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Collection Summary

Title: Jeane Dixon Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1915-1996

Bulk Dates: 1953-1988

ID No.: MSS86441

Creator: Dixon, Jeane

Extent: 5,250 items

Extent: 15 containers plus 3 oversize

Extent: 6.65 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Psychic and astrologer. Correspondence, speeches and talks, notes, writings, photographs, slides, scrapbooks, sheet music, clippings, printed matter, and other material documenting Dixon's career as a psychic, her charitable work, her social activities, and her interest in mid-twentieth century politics. The collection also includes files relating to her husband's automobile business as well as his endeavors as a songwriter.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Jeane Dixon were purchased by the Library of Congress in 2021.

Processing History

The papers of Jeane Dixon were arranged and described by Connie L. Cartledge in 2022. The collection came to the Library minimally organized requiring Library staff to impose an order.

Transfers

Sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Jeane Dixon Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division in advance of a research visit.

Other Repositories

Other papers relating to James L. Dixon's real estate company can be found in the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Jeane Dixon is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

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

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Jeane Dixon Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1904, Jan. 5	Born, Medford, Wis., as Lydia Emma Pinckert
1939	Married James L. Dixon (died 1984)
1942	Moved to Washington, D.C. Joined Washington Home Hospitality Committee to entertain servicemen
1956	Predicted to <i>Parade</i> magazine a Democrat would win the presidency and die in office, which garnered her fame after President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963
1963	Founded Children to Children Foundation (charity formerly Children to Children, Inc.)
1963-1997	President, Children to Children Foundation
1968	Named Woman of the Year by International Orphans
1969	Published with Rene Noorbergen <i>Jeane Dixon, My Life and Prophecies: Her Own Story as Told to Rene Noorbergen</i> . New York: Morrow
1970	Published <i>Reincarnation and Prayers to Live By</i> . New York: Morrow
1989	Awarded Distinguished American Award for Sales and Marketing Executives Metropolitan for Washington, D.C.
1994	Awarded the United States Senate Republican Medal of Freedom Member, Distinguished Citizen Advisory Board
1997, Jan. 25	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jeane Lydia Dixon (1904-1997) span the years 1915-1996, with the bulk of the material dating from 1953 to 1988. The collection documents Dixon's career as a psychic and astrologer, her charitable work, her social activities, and her interest in politics. The collection also includes files of her husband, James L. Dixon. His papers relate to his automobile business and his endeavors as a songwriter. The papers are in English and are organized into seven groups: correspondence, James L. Dixon file, speech and engagement file, subject file, visual materials, writings, and oversize.

In a 1956 issue of *Parade* magazine, Jeane Dixon stated that a Democrat would win the presidency in 1960 and either be assassinated or die in office. After John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963, this reported prediction brought Dixon national attention and established her reputation as a psychic. In interviews and public appearances, Dixon, a devout Roman Catholic, described her psychic ability as visions from God. Although not comprehensive in scope, the collection provides insights into popular culture, entertainment, and mid-twentieth century politics, especially through an array of professional photographs including those of Dixon with public figures. The collection features little material relating to Dixon's syndicated astrology column and the Dixons' real estate company. The Dixon papers consist of correspondence, speeches and talks, notes, writings, photographs, slides, scrapbooks, sheet music, clippings, printed matter, and other material.

The correspondence includes letters between Dixon and friends, politicians and government leaders, journalists, acquaintances, and the public. Much of the correspondence consists of routine exchanges with friends about family and news of mutual friends with occasional references to national events. Represented are letters pertaining to Dixon's endeavors for charitable organizations, in particular Children to Children Foundation, and requests for Dixon to speak, to give interviews, and to agree to consultations from individuals seeking spiritual or psychic guidance. The alphabetical file includes a photocopy of a brief letter in 1983 from President Ronald Reagan discussing a recent trip to Rome, Italy, and a carbon copy of Dixon's letter to Nancy Reagan praising her for using her position as first lady to discourage recreational drug use. Most of Dixon's correspondence with Republican politicians is located in the chronological correspondence

file, including single letters from John Heinz (1985), Jesse Helms (1983), and Richard M. Nixon (photocopy 1983). The chronological correspondence file also contains a 1971 letter from activist Phyllis Schlafly.

The James L. Dixon file pertains mainly to his interest in songwriting, although there are files relating to his years as an automobile dealer and salesman in California from 1922 to 1940. The bulk of the songwriting files consist of sheet music, both drafts and published, of Dixon's compositions. Jeane Dixon collaborated with her husband on the song "There's a Little Old Church" by writing the lyrics. Also included are items relating to James Dixon's work for the War Department during World War II.

The speech and engagement file documents Jeane Dixon's public appearances. This file contains only a few speeches and talks with the chronological file containing correspondence and details about engagements.

The subject file makes up the largest portion of the Dixon papers. One of the more substantial set of files relates to Dixon's charitable activities on behalf of the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research. Her cat, Mike the MagiCat, became the mascot for the charity, and Dixon would take the cat to public appearances for the organization. Other files about the cat are located in the subject file under "Mike the MagiCat." These files pertain to Dixon's efforts to publish books, make a movie, and sell merchandise relating to the cat. The subject file contains two folders featuring the charity Children to Children Foundation, which Dixon founded in 1963. Also featured are media files pertaining to Dixon's appearances including on the *Phil Donahue Show* and the *Tonight Show*. The *Tonight Show* file includes a letter from Joan Rivers requesting that Dixon come as a guest the next time she was hosting the show.

The visual materials consist chiefly of photographs, although also present are contact sheets, drawings, posters, and a few negatives. The photographs include portraits of Dixon and numerous photographs of her with various individuals. The photographs include photographer Steve Schapiro's profile of Dixon for *Life* magazine in 1965. A number of politicians and public figures are filed in the folders "Celebrities" and "Politicians, government officials, and first ladies." Represented are James Addison Baker, Rona Barrett, Mamie Doud Eisenhower, Glenn Ford, George Hamilton, Jesse Helms, Celeste Holm, J. Edgar Hoover, Bob Hope, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, Minnie Pearl, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Strom Thurmond.

The writings file contains only a few articles and columns with the bulk of the files relating to Dixon's correspondence with publishers. The article files include a 1985 article written by Dixon about the real estate business. Also featured is an unpublished memoir by Dixon, "My House on 19th Street."

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of person or type of material.

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

Baker, James Addison, 1930-

Barrett, Rona, 1936-

Dixon, James L. James L. Dixon papers.

Dixon, Jeane.

Eisenhower, Mamie Doud, 1896-1979.

Ford, Glenn, 1916-2006.

Hamilton, George, 1939-

Helms, Jesse.

Holm, Celeste, 1917-2012.

Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972.

Hope, Bob, 1903-2003.

Kirkpatrick, Jeane J.

Minnie Pearl.
Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.
Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962.
Thurmond, Strom, 1902-2003.

Organizations

Children to Children Foundation.
Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research.

Subjects

Astrology.
Automobile industry and trade--California.
Cancer--Research.
Children--Services for.
Composition (Music)
Forecasting.
Popular culture--United States.
Prophecies.
Psychic readings.

Places

United States--Politics and government--20th century.
United States--Social life and customs--20th century.

Occupations

Astrologers.
Psychics.

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