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Western Massachusetts political leader, publisher, and banker (1881-1960), Trustee of the University of Massachusetts (1940-1956), and founder, editor and publisher of the Greenfield Recorder newspaper (1912-1928); political positions included State Representative (1909-1913), State Senator (1913-1915, 1923-1927), and State Treasurer (1929-1930); in 1934, was Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and in 1936, candidate for Governor. Includes scrapbooks (1903-1936), chiefly of clippings, together with speeches (1936), posters, badges, campaign material, and photographs, mainly from Haigis's unsuccessful campaigns for lieutenant governor (1934) and governor (1936); and tape of an interview (1974) with Leverett Saltonstall about Haigis, conducted by Craig Wallwork.

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Background on John W. Haigis

Western Massachusetts political leader, publisher, and banker John W. Haigis Senior (1881-1960), a Trustee of the University of Massachusetts 1940-1956, was the founder, editor, and publisher of the Greenfield Recorder, 1912-1928; founder of radio station WHAI, Greenfield, 1938; Director and President of the Franklin County Trust Co.; President of Massachusetts Trust Company Association; and Treasurer and Trustee of Deerfield Academy. In his political career he was successively Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessor, and Water Commissioner for the town of Montague, 1903-1908; State Representative, 1909-1913; State Senator, 1913-1915 and 1923-1927; and State Treasurer, 1929-1930. He was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1934 and for Governor in 1936 when Alf M. Landon was the Republican candidate for President of the United States.

Scope of collection

The papers include over 90 metal 12 inch phonograph records, notes, and transcripts of speeches in the campaigns; posters, badges, and other campaign paraphernalia, principally from the 1934 and 1936 campaigns; and the tape of an interview about Haigis between U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall and Craig Wallwork in 1974; scrapbooks, principally clippings, 1903-1936; and photographs.

Inventory

Biographical materials; Elections and campaigns of 1934 and 1936: campaign buttons, speeches, clippings, and posters.

Box 1

Speech notes and drafts

1936

Highways

Boston Ward Rally

1936, n.d.

Fireside radio talk

1936, n.d.

Speech for Taunton

Nov. 2, 1936

Washington Street Forum

Oct. 28, 1936

Social Security and Old Age Pensions, at Randolph

Oct. 23, 1936

Washington Street Rally

Oct. 22, 1936

Radio and rallies

Oct. 21, 1936

Radio address, WNAC

Oct. 21, 1936

Experience, Skill, and Morality in Government of Massachusetts

Oct. 19, 1936

Recording of speech present in collection.

Radio speech

Oct. 16, 1936

Radio speech, WBZ

Oct. 8, 1936

Recording of speech present in collection.

Lawrence and Lowell speech

Oct. 1, 1936

Recording of speech present in collection.

Photographs

Box 2
Scrapbook: 1926-1936

Box 3
Scrapbook: Haigis for Governor Club

Box 4
Scrapbook: 1936 campaign

Box 5-10
Scrapbook: Buddie's scrapbook, 1915-1928

Box 11
Phonograph records of speeches (stored in box of recordings from ms collections on oversize shelves)

OS 12
Interview about Haigis with U.S. Senator L. Saltonstall
Jan. 15, 1974
Station WBZ
Nov. 2, 1936
Station WBZ
Nov. 1, 1936
American Program. Station WCOP
Nov. 1, 1936
Boston Garden Rally. Station WBZ
Oct. 31, 1936
Wages and Unemployment. Station WNAC
Oct. 30, 1936
John Shea. Station WAAB
Oct. 30, 1936
Graft and Corruption in Massachusetts. Station WAAB
Oct. 29, 1936
Support the National Ticket. Station WNAC
Oct. 28, 1936
Springfield Rally. Station WBZ
Oct. 26, 1936
Lynn Rally. Station WBZ
Oct. 24, 1936
Franco-American Rally. Station WBZ
Oct. 21, 1936
Restore Honest Government in Massachusetts. Station WNAC
Oct. 19, 1936
Typed notes for speech available in collection.

John Shea - Speaker. Station WNAC
Oct. 14, 1936
State Treasurer Corrupt - Dolan Security Trust. Station WBZ
Oct. 8, 1936
Typed notes for speech available in collection.

Hurley Speaks of Vague Generalities. Station WBZ
Oct. 1, 1936
Typed notes for speech available in collection.

Democrats Falsely Attack Haigis Labor Record. Station WBZ

Sept. 24, 1936
Victory Dinner - Hotel Bradford. Station WBZ
Sept. 17, 1936
Governor James Curley. Station WNAC
Sept. 14, 1936
Hon. Joseph Warner - Speaker. Station WBZ
Sept. 3, 1936
Hon. H. Parsons. Station WBZ
Aug. 27, 1936
Mr. Williams interviewing Mr. Haigis - Honesty of Purpose. Station WBZ
Aug. 20, 1936
Parker House Luncheon - Washburn and Haigis - Roosevelt Club. Station WBZ
Aug. 12, 1936
Polling of the Delegates at the Convention. Station WAAB
June 19, 1936
Nominating speeches. Station WAAB
June 19, 1936
Nominating speeches - E. Sutherland. Station WAAB
June 19, 1936
Hon. Henry Webster. Station WAAB
June 19, 1936
Station WAAB
June 19, 1936
Haigis Speaking to the Delegates Pre-Convention. Station WBZ
June 7, 1936
Young Republican Club. Station WBZ
May 24, 1936
New England Young Republican Convention. Station WAAB
May 22, 1936
Station WBZ
May 17, 1936
Sincere and Effective Leadership. Station WBZ
May 10, 1936
The Party Must Nominate a Ticket Which Can Win. Station WBZ
May 3, 1936
Station WBZ
Apr. 19, 1936
"Mispronunciation"
Oct. 8, 1936
Small disc records
Parts 5 & 4, Kasper & Gordon
Oct. 16, 1936
Plastic disc
Part 1, Kasper & Gordon
Oct. 15, 1936
Plastic disc
Irving Conn Show
n.d.
Plastic disc

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Access

The collection is open for research.

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