

Guide to the Nellie Parker Papers, 1917-1951

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Nellie Parker Papers, 1917-1951

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Parker, Nellie, 1867-1951

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.33 linear feet

Abstract:

The Nellie Parker Papers include Parker's correspondence as a member of the Republican National Committee and the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, photographs, newspaper clippings, and programs of her attendance to various political events such as receptions at the White House and conventions in Chicago, Cleveland, and many in New Hampshire. Correspondents include Herbert Hoover and Calvin Coolidge.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Nellie Parker Papers were a gift of Gabrielle Twitchell (Mrs. Sherman A. Twitchell) in November 2003.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by an unknown person at an unknown date and finalized by Jason Lewis in November 2019. The finding aid was written by Jason Lewis in November 2019. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Nellie Day Parker, the daughter of Albert F. and Martha Clark (Quinby) Day, was born in Westbrook, Maine, on May 23, 1867, and was a resident of Berlin, NH. Parker attended the Westbrook Seminary and Female College where she studied public speaking, economics, and history. She married Howard Parker (1863-1950), an inventor of mill machinery, on January 5, 1887 at Westbrook, ME. He was long associated with Brown Company in Berlin, NH.

In 1928, Parker was one of the first women in New Hampshire to be elected as a delegate to the National Republican Convention, where she served as National Committeewoman for 12 years. She was also a leader in the New Hampshire State Federation of Women's Clubs where she taught women the principles of government. During World War I, Parker was chairwoman of the women's division for the Fifth Victory Loan and later became a member of the council of the National Woman's Republican Club, a former president of the Berlin Woman's Club, and vice-chair of the Red Cross chapter in Berlin.

Nellie Parker died at Portland, ME, on February 2, 1951, at the age of 84. She was survived by her daughter Gabrielle Thibault.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Nellie Parker Papers consist primarily of ephemera (invitations, programs, menus, tickets, etc.) for various political functions, as well as photocopies of newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs from 1918 to 1951.

Documents include programs to the inauguration of Herbert Hoover; menus from various luncheons and dinners for the Women's National Republican Club and New Hampshire Republican Women; documents from the 1932 Republican National Convention in Chicago, IL, and the 1936 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, OH; and photocopies of newspaper clippings related to Nellie Parker, including her 1951 obituary. Her correspondence includes letters from former-President Calvin Coolidge and newly-elected President Herbert Hoover. The photographs in this collection consist primarily of Parker with other New Hampshire delegates, as well as photographs of several United States Presidents' wives.

Arrangement:

The Nellie Parker Papers are organized into folders by type of material, then chronologically.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1917-1929
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1930-1936
- Folder 3 Ephemera: miscellaneous events, 1918-1936, undated
- Folder 4 Ephemera: New Hampshire Republican Women, 1927-1935
- Folder 5 Ephemera: presidential inauguration, 1929
- Folder 6 Ephemera: Republican National Committee/Republican National Convention, 1929, 1932
- Folder 7 Ephemera: Republican National Committee/Republican National Convention, 1936
- Folder 8 Ephemera: White House, 1930-1933
- Folder 9 Ephemera: Women's National Republican Club, 1924-1935
- Folder 10 Newspaper clippings, 1924-1951, undated
- Folder 11 Photographs, 1928-1935, undated

Separated Materials:

Due to its size, the following item was moved to Oversized Photographs Drawer 10:

White House Reception by President and Mrs. Hoover to the Officers and Members of the Republican National Committee, 1931 December 16. 10" x 26.25"

Subject Terms

People:

Bridges, Styles, 1898-1961

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933
Coolidge, Grace Goodhue, 1879-1957
Curtis, Charles, 1860-1936
Harrison, Mary Lord, 1858-1948
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964
Hoover, Lou Henry, 1874-1944
Keyes, Frances Parkinson, 1885-1970
Moses, George H. (George Higgins), 1869-1944
Page, Bertha R.
Parker, Nellie, 1867-1951
Richey, Lawrence, 1885-1959
Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow, 1861-1948
Sampson, Flem D., 1875-1967
Schofield, Mary L. C.
Taft, Helen Herron, 1861-1943
Tobey, Charles W. (Charles William), 1880-1953

Organizations:

New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs
New Hampshire Republican Women
Republican National Committee (U.S.)
Republican National Convention
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
Women's National Republican Club of Chicago
Women's National Republican Club (U.S.)

Subjects:

Political conventions
Politics and government
Presidents--United States--Inauguration
Women--Political activity

Locations:

Berlin, NH
Chicago, IL
Cleveland, OH
Concord, NH
Houston, TX
Washington, DC
Westbrook, ME

Occupations:

Politicians
Presidents

Related Materials

Museum

Ribbon badge, Republican National Convention, 1924, worn by Nellie Day Parker (1867-1951) of Berlin, NH, 2003.046.01

Ribbon badge, Republican National Convention, 1932, worn by Nellie Day Parker (1867-1951) of Berlin, NH, 2003.046.02