

Guide to the Marje and Phil Acker Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: The Marje and Phil Acker Collection

Creator: Marje and Phil Acker

Extent: 2.5 linear feet (10 document boxes), 9 oversize boxes, plus loose materials

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Abstract: This collection contains materials including campaign items and itineraries, Watergate related materials, photographs, scrapbooks, clippings, manuscripts, VHS tapes, books, and other three-dimensional objects ranging from Richard Nixon's Senatorial Days to his Post-Presidency Period. Marje and Phil Acker are the creators of the collection. They both had enduring political service careers. Mrs. Acker served as an assistant secretary to Rose Mary Woods, the primary secretary to Richard Nixon. Mr. Acker was an advance man in several Nixon campaigns.

Administrative Information

Access: Open

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Biography

Marjorie Peterson Acker, usually referred to as “Marje,” led an active political career both professionally and non-professionally. She was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Peterson. She attended Oregon State University, and she received a degree from a local business school.

While a secretary to the manager of a Portland wholesale drug firm, Marje took and passed the Foreign Service test. Her first assignment was a clerk typist in Washington D.C., for the State Department’s United Nations Economic and Social Council. In May 1951, Marje applied for and received the position of secretary to the administrative assistant to junior California Senator Richard M. Nixon.

In addition to working for Senator Richard Nixon from 1951 to 1953, Mrs. Acker was involved in his campaign for the Vice Presidency in 1952 and 1956; during his CA Gubernatorial Campaign in 1962; on the Presidential Campaign; and on the transition team in 1967 to 1968. From 1969 through 1974, Mrs. Acker worked in the White House as secretary to Rose Mary Woods, the secretary to Richard Nixon. Mrs. Acker continued to work for Richard Nixon in his post-Presidential years.

Mrs. Acker worked in other Republican political capacities. She worked for Henry Cabot Lodge during his Vice Presidential Campaign in 1960; as a secretary to Robert Finch when he was Lt. Governor of CA in 1967; and with the Young Republicans.

A widow, Mrs. Acker currently resides in San Diego, CA.

Philip L. Acker “Phil” was born and raised in San Diego. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles and was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He served as San Diego City Clerk from 1957 to 1966. Mr. Acker was an advance man in several Nixon campaigns. Phil and Marje married in the mid-1950s and shared a mutual passion for Republican political activities.

--Information from the Marjorie and Philip Acker Collection

Scope and Content Summary: The Marje and Phil Acker Collection consists of political items and memorabilia relating to Richard Nixon's political career. Three-dimensional items such as glassware and jewelry have been transferred to the Curatorial Department. The collection is arranged chronologically with the exception of Series IV where some items chronologically overlap due to the nature of the series and sub-series.

- Series I:** This series consists of materials relating to Richard Nixon's Senate years and first Vice Presidential Campaign. The items included are campaign tour itineraries and memorabilia.
- Series II:** This series contains materials relating to Richard Nixon's Vice Presidency which includes schedules, memos, and rosters for two campaigns and inaugurations. The series also includes items from the Henry Cabot Lodge Vice Presidential Campaign.
- Series III:** This series contains items relating to Richard Nixon's Post-Vice Presidency to his 1968 Presidential Campaign. Items include campaign schedules and material, political cartoons, and Richard Nixon's 1968 Law Office Directory.
- Series IV:** This series contains various items from his Presidency. Items include inaugural speeches, campaign items, a salute to Richard Nixon, autographed cards and recipes, and White House stationery.
- Sub-Series A:** This sub-series consists of tour memos, schedules, and historic travel information and memorabilia from Belgium and U.S.S.R. trip.
- Sub-Series B:** This sub-series contains documents, publications, and materials relating to Watergate.
- Series V:** This series consists of odes, letters, articles, etc., after Richard Nixon's Presidency.

Related Collections: Family Collection
Campaign 1950
Campaign 1952
H.R. Haldeman Collection
Speech Files, 1929-1969
Evelyn Dorn Collection
Angeline Holte Collection
Herman L. and Hubert C. Perry Collection, 1917-1986
Allan Wallace Collection

Container List

The Marje And Phil Acker Collection	Box:Folder
Series I: Senator	
"U.S. Senate Restaurant Menu". May 19, 1951.	1:1
RN's Speech, "The Challenge of 1952".	1:2
Republican National Convention. Jul. 7-10, 1952.	1:3
RN's Campaign Tour for U.S. Vice Presidency. 1952. (2 folders)	1:4-5
RN's Campaign Itineraries. Sep. 1-Nov. 2, 1952 (2 folders)	1:6-7
Series II: Vice Presidency	
Inauguration. Jan. 20, 1953. (2 folders)	2:1-2
YR: Republican Central Committee. 1955-1961	2:3
Republican National Convention. Aug. 1956	2:4
RN's Campaign Tour. 1956	2:5
RN's Campaign Itineraries. Sep. 18-Nov. 3, 1956. (2 folders)	2:6-7
RN's Campaign Tour Maps. Sep. 18-Nov. 3, 1956.	2:8
RN's Campaign Tour Rosters. Sep. 18-Nov. 3, 1956.	2:9
RN's "Whistle-Stop" Motorcade in the Precincts. Oct. 27-30, 1956.	2:10
RN's Inauguration. Jan. 21, 1957.	2:11
Envelopes, First Day Issues, Ecuador, South America. May 10, 1958.	2:12
RN's "Russia As I Saw It", National Geographic. Dec. 1959.	2:13
Coat of Arms and Flag of the U.S. President, Executive Order No. 10860. Feb. 5, 1960.	2:14
Republican National Convention, Official Report of the Proceedings. Jul. 25-28, 1960.	2:15
Republican National Convention. Jul. 25-28, 1960. (3 folders)	3:1-3
Henry Cabot Lodge's Campaign Itineraries. Sep. 12- Nov. 8, 1960. (4 folders)	3:4-7
U.S. Senate Tribute to RMN. Jan. 17, 1961	3:8
Series III: Post-Vice Presidency to 1968 Presidential Campaign	
Republican Fund Raising Banquet Program & Menu. Oct. 26, 1961.	4:1
RN's CA Governor's Campaign. 1962.	4:2
Pat Brown's Political Booklets & Political Cartoons Of Campaign 1962.	4:3
Republican National Convention. Jul. 13-16, 1964.	4:4
Reagan-Finch CA Pre-Governor & Inauguration. 1966 & Jan. 4-5, 1967. (2 items)	4:5
"Ode to the Frogmen". By Bob Finch	4:6
Political Memorabilia	4:7
RN's Law Office Directory. Aug. 1, 1968	4:8
RN's Yearbook Publication. 1968. (2 items)	4:9
"Highlights of 1968 Presidential Campaign".	4:10

Jan. 31-Nov. 5, 1968.	
RN's Speeches. Apr. 25-Oct. 29, 1968.	4:11
Publications. Apr. 29-Nov. 1968. (2 folders)	4:12-13
RN's Campaign Schedules. Sep. 4-Nov. 5, 1968. (3 folders)	5:1-3
RN's Letter of Appreciation to Mrs. Acker. Nov. 1, 1968.	5:4
Republican Summary Elections Report. (2 folders)	5:5-6
Series IV: Presidency	
Inauguration. 1969.	6:1
Inaugural Address Miniature Book. 1969.	6:2
Autographed Cards, Recipes.	6:3
White House Stationery.	6:4
"The President Greets Young Americans".	6:5
"Orange County Salutes Richard Nixon". Jun. 21, 1969.	6:6
Apollo Lunar Mission. Jul. 16, 1969.	6:7
"The Nixon Record: The First Thirty Months of the Nixon Administration". Jan. 1969 to Jun. 1971.	6:8
Articles, "Mr. Nixon Goes to Washington". Feb. 1969.	6:9
"The Nixon-Connally Arrangement". Aug. 1971.	
Rose Mary Woods' Letter to Marje Acker. Jan. 20, 1971.	6:10
Publications Re: Environment. 1971-1972.	6:11
Republican National Convention Book. Aug. 21-23, 1972.	6:12
Campaign Brochures Re: Environment, Foreign Policy, Veterans, etc. 1972.	6:13
Campaign—RN Family Photo & Signed Note of Appreciation. Nov. 7, 1972.	6:14
Inauguration. 1973. (2 folders)	6:15-16
RN's Speeches. Nov. 3, 1969-Feb. 22, 1973. (2 speeches, 1 remark). (Includes "The Pursuit of Peace"; "The Continuing Fight Against Inflation").	6:17
Sub-Series A: Belgium & U.S.S.R. Trip. 1974.	
(Folders are in order as trip occurred. Dates on the folders may not reflect chronological order.)	
Luggage Trip Tags (8 items)	6:18
Brussels & Belgium Tour Pamphlets. (2 folders)	6:19-20
Brussels Trip Information & Postcards	7:1
Memos & Schedules. Jun. 20-Jul. 3, 1974. (2 folders)	7:2-3
Belgium & U.S.S.R. Detailed Schedule Book. Jun. 28-Jul. 3, 1974. (2 folders)	7:4-5
"U.S.S.R. Facts Book, Dept. of State". Jun. 1974.	7:6
"Welcome to Moscow", American Embassy Package	7:7
Acker Business Cards. (5 items)	7:8
"Welcome to Oreanda", Background Information.	7:9
Party Directory, Hotel & Motorcade Information, Tourist Receipts.	7:10
U.S.S.R. Correspondents' Plan Booklet. Jul. 1, 1974.	7:11
U.S.S.R. State Sites of Interest	7:12

U.S.S.R. Tour Pamphlets. (2 folders)	7:13-14
U.S.S.R. Newspapers. (6 items)	7:15
Sub-Series B: Materials Related to Watergate.	
“Rules of Procedure” Booklet. 1973.	8:1
Statements by the Vice President & President. Apr. 25-Aug. 15, 1973.	8:2
U.S. Supreme Court. Oct. Term. 1973.	8:3
National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the President Newsletters; Ryskind Column. (3 items)	8:4
“Examination of President Nixon’s Tax Returns For 1969 Through 1972”. Apr. 3, 1974.	8:5
Binder—“Submission of Recorded Presidential Conversations to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives by President Richard Nixon”. Apr. 30, 1974.	8:6
Book—“Submission of Recorded Presidential Conversations to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives by President Richard Nixon”. Apr. 30, 1974	8:7
“Brief on Behalf of the President of the United States Richard Nixon to the Committee on the Judiciary, Ninety- Third Congress, United States House of Representatives”. Jul. 19, 1974.	9:1
News Address, Summaries, & Columns. Jul. 25-Aug. 30, 1974. (2 folders)	9:2-3
Statement by RN on Aug. 5, 1974 w/related Haldeman Transcripts of Jun, 23, 1972.	9:4
RN Quote. Aug. 9, 1974.	9:5
“Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents”. Aug. 12, 1974.	9:6
Memo Re: Nelson E. Rockefeller Correspondence. Sep. 10, 1974	9:7
Brief for Appellee Rose Mary Woods of Consolidated Proceedings. Mar. 9, 1976.	9:8
“Fund for Constitutional Government Appellant v. National Archives and Archives Records Service, et al. Nov. 3, 1980 (argued).	9:9
Nixon Paper Case: Acker Deposition. Oct. 27, 1998., Acker Deposition Exhibits 1-19. (2 folders)	9:10-11
Series V: Post-Presidency	
Odes to RN & Mrs. Nixon. Aug. 22, 1974-Dec. 25, 1974.	10:1
Rose Mary Woods & Marje Acker Letters. Feb. 6-7, 1975.	10:2
Dept. of the Interior History Brochures. 1976 (5 items)	10:3
AIM Report, “The Woodstein Ripoff”, by Victor Lasky. Oct. 1976.	10:4

“It Didn’t Start With Watergate”, by Victor Lasky. Apr. 29, 1977.	10:5
Ronald W. Reagan, Inauguration. Jan. 20, 1981.	10:6

Separations List

Item	Description (Amount)	Department
Poster	Henry Cabot Lodge Family. Campaign, 1960 (1)	Oversize Box
Listing	Delegates and Alternate Delegates Elected To The Republican Nat'l Convention, July 25, 1960 (1)	Oversize Box
Campaign Publicity	Nixon Wilshire Staff. Campaign, 1962	Oversize Box
Map	Campaign Tour Map, 1968 (1)	Oversize Box
Campaign Publicity	Articles. Campaign, 1968 (2)	Oversize Box
Publicity Advance- ment	Nixon Hailed By 300,000. Campaign, 1968 (1)	Oversize Box
Photograph	White House Night. Dec. 1, 1970 (1)	Oversize Box
Periodical Articles	Concerns Richard M. Nixon Sept, 28, 1969; Sept. 24, 1972 (2)	Oversize Box
Photograph	White House Snow Scene Feb. 20, 1973 (1)	Oversize Box
Print	Salute To The President—Dinner Souvenir (1)	Oversize Box
Cards	Staff Christmas Prints From Ford Presidency. 1974-1975 (2)	Oversize Box
Scrapbooks	Pictures—1952-1971 (1)	Oversize Box
	1969-1973 (1)	Oversize Box
	6/20/72- 6/10/74 (1)	Oversize Box
	8/7-9/1974 (1)	Oversize Box
	Letters, 1'st Day Covers, Odes, Signed Cards, and Recipes (1952-1993) (1)	Oversize Box
	Memorabilia, Certificates, Cards, Letters Invitations, Programs (1969-1974) (1)	Oversize Box

	Brussels & U.S.S.R. Trip (Jun. 1974) (1)	Oversize Box
	Pictures and Clippings (8/74-2/75) (1)	Oversize Box
Clippings	Various clippings from 1952 to 1982	Oversize Box
Photographs	Jan. 20-Dec. 14, 1953 (4)	Audio/Visual
	Churchill Arrival, Jun. 1954 (5)	Audio/Visual
	Young Republican Convention, Denver, Feb. 15-17, 1957 (1)	Audio/Visual
	Campaign Trail w/Rose Mary Woods & Marje Acker, 1962 (4)	Audio/Visual
	Russia & Iran Trip, May 1972 (8)	Audio/Visual
45 RPM Records	Go Vote Nixon-Lodge/Elephant Stomp (1)	Audio/Visual
	Nixon's the Only One/Nixon's the Only One (1)	
	The Americans/He Who Is Without Sin (1)	
	Rally Round Reagan/Grand Old Party (1)	
	Dear Mr. President/Courage to Try (1)	
VHS Tapes	<u>The Splendid Evening of Richard Nixon:</u> Presented by John H. Taylor. 96 min., c.1995. (1)	Audio/Visual
	<u>President Richard Nixon: A Great Challenge for a Great People.</u> 34 min., c.1995 (1)	Audio/Visual
	<u>The Real Richard Nixon: Early Life.</u> Vol. 1, 66 min., c. 1994. (1)	Audio/Visual
	<u>The Real Richard Nixon: Pat.</u> Vol. 2, 50 min., c. 1994. (1)	Audio/Visual
	<u>The Real Richard Nixon: Twenty-Eight Days.</u> Vol. 3, 85 min., c.1994 (1)	Audio/Visual

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