Guide to the

Claude Kirkpatrick Papers
1951-2002; bulk 1951-1963

3.02 linear feet

Collection Number 258

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Biographical Sketch

Claude Kirkpatrick was a Louisiana State Representative from Jefferson Davis Parish. Kirkpatrick served in the Legislature from 1952 to 1960. Following his stint in the Legislature, Kirkpatrick served for four years as the Director of Louisiana Department of Public Works, ending in 1964. Kirkpatrick was a gubernatorial candidate for the 1964 Louisiana governor’s race, running as an “independent democrat.” Kirkpatrick was born in 1917 in Glenmora, La., and graduated from Louisiana University in Pineville in 1938. Kirkpatrick was an oil businessman prior to and following his political career. In 1967, Kirkpatrick was named Hospital Administrator for Baton Rouge General Hospital, and was promoted to President of the hospital in 1970. He held this position until 1981, when he retired. Kirkpatrick held positions in several civic and community organizations, along with being heavily involved with several Baptist organizations. In 1938 Kirkpatrick married Edith Aurelia Killgore, and together they had four children, Claude, Thomas, Edith, and Charles. He passed away on January 14, 1997, at the age of 79.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains scrapbooks, correspondence, photographs, artifacts, and clippings spanning Kirkpatrick’s political career. The artifacts include various campaign ephemera (1952-1963), along with a Louisiana-shaped plaque honoring his service to the Louisiana Department of Public Works (1964). His wife Edith created the four scrapbooks (1951-1963) of clippings, photographs, and correspondence.

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<td>Material from Scrapbook A, 1951-1953: 73 clippings, 11 letters, 3 telegrams, 1 photo, various campaign materials.</td>
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<td>Material from Scrapbook A, 1952-1954: 24 letters, 54 clippings, various committee materials (meeting minutes, rosters, etc.).</td>
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<td>Material from Scrapbook C, 1954-1963: 37 photos, 7 clippings, 1 bill from hotel.</td>
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<td>Material from Scrapbook D, 1963: 62 clippings, 1 photo, various campaign materials.</td>
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<td>Toledo Bend-Sabine River Authority, 1964-1969: 3 clippings, 1 ribbon from “Toledo Bend Project Dedication.”</td>
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<td>Democratic National Convention, 1960: 1 clipping, 1 ballot.</td>
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<td>2 Photographs, 1960-1961: 1 headshot of Kirkpatrick and 1 group photograph.</td>
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<td>Scrapbook D, 1963 Gubernatorial campaign; 1 plaque for Director of Louisiana Department of Public Works, 1964; 1 campaign bumper sticker, n.d.; and 1 ribbon from 1952 Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals (removed from Scrapbook D).</td>
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