The Donald J. Ivey Research File on Florida Politicians

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Introduction to the Collection

In the summer of 2003, Donald J. Ivey—an archivist and published historian—donated research files he compiled and chronological biographies he created during his tenure as curator of collections at Heritage Village in Largo. These materials reflect Mr. Ivey’s interest in Florida’s political history, and include two large document boxes and eight standard document boxes with chronological biographies, clippings, photographs, and other research materials on notable Florida political leaders.

Preservation Note

While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of such items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves should be worn when handling all fragile materials. While no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and fair-use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.

Provenance of the Donald J. Ivey Research File

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy ten document boxes (approximately 5.6 linear feet). Items fall within three distinct series: Chronological Biographies, Biographical Research Files on Individuals, and a Prosopographical File on the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Most of the research and photocopies date from the mid-1980s through the late 1990s, though the collection does include a substantial number of microfilm copies of newspaper articles and documents from the nineteenth century. General materials found in the research files include photographs, correspondence, government documents, copies of deeds and legal instruments, and directory and biographical information. Four notebooks in the Chronological Biographies Series represent fictional accounts based upon historical events, and three of them have no direct relevance to Florida politics and government. They do, however, illustrate how a student of history can craft historical fiction by examining the context of the times and engaging in scholarly research.

Additional Sources of Information

Many repositories, libraries, and archives collect materials related to local political leaders. Please consult with the special collections or reference librarian if you require assistance locating primary source materials for a particular subject or person. Don Ivey donated a similar collection of political research to the Heritage Village Library and Archives, located in Largo, that may also be of interest to the researcher.
Container Listing

SERIES: CHRONOLOGICAL BIOGRAPHIES

Box 1, Notebooks with Chronological Biographies
Arabicus, Marcus *(fictional account of ancient Roman senator)*
Astor III, Carter Waldorf *(fictional account)*
Bie, Norman Albion, Sr.
Blocker, John Cromwell, Jr.
Calvus, Publius *(fictional account of ancient Roman senator)*
Davidson, Robert Hamilton McWhorter
Gardiner, William George “Bill”
Komarov, Aleksandr *(fictional account of Russian soldier during World War II)*
Lesley, John Thomas

Box 2, Notebooks with Chronological Biographies
McMullen, Chester Bartow, Sr.
McMullen, Daniel “Uncle Dan”
McMullen, James Parramore “Capt. Jim”
McMullen, Richard Byrd “Ace” *(fictional account)*
Parkhill, George Washington
Ramos, Fidel Valdez
Rogers, Matthew Roberts
Tillman, James McRae

SERIES: BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH NOTES

Box 3, Folder 1
Adams, Tom [Thomas Burton]—Biographical Information, General

Box 3, Folder 2
Bethel, Livingston(e) Wellesley—Biographical Information, General

Box 3, Folder 3
Brantley, Bobby—Biographical Information, General

Box 3, Folder 4
Chiles, Lawton M.—Executive Office of the Governor

Box 3, Folder 5
Chiles, Lawton M.—Campaign Material and Ephemera

Box 3, Folder 6
Chiles, Lawton M.—Clippings and Press Releases
Box 3, Folder 7
  Chiles, Lawton M.—Directories and Biographical Information

Box 3, Folder 8
  Chiles, Lawton M.—Election Results

Box 3, Folder 9
  Chiles, Lawton M.—Photographs

Box 4, Folder 1
  Day, Samuel C.—Biographical Information, General

Box 4, Folder 2
  Gleason, William Henry—Biographical Information, General

Box 4, Folder 3
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Executive Office of the Governor

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  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Biographical Material, General

Box 4, Folder 5
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Directories and Biographical Material

Box 4, Folder 6
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Campaign Material and Ephemera

Box 4, Folder 7
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Laws and Legislation

Box 4, Folder 8
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Election Results

Box 4, Folder 9
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Photographs

Box 5, Folder 1
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Clippings and Press Releases (1 of 6)

Box 5, Folder 2
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Clippings and Press Releases (2 of 6)

Box 5, Folder 3
  Graham, Bob [Robert]—Clippings and Press Releases (3 of 6)
Box 5, Folder 4
Graham, Bob [Robert]—Clippings and Press Releases (4 of 6)

Box 5, Folder 5
Graham, Bob [Robert]—Clippings and Press Releases (5 of 6)

Box 5, Folder 6
Graham, Bob [Robert]—Clippings and Press Releases (6 of 6)

Box 5, Folder 7
Holland, Spessard L.—Directories and Biographical Material

Box 6, Folder 1
Holland, Spessard L.—Biographical Material, General

Box 6, Folder 2
Holland, Spessard L.—Biographical Material, *Florida Historical Quarterly*

Box 6, Folder 3
Holland, Spessard L.—Election Results

Box 6, Folder 4
Holland, Spessard L.—Photographs and Clippings

Box 6, Folder 5
Hull, Noble Andrew—Biographical Information, General

Box 6, Folder 6
Mabry, Giddings E.—Biographical Materials
Mabry, Milton H.—Biographical Materials
Mabry, Dale—Biographical Materials

Box 6, Folder 7
Mabry, Giddings, E.—Photographs
Mabry, Milton H.—Photographs
Mabry, Dale—Photographs

Box 6, Folder 8
MacKay, Kenneth Hood, Jr. “Buddy”—Biographical Information, General

Box 6, Folder 9
Marks, Matthew R.—Biographical Material, General

Box 6, Folder 10
Marks, Matthew R.—Political Materials and Photographic Images
Box 6, Folder 11
Marks, Matthew R.— Orlando and Orange County, Florida

Box 6, Folder 12
Marks, Matthew R.— Tarpon Springs, Florida

Box 6, Folder 13
Mixon, [John] Wayne—Directories and Biographical Information

Box 7, Folder 1
Mixon, [John] Wayne—Photographs

Box 7, Folder 2
Mixon, [John] Wayne—Campaign Material and Election Results

Box 7, Folder 3
Mixon, [John] Wayne—Clippings and Publications (1 of 2)

Box 7, Folder 4
Mixon, [John] Wayne—Clippings and Publications (2 of 2)

Box 7, Folder 5
Osborn, Francis A.—Biographical Information, General (1 of 2)

Box 7, Folder 6
Osborn, Francis A.—Biographical Information, General (2 of 2)

Box 7, Folder 7
Osborn, Francis A.—Publications Related to Life in Boston, Massachusetts

Box 7, Folder 8
Osborn, Francis A.—Publications Related to Military Service

Box 7, Folder 9
Osborn, Francis A.—Citations in *The War of the Rebellion*

Box 8, Folder 1
Osborn, Francis A.—Clippings and Photographic Images

Box 8, Folder 2
Pearson, Bird Murphy—Biographical Information, General

Box 8, Folder 3
Pearson, Bird Murphy—Photographs
Box 8, Folder 4
Pearson, Bird Murphy—Publications and Clippings

Box 8, Folder 5
Pearson, John William—Research Files by Don Ivey

Box 8, Folder 6
Pearson, John William—Pearson Family History (1962)

Box 8, Folder 7
Pearson, John William—Biographical Materials, Census Records, Political
Activities

Box 8, Folder 8
Pearson, John William—Land Records, Deeds, Legal Documents, and
Correspondence

Box 8, Folder 9
Pearson, John William—Civil War and Military Service Records (1 of 2)

Box 8, Folder 10
Pearson, John William—Civil War and Military Service Records (2 of 2)

Box 9, Folder 1
Pearson, John William—Photographs

Box 9, Folder 2
Pearson, John William—Government Documents, Florida

Box 9, Folder 3
Pearson, John William—Miscellaneous Publications

Box 9, Folder 4
Pearson, John William—Correspondence Related to Research

Box 9, Folder 5
Perry, Madison Starke—Biographical Information, General

Box 9, Folder 6
Perry, Madison Starke—Civil War and Military Service Records

Box 9, Folder 7
Perry, Madison Starke—Government Documents, Florida

Box 10, Folder 1
Perry, Madison Starke—Clippings
Box 10, Folder 2
Perry, Madison Starke—Research and Publications by Joe Knetsch

Box 10, Folder 3
Perry, Madison Starke—Miscellaneous Publications (1 of 2)

Box 10, Folder 4
Perry, Madison Starke—Miscellaneous Publications (2 of 2)

Box 10, Folder 5
Perry, Madison Starke—Correspondence Related to Research

Box 10, Folder 6
Stearns, Marcellus Lovejoy—Biographical Information, General

Box 10, Folder 7
Van Fleet, James A.—Biographical Information, General

Box 10, Folder 8
Weeks, Edmund C.—Biographical Information, General

Box 10, Folder 9
Williams, James H. “Jim”—Biographical Information, General

Box 10, Folder 10
Williams, James H. “Jim”—Clippings

Box 10, Folder 11
Williams, James H. “Jim”—Photographs and Miscellaneous Publications

SERIES: PROSOPOGRAPHICAL FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA

Box 10, Folder 12
Lieutenant Governors of Florida—General Research and Photographs