John Baldwin Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: John Baldwin Collection
Dates: 1955-1964
Collection Number: 1998.54
Creator/Collector: 
Extent: 2 boxes
Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
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Abstract: The collection includes newsletters from U.S. Representative John Baldwin to constituents during his term in office; correspondence regarding memorials to Baldwin after his death in 1966; campaign materials from his congressional races in 1952 and 1954; photographs of Baldwin with visitors and other public officials; and miscellaneous papers dealing with his campaigns and his work in congress.

Language of Material: English
Access
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Biography/Administrative History
John Finley Baldwin, Jr. (1915—1966) represented California 14th District in Congress from 1955 to his death in 1966. He was a local attorney before his election to Congress. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. As a Republican, he served on the House Public Works Committee. He was a leader in the fight to retain the Bay Area’s three major shipyards. The ship channel that leads from San Francisco Bay to the ports of Stockton and Sacramento is named after him. He carried the bill HR 439 authorizing the acquisition of the John Muir House and Martinez Adobe.

Scope and Content of Collection
Box 1: • Baldwin Newsletters, published between 1955-1966 • Correspondence: Memorials to John Baldwin (Central Library/Bancroft Library/Shipping Channel) • 1952/1954 Campaign for Congress • John F. Baldwin (1916-1966)—Miscellaneous records pertaining to his campaigns and his work in Congress
Box 2: Photos of John Baldwin with constituents, other members of Congress, and visits to Bay Area sites (1955-1966).

Indexing Terms
Brochures, campaign
Ballots
Correspondence
Baldwin, John
Contra Costa County
Alameda County
Newspaper clippings
Photos
Congressman

Guide to Collection