

Guide to the James Squires Collection on Justice David Brock Impeachment, 2000

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Squires, James, 1937-2013

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

3 boxes ; 1.04 linear feet

Abstract:

James Squires was a New Hampshire state Senator who sat on the Impeachment trial of Chief Justice David Brock in the fall of 2000. This collection consists of his copies of materials related to the trial, including depositions, motions, proceedings, the trial transcript, and his handwritten notes.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The James Squires Collection on Justice David Brock Impeachment was the gift of James Squires on October 6, 2011.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. 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:

James Squires (1937-2013), who donated the items in this collection, was a New Hampshire politician who served in the New Hampshire Senate between 1997 and 2000, and was present and voted at the trial of David Brock, Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court in the fall of 2000. Brock was found innocent by the Senate.

The trial was important because, in addition to the narrow matter of whether or not Brock had committed impeachable offences, it was a political, legislative, and judicial test of New Hampshire's separation of powers and hence thought by many to be a constitutional crisis. There were no precedents for the senate trial of a supreme court justice, and the trial raised many questions about proper legislative-judicial relationships.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The James Squires Collection on Justice David Brock Impeachment consists of New Hampshire

Senator James Squires' copies of materials related to the 2000 impeachment trial. This includes depositions, motions, proceedings, the trial transcript, and his handwritten notes.

Arrangement:

Items in the collection are arranged by subject, then chronologically.

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Subject Terms**People:**

Brock, David, 1936-
Squires, James, 1937-2013

Organizations:

New Hampshire. General Court
New Hampshire. General Court. Senate
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Subjects:

Impeachments
Legislative bodies
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Locations:

New Hampshire

Occupations:

Jurors
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