Finding Aid for the John J. O'Connor Scrapbooks, 1931-2008 2010.31.r

Finding aid prepared by Norman Lee '06
Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Leatherby Libraries
Chapman University
One University Drive
Orange, CA, 92866
(714) 532 - 7711
rboyd@chapman.edu
11/16/2010
Finding Aid for the John J. O'Connor Scrapbooks

Title: John J. O'Connor Scrapbooks
Identifier/Call Number: 2010.31.r
Contributing Institution: Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Leatherby Libraries
One University Drive
Orange, CA, 92866
(714) 532 - 7711
rboyd@chapman.edu
Language of Material: The majority of the collection is in English
Physical Description: 2.54 Linear feet (1 box)
Date (bulk): Bulk, 1931-1951
Date (inclusive): 1931-2008
Abstract: This collection consist of five scrapbooks chronicling the career of Congressman John J. O'Connor (D) of New York. Also included is biographic information on Basil O'Connor, who worked with President Roosevelt in the fight against polio.
Location note: Leatherby Libraries
Conditions Governing Access note
This collection is open for research.
Preferred Citation note
[identify item], John J. O'Connor Scrapbooks (2010.31.r), Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Chapman University, CA.
Scope and Contents note
This collection contains five scrapbooks dating from 1931 to 1951. Within these scrapbooks are newspaper clippings, congressional memoranda, political commentary and misc. ephemera pertaining to Congressman John J. O'Connor (1885-1960) (D) of New York. Of particular interest are two different Inaugural Programs for the inaugural ceremony for President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945) and his Vice President, John Garner (1868-1967), dated January 20, 1937. Also included are materials on Basil O'Connor (1892-1972), who worked with President Roosevelt in the fight against polio.
Arrangement note
This collecton is largely organized as it was received from the donor except that some loose material was separately foldered.
Biographical/Historical note
John J. O'Connor (1885-1960) was a Congressman and Representative from New York, from 1923-1939. He graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1908, and from the law department of Harvard University in 1911. John J. O'Connor was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1910, moved to New York City in 1911 and, admitted to the New York bar in 1912. His list of political appointments are numerous, including serving as the secretary to the Democratic members of the New York State constitutional convention in 1915, acting as a member of the legislative secretary for the Child Welfare Commission in 1921 and 1922, appointed as vice chairman of the legislative committee on the exploitation of immigrants in 1922 and 1923 and serving as delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention at Philadelphia in 1936. He was elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress, reelected to the Sixty-ninth and to the six succeeding Congresses, serving from November 6, 1923, to January 3, 1939. After his unsuccessful reelection to the Seventy-sixth Congress, John J. O'Connor practiced law in New York City and Washington, D.C., until his death in Washington, D.C., January 26, 1960. (Retrieved from http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=O000030)
Basil O'Connor (1892-1972) was born January 8, 1892 in Taunton, Massachusetts. He was an American lawyer, who worked in co-operation with US-President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945) in the fight against polio. He started foundations for the rehabilitation of polio patients, research on polio and prevention and treatment of the disease. Also, from 1944 to 1949 he was Chairman and President of the American Red Cross and from 1945 to 1950 he was Chairman of the League of Red Cross Societies. (Retrieved from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basil_O%27Connor)
Immediate Source of Acquisition note
Gift of Patrick O'Connor
Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on the use of this material except where previously copyrighted material is concerned. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
O'Connor, John J., Representative, (Joseph), 1885 - 1960
Newspaper clippings
Poliomyelitis -- United States -- History.
United States. President.
World War, 1939-1945

Box 1  
Series 1, Scrapbooks 1931-1951
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: (1 box)
Scope and Contents note
Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, congressional memoranda, political commentary and misc. ephemera pertaining to Congressman John J. O'Connor (1885-1960).
Subjects and Indexing Terms
O'Connor, John J., Representative, (Joseph), 1885 - 1960

Folder 1, Box 1  
Series 2, Basil O'Connor 2008-2009
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: (1 folder)
Scope and Contents note
This folder contains a copy of one article from Look magazine, written in Oct. 1950 by Basil O'Connor (1892-1972), an issue of the Dartmouth alumni Magazine, dated May/June 2008 documenting Mr. O'Connor's works with FDR and Polio, as well as a collection of four eulogies given at his funeral in 1972.
Biographic information is also included.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
O'Connor, Basil, 1892 - 1972
Poliomyelitis -- United States -- History.

Folder 2, Box 1  
Series 3, FDR Inauguration Programs Jan. 20, 1937
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: (1 folder)
Scope and Contents note
This folder contains two different programs for the inauguration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) and Vice President John N. Garner (1868-1967), dated January 20, 1937.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Roosevelt, Franklin D., (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
United States. President.
Box 1  

**Series 4 Correspondence and Clippings 1949-1957**

- **Language of Material:** English
- **Physical Description:** (2 folders)
- **Scope and Contents note**
  These materials were added after the initial receipt of materials. Letters received by Mr. O'Connor 2 from Cordell Hull in 1949 13 in October, 1957, from various Congressmen or Senators about being endorsed or not endorsed by the Americans for Democratic Action in their publication in that same month. 1 letter in October, 1957, acknowledging receipt of a statement by Matthew S. Crinkley, Isbrandtsen Company, about "the dual rate case before the Supreme Court" by Edward C. Johnson of the Federal Maritime Board. This has the statement with it. 1 transcript of a hearing before the Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures, House of Representatives, December 29, 1944. The main witness was Mr. O'Connor.

  Newspaper article about Mr. O'Connor from the "Daily Mirror" of September 17, 1938.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

O'Connor, John J., Representative, (Joseph), 1885 - 1960