



State Library of Massachusetts - Special Collections Department

Ms. Coll. 154

Edward L. Burke Papers, 1956-2004, bulk 1971-1992: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Burke, Edward L.

Call Number: Ms. Coll. 154

Extent: 1 box (1.5 linear feet)

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Provenance: Donation: Edward L. Burke.

About This Finding Aid: Description based on DACS.

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Abstract: This collection documents Edward Lawrence Burke's years in the Massachusetts State Senate (1971-1992).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents Edward Lawrence Burke's years in the Massachusetts State Senate (1971-1992), especially his legislative activities and priorities as well as issues of concern in his district. The collection documents his career with notes, correspondence, drafts of speeches, photographs, and newspaper clippings. (See Series Scope and Content Notes for more detailed descriptions.)

The collection is arranged in five series, some of which are further arranged in sub-series. Researchers who are looking for a particular topic or issue should look in each series. All series contain miscellaneous biographical materials about Burke's personal activities not directly related to any specific legislation or campaign.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward Lawrence Burke was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 16, 1943. He attended St. Sebastian's High School in Newton, Massachusetts, and obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University, and a Juris Doctor from Suffolk University. He was elected as a Massachusetts State Senator in 1971 and held that position until 1992. His legislative activities included working on topics such as health care, medical issues, taxes, transportation, government regulations, commerce and labor, election laws, and local issues. He was Chairman of the Health Care Committee from 1978 to 1992, and he has taught healthcare policy courses in colleges and universities since the 1970s. As a lawyer in Framingham, he represents healthcare clients affected by government regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

Upon acquisition by the State Library, all materials had been placed in nine non-archival photograph albums, in no apparent order. The processing intern removed all materials from the albums and arranged them into the following series:

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Photographs

Series III: Newspaper Clippings

Series IV: Campaign Materials

Series V: Subject Files on Legislative Issues

Conditions governing access

The collection is open for research during the Special Collections Department's regular hours.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Copyright restrictions may apply. Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with Special Collections staff.

Languages and Scripts

The collection is entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Senator Burke donated all nine albums on February 13, 2009.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling

The following items have been removed from the collection and/or destroyed:
Clippings in poor condition were photocopied and discarded.

Preservation activities

After removal from acidic magnetic photograph albums, all materials were placed in acid-free manuscript folders.

Detailed Series Description and Container List

Series I: Correspondence, 1970-2004

Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence that was addressed to Senator Edward Lawrence Burke as well as correspondence that was written by him between the years of 1970-2004. It is organized in chronological order. The subjects of correspondence include legislative matters, campaigns, and personal material.

Box #	Folder Title	Date
1	Correspondence	undated
1	Correspondence	1970
1	Correspondence	1972
1	Correspondence	1973
1	Correspondence	1974
1	Correspondence	1976
1	Correspondence	1977
1	Correspondence	1979
1	Correspondence	1980

1	Correspondence	1981
1	Correspondence	1982
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1	Correspondence	1992
1	Correspondence	1993
1	Correspondence	1994
1	Correspondence	1995
1	Correspondence	1997
1	Correspondence	2003
1	Correspondence	2004

Series II: Photographs, 1956-1992

Scope and Content

This series include photographs that were taken between the years of 1972-1992. It is arranged first by subject (Family, Events, Legislative, Campaign, and Biography), then within each subject by year.

Box #	Folder Title	Date
1	Family (5 folders)	undated, 1982-1983, 1991-1992
1	Events (13 folders)	undated, 1973-1974, 1976, 1980-1981, 1983-1987, 1990-1991
1	Legislative (13 folders)	undated, 1972-1976, 1980, 1982, 1984-1985, 1988-1989, 1992
1	Campaign (2 folders)	1974, 1990
1	Biography (7 folders)	undated, 1956, 1972-1974, 1976, 1981

Series III: Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1994

Scope and Content

This series contains newspaper clippings from various newspapers in Massachusetts. It is arranged in chronological order, and includes the years from 1970 to 1994. The subjects include Senator Burke's legislative work, campaign activities, events, and local issues.

Box #	Folder Title	Date
1	Newspaper Clippings	undated
1	Newspaper Clippings	1970
1	Newspaper Clippings	1971

1	Newspaper Clippings	1972
1	Newspaper Clippings	1973
1	Newspaper Clippings	1975
1	Newspaper Clippings	1976
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1	Newspaper Clippings	1991
1	Newspaper Clippings	1992
1	Newspaper Clippings	1993
1	Newspaper Clippings	1994

Series IV: Campaign Materials, 1970-2003

Scope and Content

Series IV includes Campaign materials, and one biographical file that contain miscellaneous biographical materials.

Box #	Folder Title	Date
1	Campaign Materials (9 folders)	undated, 1972-1974, 1980, 1982, 1988, 1990, 1993
1	Miscellaneous Biography	Undated, 1970-1984, 1986, 1992, 2003

Series V: Subject Files on Legislative Issues, 1971-1992

Scope and Content

This series includes various subject files, arranged in chronological order with the subject noted in the folder title.

Box #	Folder Title	Date
1	Legislative Matters	undated
1	Abortion Bill	04/07/1971

1	Senator Charles Hogan Resolution	04/12/1971
1	State Lottery Bill	09/27/1971
1	Abortion Bill	03/13/1972
1	Retirement Credit & Sale of Land Bills	04/11/1973
1	Recognition of Veterans Bill	07/25/1973
1	Fuel Adjustment and Flag Bills	06/13/1974
1	General Appropriations Bill	10/22/1975
1	Veterans Preference Decision	04/16/1976
1	Joseph Di Carlo Resolution	04/04/1977
1	Governor Dukakis, action concerning Sacco and Vanzetti	08/08/1977
1	Panama Canal Bill	03/13/1978
1	Resignation of Kevin B Harrington as President of Senate	07/31/1978
1	Tobacco/Cigarettes	05/08/1979
1	Tobacco Product Bills	04/30/1980
1	Naming of Senator Alan D. Sisitsky for unparliamentary behavior	11/02/1981
1	Religious Belief and Public Morality	09/13/1984
1	Generic Drug Bill	10/15/1985
1	Health Care	04/12/1998

1	Health Care Bills	06/29/1988
1	Reelection of William Bulger for Senate President	01/02/1991
1	Driver License and Drug Offense Bills	05/26/1992
1	Community Healthcare Bill	05/27/1992
1	Victim of Sexual Abuse – Damage Suits	06/16/1992
1	Retirees – Cost of Living Bill	06/16/1992
1	Senator Locke Statement	12/21/1992