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Collection Summary

Title: Edwin A. Halsey Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1930-1946

ID No.: MSS61226

Creator: Halsey, Edwin A. (Alexander), 1881-1945

Extent: 3,500 items

Extent: 14 containers

Extent: 6.8 linear feet

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Summary: Secretary of the United States Senate and secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Correspondence, clippings, printed and near-print material, financial records, campaign papers, and other material relating to Halsey's duties as secretary of the United States Senate and to various Democratic campaigns.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Halsey, Edwin A. (Edwin Alexander), 1881-1945.

Organizations

Democratic Party (U.S.)

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (U.S.)

United States. Congress. Senate.

Subjects

Political campaigns--United States.

Places

United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Occupations

Secretaries, U.S. Senate.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Edwin A. Halsey, secretary of the United States Senate and secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, were transferred to the Library of Congress from the United States Senate Historical Office in 1963.

Processing History

The papers of Edwin A. Halsey were arranged and described in 1989 by Paul D. Ledvina. The collection was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edwin A. Halsey is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edwin A. Halsey are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Edwin A. Halsey was born Sept. 4, 1881, near Lynchburg, Virginia. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and was appointed a page in the press gallery of the United States Senate, 1897. After advancing through a series of increasingly responsible positions in the Senate and within the Democratic Party, Halsey served as secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee from the 1920s to 1944 and was elected secretary of the Senate in 1933. Halsey died in Washington, D.C., Jan. 29, 1945.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edwin Alexander Halsey (1881-1945) span the years 1930-1946 and consist of correspondence, clippings, printed and near-print material, financial records, campaign papers, and other material relating to Halsey's duties as secretary of the Senate and to various Democratic campaigns. The papers are organized into the following series: [Senate Correspondence File](#), [General Correspondence](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The [Senate Correspondence File](#) relates chiefly to Halsey's duties as secretary of the Senate, and although the series also contains some items concerning his activities as secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the [General Correspondence](#) series more fully documents this aspect of his career. The [Miscellany](#) series further reflects the operations and campaigns of the Democratic Party and its senatorial campaign committee under Halsey's leadership.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Senate Correspondence File, 1930-1945](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1931-1946](#)
- [Miscellany, 1932-1946](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 1-4	<p><u>Senate Correspondence File, 1930-1945</u></p> <p>Correspondence and miscellaneous items chiefly relating to Halsey's duties as secretary of the Senate.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of senator.</p>
BOX 5-12	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1931-1946</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, notes, speeches, and miscellaneous items relating to Halsey's activities as secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by state.</p>
BOX 13-14	<p><u>Miscellany, 1932-1946</u></p> <p>Correspondence, biographies of Democratic candidates for the Senate, mailing lists, bills and receipts, chiefly concerning Halsey's duties as secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.</p>

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