Oral History Interview with Laughlin E. Waters.

Interviewed by Carlose Vasquez

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 189 pages

Abstract

Waters discusses his family background, education, distinguished combat service during World War II in Europe, service in the assembly, especially his activities related to the state reapportionment of 1951, education, and highway construction, and comments extensively on Earl Warren as California governor and United States supreme court justice.

Watson, Diane E.

Oral History Interview with Diane E. Watson.

Interviewed by Susan Douglass Yates

1999

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 441 pages

Abstract

Watson discusses her family background and her childhood in Los Angeles. She speaks of her initial unsuccessful bids for a seat on the Los Angeles Board of Education and the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in 1992. She talks about her successful bid for a seat on the Board of Education in 1974 and for the state senate. She outlines the effort to desegregate

Los Angeles schools, campaigning, carrying legislation, and chairing the Committee on Health and Human Services. She also discusses the Commission on the Status of Women, the Women's Caucus, the Black Caucus, leadership in the senate, and the state budget.

Watson, Madale L.

Oral History Interview with Madale L. Watson.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1998

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 354 pages

Abstract

Watson discusses her family background and childhood, her early introduction to politics through her father's work, and her involvement with and election to positions in the Democratic State Central Committee. She talks about the role of women in the organization as well as factional politics among Democrats. She also discusses prominent California Democrats, particularly Jesse Unruh.

Weingand, Alvin C.

Oral History Interview with Alvin C. Weingand.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 50 pages

Abstract

Weingand discusses his family background in North Platte, Nebraska, moving to Los Angeles and Montecito, civic activities in Montecito and Santa Barbara, and his service in the California State Senate from 1962-1966, and provides observation, especially in regard to ethics, about the state legislature. He also comments about oil drilling in the coastal waters near Santa Barbara, California.

Welch, Ronald B.

Oral History Interview with Ronald B. Welch.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris
1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 115 pages

Abstract

Welch discusses his work as chief of the California Board of Equalization's research section on standardization and restructuring of property tax assessment methods and work with county assessors, with reference to tax reform legislation and ballot measure initiatives in 1968 and 1971. References to state legislators and financial officials of the period.

Whitaker, Clement S., Jr.

Oral History Interview with Clement S. Whitaker, Jr.

Interviewed by Gabrielle Morris
1988, 1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 195 pages

Abstract

Whitaker discusses the organization and activities of Whitaker & Baxter, Inc. and allied political public relations work of Campaigns, Inc. and California Feature Service, 1940-1986. Topics include campaigns for Goodwin Knight, Richard Nixon, Robert Griffin; with emphasis on campaigns for California ballot measures on teachers' salaries, railroad crews, California and national health insurance, air pollution, and coastal protection; and public affairs activities concerning legislative reapportionment, medical malpractice, unitization of oil fields, and power plant siting.

Williams, Robert

Oral History Interview with Robert Williams.

Interviewed by Ann Lage
1990

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 128 pages

Abstract

Williams discusses the evolution of a formalized system for tracking and reviewing legislation in the governor's office. He compares the job during the four gubernatorial

administrations and offers an insider's assessment of the work habits, personalities, staff, relations with legislators, and concerns of Governors Brown, Reagan, Brown, and Deukmejian.

Willoughby, Thomas H.

Oral History Interview with Thomas H. Willoughby.

Interviewed by Ann Lage

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 156 pages

Abstract

Willoughby discusses his role as consultant to two major assembly committees, contrasting the styles of committee chairmen Clark Bradley, John Knox, William Craven, Victor Calvo, and Thomas Hannigan and explaining the process of drafting and amending legislation. He describes the genesis of key environmental legislation of the 1960s and 1970s; contrasts assembly leadership styles of Speakers Leo McCarthy and Willie Brown; and reflects on the roles of Governors Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Ronald Reagan, and Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in the legislative process. He also discusses important cases heard as a member of the Commission on Judicial Performance, 1977-1981.

Winton, Gordon H., Jr.

Oral History Interview with Gordon H. Winton, Jr.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1987

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 304 pages

Abstract

Interview details Winton's background: family, education, World War II service, professional work as a lawyer, and service as a local school board member. The focus of the interview is his ten years of service in the assembly. He describes the style of Lincoln and Brown as speakers, as well as his relations with Jesse M. Unruh and the contest for the speakership in 1961. He discusses his role in passing legislation in the fields of education and criminal procedure particularly. He recounts the service to him of Rose Elizabeth Bird (later chief justice of the California State Supreme Court) as a Ford Foundation intern.

Wright, Cathie

Oral History Interview with Cathie Wright.

Interviewed by Susan Douglass Yates

2002

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 485 pages

Abstract

Wright discusses her family background, education, and job history. She speaks of moving to California and becoming involved in local politics in Simi Valley, her election to the Simi Valley city council, and her time as mayor. She outlines changing her party affiliation to Republican from Democrat and her decision to run for an assembly seat. She comments on campaigning, the role of the Republican Caucus, and the affect of political life on her family. Wright also discusses the Women's Caucus, her committee assignments, and involvement with the Commission on Child Support Development and Enforcement and the Commission on the Status of Women. She details the Systems of Care program, her decision to run for a senate seat, and her transition to other house. Wright also discusses the budget process, her run for lieutenant governor and feelings with Gray Davis, deregulation of electricity, and term limits.

Wrightson, James R.

Oral History Interview with James R. Wrightson.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1988

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 260 pages

Abstract

Wrightson discusses his family and educational background in Maryland, service in the Civil Public Service camps as a conscientious objector during World War II, post-war work with the National Farm Labor Union, working on various California newspapers before moving to the Fresno Bee to cover the state legislature at Sacramento, and makes observations about the Sacramento press corps, effective legislators, influential lobbyists, and the impact or print and nonprint media on politicians, lobbyists, and state government.

Zelman, Walter A.

Oral History Interview with Walter A. Zelman.

Interviewed by Carlos Vasquez

1989

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 275 pages

Abstract

Zelman discusses his youth and early education in New York City, matriculation at the University of Michigan and University of California, Los Angeles, teaching stints at several higher education institutions on southern California, and articulates his position and that of Common Cause on such major issues as politics and government and the public interest, political and governmental reform, and reapportionment.

Zetterberg, Stephen I.

Oral History Interview with Stephen I. Zetterberg.

Interviewed by Enid Hart Douglass

1990, 1993

Language: English

Project: California State Government

Status: Completed; 302 pages

Abstract

Zetterberg details his experience in the California Democratic Council, focusing on issues activity and his responsibilities for the health care issue. He recounts in detail his service as a member of the governor's small committee to study California health needs and of the Governor's committee on Medical Aid and Health, all appointments made by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr. He relates his experience as a member of the Los Angeles County Central Committee and of the Democratic State Central Committee.