

MS-280: Marguerite Parrish Papers

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Title: Marguerite Parrish Papers

Dates: 1920-1981

Creator: Parrish, Marguerite, 1895-1983

Summary/Abstract:

Parrish was an active Democratic leader for over sixty years. She worked with the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national level. Through her work, she gained many acquaintances with leading political figures such as Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon B. Johnson. Her papers also include correspondence and informational materials on the workings of the Democratic Party. Some of the most extensive information deals with her work in the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio organization of which she was President.

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The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives by Marguerite M. Parrish, daughter of creator Marguerite Parrish, in February and March 1983.

Other Finding Aid:

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Arrangement:

The Marguerite Parrish Papers are arranged into three series and two subseries, as follows:

Series I: Democratic Party Activities, 1920-1981, Undated (bulk 1940-1980)

Subseries A: General, 1920-1981 (bulk 1940-1981)

Subseries B: Political Leaders, 1944-1980, Undated

Series II: Personal/Service Activities, 1928-1977, Undated

Series III: Ephemera, circa 1932-1977, Undated (bulk 1950-1980)

Biographical/Historical Note:

Marguerite H. Parrish (1895-1983) was an active Democratic leader for over sixty years. She began her career during the 1930's and lobbied for the "50-50 bill" which demanded equal rights for women. She worked with women's groups on the local level as well as on the state and national level. She held such positions as the President of the Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County, the President of the Women's Democratic Council of Dayton and Montgomery County, and the President of the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio. While she was President of the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio the organization sponsored the first woman to run for a state office in Ohio, Gertrude Donahey.

Marguerite Parrish was very active with the main body of the Democratic Party where she held a State Central Committeewoman position for twelve years (1966-1978) representing the third Congressional District. Locally, she held positions which included a County central Committee post from about 1954-1972 and the 1974 Democratic Precinct Committeewoman for Kettering. Mrs. Parrish was also a delegate to the Democratic National Convention six times and attended several others. The first she attended was the National Convention of 1944 where she was the first Ohio delegate to vote for Harry Truman for Vice President.

Her years of service also earned her numerous awards including the 1970 Democratic Woman of the Year from the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio. Through the years she gained many acquaintances including such individuals as Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and their families.

In addition to her political career Marguerite Parrish was married, raised a daughter, and was active in many community and service projects. Marguerite was married to Rial T. Parrish, a local architect who designed such buildings as the Fairmont West High School and Kennedy Junior High School in Kettering. Rial Parrish preceded her in death in 1968. They had one child, a daughter, also named Marguerite M. Parrish.

Mrs. Parrish's social and community work included such campaigns as the Porchlight Parade for Polio for which she was the Commander General in 1952, Child Nutrition Association,

American Cancer Society, Charter member of the Isabella Saint Anne Circle #396, and the 1971 White House Conference on Aging.

Scope and Content Note:

The Marguerite Parrish Papers are divided into three series: Democratic Party Activities, Personal/Service Activities, and Ephemera.

Series I: Democratic Party Activities comprises the majority of the materials within the collection, with materials dating between 1920 and 1981 (bulk 1940-1980). It is divided into two subseries.

Series I, Subseries A: General, includes general papers and correspondence, many pertaining to specific Democratic groups. The items are arranged beginning with Marguerite Parrish's Personal campaign items. The rest of the subseries is organized beginning from the local and moving to the national level. The items include such things as correspondence, minutes, photographs, pamphlets, programs, and newspaper clippings. Materials in this subseries date between 1920 and 1981 (bulk 1940-1981).

Series I, Subseries B: Political Leaders, consists of correspondence and papers filed according to the specific politician to whom they pertain. This subseries is also arranged from local to national leaders. This is one of the most interesting parts of the collection dealing with many of her acquaintances such as John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Harry S. Truman. The John F. Kennedy files in this subseries have many photographs of the President while visiting Dayton, as well as some postcards and letters to Marguerite Parrish. Additionally, many items from the inaugurations of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson are also included in this subseries. Materials in this subseries date between 1944 and 1980.

Series II: Personal/Service Activities includes both the few items pertaining to Parrish's family that were received with the collection, as well as items concerning her many service organizations. Her work included the Child Nutrient Association in the 1930's, the Porchlight Parade for Polio in the 1950's, and the 1971 White House Conference on Aging. These items vary considerably in time and content and include such things as books, correspondence, minutes, programs, awards, and newspaper clippings. Materials in this series date between 1928 and 1977.

Series III: Ephemera contains mainly political campaign buttons but also has some American Cancer Society Buttons and state of Ohio patriotism buttons. The campaign buttons begin as early as FDR and run through President Carter. One very interesting piece of ephemera included in this series is an ink pen with President Johnson's signature on it with a note that it was used to sign several bills into Law.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Parrish, Marguerite, 1895-1983

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972

Subjects (General)

Democratic Party (U.S.) -- 20th century

Political participation -- Ohio

Women -- Legal status, laws, etc.

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: Democratic Party Activities			1920-1981, Undated (bulk 1940-1980)
Series I, Subseries A: General			1920-1981, Undated (bulk 1940-1981)
1	1	Marguerite Parrish Biographical Articles	1955 Oct-1975 Feb
1	2	Personal Campaign Items	1950 Nov-1978 Mar
1	3	Certificates	1934 Sep, 1954-1976
OS 35	6	Certificates (Oversize)	1956 Jun 7, 1958 Jan 25-26, Undated
1	4	Democrat of the Year	1969 Oct-Nov
1	5	Montgomery County Democrats	1948, 1965 Dec-1970 Jul, 1976
1	6	Montgomery County Democrats - Correspondence	1943 Jun-1944 Nov, 1969 Oct, 1972 May
1	7	Montgomery County Democrats - Newsletter	1943 Jun, 1965-1973
1	8	Montgomery County 1958 Democratic Primary	1958
1	9	Democratic Women's Club of Dayton and Montgomery County	Undated
1	10	Women's Democratic Ward Clubs	1937, 1940 Aug, 1948, 1971 Mar
1	11	Federated Democratic Women of Montgomery County	Undated
1	12	Montgomery County Council of Democratic Women	1948 Nov-1948 Dec, 1962 Jan, Undated
1	13	Women's Activities in Montgomery County	1920 Aug, 1960-1976
1	14	Gem City Club	1964 Oct-1970 Aug
1	15	Ohio Democratic Party	1943 Jul-1972 Jun
1	16	Ohio Democratic Party - Correspondence	1965 Feb-1979 Dec
1	17	Ohio Democratic Party - Photographs	1972 Nov
1	18	"The Ohio Democrat"	1952 Mar-1974 Apr
2	19	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio - Correspondence	1954 May-1973 May
2	20	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio - Minutes	1949 May-1956 Sep
2	21	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio - Programs	1953 May-1981 Oct
2	22	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio - Newsletters	1958 Dec, 1960 Jan, 1975 Nov
2	23	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio - Speeches	1944 May-1957 Oct
2	24	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio - Articles	1947 Sep-1966 May
2	25	National Democratic Committee	1940 Mar-1975 Jun

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2	26	National Democratic Committee - Women's Division	1958 Apr-1965 Jul, 1981
2	27	National Democratic Committee - Women's Division - Correspondence	1940 Mar, 1955 Oct-1956 May
2	28	National Democratic Committee - Women's Division- Speeches	1940 Mar, 1962 Feb-1968 Jul
3	29	1944 Democratic National Convention	1944 May-Jul
OS 35	7	Daytonians - Ohioans at Democratic National Convention 1944 (Oversize)	1944 Jul 23
3	30	1956 Democratic National Convention	1956
3	31	1960 Democratic National Convention	1960 Feb-1960 Jul
3	32	1964 Democratic National Convention	1964 Aug
3	33	1972 Democratic National Convention	1972
3	34	1976 Democratic National Convention	1976
4	35	Democratic Campaign Music	1960 Jul
4	36	"The Democratic Digest"	1951 Apr-1960 Jul
4	37	"The Democrat"	1952 Feb-1969 Jan
4	38	CBS Vote Profile Analysis - 1964	1964 Oct
4	39	Democratic Leader's Instruction	1939 Dec-1940 Jan, 1966 Sep
4	40	Political Speeches - Unidentified	1957 Sep, 1962 Feb
4	41	Political Miscellaneous	1951-1980 Aug
4	42	Democratic Party Histories	1953 Oct-1960
4	43	Political Books <u>Agenda 1961 :New principles for a New Age</u> -- Charles Bowles <u>My Friends</u> -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt	Probably 1951 and Probably 1961
Series I, Subseries B: Political Leaders			1944-1980, Undated
5	1	Ester Mayl	1971 Nov-1978 Feb
5	2	Albert A. Horstman	1948 Jan-1968 Mar
OS 35	8	Al Horstman Obituary (Oversize)	1960 Dec 23
5	3	Gertrude W. Donahey	1969 Aug-1975 Feb
5	4	Governor Michael V. DiSalle	1962 Jun-1964 Jul
5	5	Robert F. Kennedy	1968 May 7, Undated
5	6	President Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1964 Apr 9, Undated
5	7	President Harry S. Truman	1944 Jul-1952 Nov
OS 35	9	Truman in Dayton – Newspaper (Oversize)	1948 Oct 12
5	8	President John F. Kennedy - Campaign	1958 Apr-1961 Jan

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5	9	President John F. Kennedy - Correspondence	1960 Oct-1968 Apr
5	10	President John F. Kennedy - Newspaper Articles	1960 Jul-1963 Nov
OS 35	10	JFK in Dayton – Newspaper (Oversize)	1960 Oct 18
5	11	President John F. Kennedy - Pamphlets	1966, Undated
5	12	President John F. Kennedy - Photographs	1960 Jul 15, Undated
5	13	President Lyndon B. Johnson	1964
5	14	President Lyndon B. Johnson - Speeches	1967-1968
6	15	President Lyndon B. Johnson - 1965 Inauguration	1964 Dec-1965 Jan
6	16	Vice President Herbert H. Humphrey	1951 Oct, 1965 Oct-1967 Oct
6	17	Democratic Leaders - Miscellaneous	1956 Apr-1980 May
Series II: Personal / Service Activities			1928-1977, Undated
7	1	Family Activities	1930 Apr-1932, 1955 Jul-1970 Apr
7	2	Child Nutrition Association	1939-1940, Undated
7	3	American Cancer Society	1959 Jul-1970 Aug
7	4	Daughters of Isabella - St. Anne Circle #396	1928 May, 1948 May, 1952, May, 1977 Apr, Undated
7	5	Catholic Women's Associations	1936 Nov, 1953 Mar
7	6	Porchlight Parade for Polio	1951 Jan-1952 Feb
OS 35	11	Porchlight Parade for Polio (Oversize)	1951 Feb 8, 1952 Jan 29-30
7	7	1971 White House conference on Aging	1965 Aug-1971 Oct
7	8	Task Forces	1935 Nov-1971 Jan
7	9	Books: <u>Eight Discourses on the Gold Standard and other subjects 1932-1933</u> -- Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin <u>Here is your War</u> -- Ernie Pyle	1933, 1945 Mar
7	10	Photographs - Unidentified	Undated
Series III: Ephemera			Circa 1932-1977, Undated (bulk 1950-1980)
8	1	Sample Button	1956 Jul
8	2	American Smoke Out	Undated
8	3	Kiss Me, I don't Smoke	Undated
8	4	American Cancer Society	Circa 1969
8	5	Ohio	Undated

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8	6	Ohio is a nice place	Undated
8	7	Marguerite Parrish -- 3rd District	Undated
8	8	Crime Fighter Lee C. Falke Prosecutor	Undated
8	9	Paula MacIlwaine -- County Commissioner	Undated
8	10	Vote for Paula MacIlwaine	Undated
8	11	Elect Judge Wolff	Undated
8	12	Ray Wolff (large)	Undated
8	13	Ray Wolff (small)	Undated
8	14	Pat Roach	Undated
8	15	Harriman	Undated
8	16	For Governor, Gilligan	Circa 1970 or 1974
8	17	Gilligan for Ohio	Circa 1970 or 1974
8	18	Reams for Governor	Probably circa 1966
8	19	McGovern Shriver	Circa 1972
8	20	McGovern Shriver '72	1972
8	21	Zimmers	Undated
8	22	Yes! Fran Ryan for Congress	Undated
8	23	Re-elect Smith of State Senate	Undated
8	24	Kefauver the winning Democrat	Undated
8	25	Ohio wants Kefauver	Undated
8	26	Sweeney for Attorney	Undated
8	27	Elect Gertrude Donahey (item missing)	Undated
8	28	Donahey Treasurer of State	Undated
8	29	Donahey Picture Pin	Undated
8	30	Re-elect Donahey	Undated
8	31	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio 1972	1972
OS 35	13	Federated Democratic Women of Ohio – Pennant (Oversize)	Undated
8	32	John Glenn U.S. Senate	Undated
8	33	John Glenn for U.S. Senate	Undated
8	34	Glenn	Undated
8	35	U.S. Senator Young	Undated
8	36	I'm a Metz fan	Undated
8	37	Return Metzenbaum to the Senate	Undated
8	38	Let's Back Jack for U.S. Senate	Undated
8	39	Ohio Democratic Convention	1956 Sep 8
9	40	Roosevelt (square)	Undated
9	41	FDR	Circa 1932-1944
9	42	Roosevelt	Undated
9	43	Elect Roosevelt Davey	Circa 1936
9	44	Kennedy for President	Undated
9	45	The Man for the 60's (square) [John F. Kennedy]	Circa 1960

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9	46	The Man for the 60's (round) [John F. Kennedy]	Circa 1960
9	47	Our next President [John F. Kennedy]	Circa 1960
9	48	Kennedy *for President* [John F. Kennedy]	Circa 1960
9	49	Kennedy [John F. Kennedy]	Circa 1960-1964
9	50	Kennedy for President	Circa 1960-1964
9	51	The Man for the 60's -- John F. Kennedy	Circa 1960
OS 35	12	Kennedy for President (Oversize: Large Campaign Posters)	1963
9	52	B4JB	Undated
9	53	All the way with LBJ	Circa 1964
9	54	LBJ for the USA - Young for Ohio	Circa 1964
9	55	LBJ for the USA (red)	Circa 1964
9	56	LBJ for the USA (blue)	Circa 1964
9	57	4 LBJ	Circa 1964
9	58	LBJ for the USA - Ohio	Circa 1964
9	59	LBJ "Hat" Pin	Circa 1964
9	60	LBJ all the way	Circa 1964
9	61	Johnson - Humphrey 1964	1964
9	62	Humphrey	Undated
9	63	HH Humphrey	Undated
9	64	Humphrey for President	1968
9	65	Humphrey - Muskie	1968
OS 35	12	Humphrey - Muskie (3 copies) (Oversize: Large Campaign Posters)	1968
9	66	Humphrey - Muskie 1968	1968
9	67	Women for Humphrey	Circa 1968
9	68	The eyes have it for Humphrey	Circa 1968
9	69	Humphrey - Muskie (small)	1968
9	70	For President Adlai E. Stevenson	Undated
9	71	Vice-President Mondale	1977 Sep 17
9	72	Carter - Mondale	Circa 1976
9	73	Don't Blame Me I voted Democrat	Undated
9	74	Democratic Convention Lapel Pin	Undated
9	75	Honored Guest Democratic National Convention	1964
9	76	Democratic National Convention Main Floor Delegate 1956	1956
9	77	1960 Convention Floor Delegate	1960
9	78	Delegate 1964 National Democratic Convention	1964
9	79	Donkey Pin	Undated
9	80	Cloth covered Donkey Pin	1971
9	81	Vote Democrat	Undated
9	82	Win in 1970	1970
9	83	Save the (Elephant picture)	Undated

Box	File	Description	Date
9	84	Contentment in a Clean Deal	Undated
9	85	Route to Victory Vote Democrat 66	1966
10	86	1956 Delegate National Convention	1956
10	87	1964 Delegate Democratic National Convention	1964
10	88	1964 Honored Guest Democratic National Convention	1964
10	89	For President John F. Kennedy	Circa 1960-1964
10	90	Prosper More Vote LBJ in '64	1964
10	91	Lyndon B. Johnson Pen	1965 Dec 28
10	92	LBJ for USA window stickers	Circa 1964