John F. Dockweiler Political Realia Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: John F. Dockweiler political realia collection
Dates: 1940
Collection number: MS108
Collection Size: 1 archival document box; 1 map case drawer
Repository: Loyola Marymount University. Library. Department of Archives and Special Collections.
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Abstract: This collection consists of realia related to the political campaigns of John F. Dockweiler for governor and United States Congressman in 1938.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information
John F. Dockweiler Gubernatorial Campaign Poster: Marius Sapkus (accession number: 2012.22)
John F. Dockweiler Write-in-Campaign for Congressman pencils: Dr. Jim Moore (accession number: 2012.35)

Custodial History
The 1938 campaign poster for John F. Dockweiler's Democratic primary gubernatorial campaign was originally in the possession of Marius Sapkus, who lived in Dockweiler's former residence in Hancock Park. On moving, Mr. Sapkus donated the materials to the Department of Archives and Special Collections of the William H. Hannon Library, Loyola Marymount University.

The two pencils for John F. Dockweiler's write-in campaign for election to the United States Congress were originally in the possession of Dr. Jim Moore, who in turn had obtained them from his grandmother, Margaret Ann Cunningham Forest, a resident of Los Angeles, California. Dr. Moore then donated them to the Department of Archives and Special Collections of the William H. Hannon Library, Loyola Marymount University.

Biography
John Francis Dockweiler was the son of Isidore B. Dockweiler (1867-1947), a noted Los Angeles Democrat and lawyer from a pioneer Los Angeles family. John F. Dockweiler, a lawyer himself, followed in his father's political, Democratic footsteps. He was a Democratic U.S. Congressman (1933-1939) for the sixteenth district of California (Los Angeles), District Attorney of Los Angeles County (1940-1943), and ran unsuccessfully for governor of California in the 1938 Democratic primary. After losing the Democratic primary for governor to Culbert Olson, the eventual winner for the office of California governor, Dockweiler ran an unsuccessful write-in campaign to keep his congressional office. He died in the office of Los Angeles district attorney in 1943.

Collection

This collection is artificial, a grouping of two different accessions related to John F. Dockweiler's unsuccessful campaigns for political office in 1938. A congressman from the Sixteenth District of California, Dockweiler ran for governor in the Democratic primary of 1938, which he lost to Culbert Olson. The campaign poster (accession number: 2012.22) in this collection was used in this campaign. It is 28x42 and the paper on which the poster is printed is mounted on particle board. The poster has a photograph of John F. Dockweiler, with his name and the slogan "A Californian for California."

After losing in the Democratic primary, Dockweiler attempted a write-in campaign to keep his congressional seat. The two pencils in this collection (accession number: 2012.35) were part of the publicity for this campaign. Embossed on them are the phrase "WRITE IN" with a checked box; below this is the name John F. Dockweiler followed by "INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT 16TH DISTRICT."

Arrangement

The campaign poster (28x42) is stored in a map case drawer, while the two pencils are in an archival document box.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Dockweiler, John Francis, 1895-1943
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Politics and government -- Sources
Political campaigns -- California
Elections -- California

Related Collections

Dockweiler Family Papers (CSLA-12)
Dockweiler Family Collection (CSLA-13)