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**Acquisition Information**

This collection of McDonough's papers was given to The Bancroft Library by his daughter, Mrs. John Higgins, in January 1966.

**Biographical Sketch**

Patrick William McDonough was born in San Francisco on February 20, 1888. He worked as a boilermaker from 1909 to 1913, when he became a foreman and began to study law. He was admitted to the California State Bar in 1917. In 1924 he founded the McDonough Steel Company in Oakland. He was active in local and statewide Democratic Party politics, served as Chairman of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, as Northern California Chairman of the Business & Professional Men's League for Roosevelt (1940), and ran unsuccessfully for State Senator from the 16th District in 1942 and for U.S. Congressman from the 7th District in 1946. From 1945 to 1946 he served as national director of the Smaller War Plants Corporation.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists almost entirely of political correspondence, covering the years from 1940 to 1951, dealing with national, state and local elections, Democratic Party issues and patronage appointments. The Papers, which are housed in one carton, are described in greater detail in the Key to Arrangement which follows.

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**Carton**

**Letters written to McDonough**

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the Key to Arrangement. Letters not listed have been put in alphabetical miscellanies preceding each letter of the alphabet.

**Letters by McDonough (copies), arranged chronologically.**

**Letters re McDonough's remarks before the U.S. Senate Education and Labor Committee at minimum wage hearings, Oct.-Nov. 1945.**

Scope and Content Note

Also in the file: copies of his remarks; copy of the Senate bill under discussion, etc.

**Letters re formation of the Business and Professional Men's League for Roosevelt, suggestions for membership, etc. 1940.**

**Speeches by McDonough**

Press releases, etc., re McDonough's campaign for State Senator, 1942.

**Materials re McDonough's candidacy for election to Congress, 1946.**

Scope and Content Note

Include copy of his platform statement; voting statistics; statement of expenditures for primary campaign, etc.

**Newspaper clippings**

Advertisements for McDonough Steel Co.

Miscellany, containing lists of names, sample ballots, programs, etc.

Alameda County Democratic Campaign Committee for 1944

See William H. Hollander correspondence.

Allen, John Joseph, Jr., 1899-


Boyle, William Marshall, Jr., 1902-

12 letters, 1949-1950. Written while Executive Vice Chairman (1949) and Chairman (1950) of the Democratic National Committee.
Brown, Edmund Gerald, 1905-
See Democratic Party. California State Central Committee.

California Steel Products Company

Carter, Oliver Jesse, 1911-
See Democratic Party. California State Central Committee.

Chapman, Oscar Littleton, 1896-
See U.S. Department of Interior

Clements, Earle C[ ], 1896-

Crum, Bartley Cavanaugh
2 letters, 1945. Re statewide legislative conference. Included is proposed list of sponsors.

de Lappe, Russell Guerne

Democratic Luncheon Club
Telegram, May 16, 1949.


20 letters, 1944-1950. Include letters by Edmund G. Brown, Oliver J. Carter and other officers of the State Central Committee. See also Herbert W. Erskine, George E. Outland, James Roosevelt.

Democratic Party. National Committee

Democratic Party. New York. State Central Committee
See Paul E. Fitzpatrick.

Democrats Incorporated.

Desmond, Earl D.

Dickey, Randal F.
Letter, April 11, 1947. Written while California State Assemblyman. Refers to proposed repeal of Full Crew Law.

Downey, Sheridan, 1884-1961

Doyle, Clyde Gilman, 1887-

Erskine, Herbert W.

Erskine, Morse
Letter, May 27, 1946

Farley, James Aloysius, 1888-
5 letters, 1948-1949. With these: reprints of articles by Farley and articles about Farley.

Fitzpatrick, Paul E.
Friedman, Monroe Mark, 1895-
   2 letters, 1949-1950
Guttenson, Henry Higby, 1884-1954
See Russell Guerne de Lappe.
Havenner, Franck Roberts, 1882-
Hise, Harley, 1890-
   Letter, Jan. 10, 1947
Hollander, William H.
   6 letters, 1944-1945. Several written while Democratic Presidential Elector from 6th
   Congressional District.
   See also Democrats Inc.
Johnson, Louis Arthur, 1891-
Kaiser Company, Inc.
Keating, Thomas F[ ], 1905-
   Letter, April 10, 1947. Written while California State Senator. Refers to proposed
   repeal of Full Crew Law.
Kenny, Robert Walker, 1901-
   4 letters, 1946-1949
Killion, George Leonard, 1901-
   2 letters, 1945. Written while Chairman of Democratic National Committee.
Knight, Goodwin Jess, 1896-1970
   2 letters, 1950. Written while California Lieutenant Governor.
Knowland, William Fife, 1908-1974
   Also included: reprint from Congressional Record of speech by Knowland.
   See also California Steel Products Company.
McCarthy, William H.
   2 letters, 1945-1948. Written while Postmaster of San Francisco.
McGrath, James Howard, 1903-
   5 letters, 1948. Written while Chairman of Democratic National Committee.
Masterson, Salathiel Charles
See Democratic Party. California County Central Committees.
Maverick, Maury, 1895-
Miller, George Paul, 1891-
   8 letters, 1945-1950
Nixon, Richard Milhous, 1913-
   Telegram, Dec. 9, 1950. Written while U.S. Senator.
   See also California Steel Products Company.
O'Mahoney, Joseph Christopher, 1884-
   Letter, Nov. 26, 1948. With this: text of speech by O'Mahoney.
Outland, George Elmer, 1906-
   2 letters, 1947. Written as Chairman of Policy Committee, Democratic State Central
   Committee, California
Pearson, Osborne A.
   4 letters, 1949-1950. Most of them written while Assistant Postmaster General.
Radin, Max, 1880-
   2 letters, 1945. Discuss possibility of being appointed to vacancy on Ninth Circuit
   Court of Appeals or on Court of Appeals for District of Columbia.
Rayburn, Sam, 1882-1962
   Letter, January 11, 1951
Rogers, Willi, Jr., 1912-
   Letter, Nov. 9, 1949
Roosevelt, James, 1907-

Shelley, John Francis, 1905-1974

Sparkman, John, 1899-
See Democratic Party National Committee.

Spellman, Francis Joseph, Cardinal, 1889-
Letter, Sept. 4, 1946. Form letter. Included also is reprint of an article by Spellman.

Sullivan, Gael, 1904-
6 letters, 1948. Written while Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee.

Tolan, John Harvey, 1877-1947
Letter, March 14, 1946. Written while U.S. Congressman.

Tramutolo, Chauncey
Letter, Nov. 22, 1950

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972
3 letters, 1948-1950. Written for Truman by his secretaries.

U.S. Department of the Interior

Warren, Earl, 1891-1974
3 letters, 1945-1950. Written for Warren by his secretaries.

Wheeler, Charles Leigh, 1888-
Letter, June 11, 1891