



Nelson A. Rockefeller gubernatorial records, Program Office, Series 26

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Nelson A. Rockefeller served as governor of New York from January 1, 1959, to December 18, 1973. He was the first person elected to four consecutive four-year terms as a state governor.

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Biographical / Historical

Edgar D. Draper served as Program Associate in New York State Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's Executive Chamber. He also represented the state of New York as a delegate at several meeting for the Interstate Compact for Education and its governing body, the Education Commission of the States.

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Scope and Contents

NOTE TO RESEARCHERS

This series contains office files of Edgar D. Draper. They document official activities in the execution of his duties as a member of Rockefeller's staff. The actions, decisions, and exchanges of information or points of view documented here occurred in the course of proposing and implementing policies for the Rockefeller administration, political campaigns, and/or Rockefeller's personal activities. However, unless a document is specifically addressed to or from Nelson A. Rockefeller, or is referred to in a document addressed to him, it should not be assumed he saw the document or was aware of its existence or substance. Furthermore, researchers should bear in mind that staff files may contain documents or drafts addressed to Rockefeller that were never shown to him.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This series documents the activities of New York State Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's Program Office. It was created by Edgar D. Draper, who served as Program Associate in Rockefeller's Executive Chamber. The contents of the series predominately concern education reform and development as well as national trends in Republican Party politics. Material formats include correspondence, memoranda, reports, press releases, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, state and federal legislative bills, and transcripts of speeches and public addresses. In addition to Mr. Draper, correspondents found within the series include Secretary to the Governor William J. Ronan, Executive Officer to the Governor Alton G. Marshall, Commissioner of Education James E. Allen Jr., and Deputy Commissioner of Education Ewald B. Nyquist.

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Arrangement

The series is arranged into 7 subseries. The subseries arrangement is as follows:

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4. Long-Range program planning submissions, 1962-1966
5. Program planning preparations and follow-up, 1958-1966
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7. Conference materials, 1963-1965

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- Adult education and state
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- Government aid to education -- New York (State)
- Government policy
- Higher education and state
- Legislation -- New York (State)
- Minorities -- Education (Higher) -- United States
- Occupational training--United States
- Political campaigns -- United States
- Political parties
- Public policy
- Tuition -- Education, Higher -- United States

Other Finding Aids

Detailed finding aids for each series of this collection are available:

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Appointments Office \(FA353\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Assembly and Senate Memos \(FA354\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Joseph H. Boyd \(FA355\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, James Cannon \(FA356\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Affirmative Action \(N. Lee Cook\) \(FA357\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Counsel's Office \(FA358\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, New York State Committee to Reelect the President \(FA359\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Jerry A. Danzig \(FA360\)](#) [Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Executive Chamber \(FA361\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, 55th Street \(FA362\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Issue Books \(FA363\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Arthur Massolo \(FA364\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Hugh Morrow \(FA242\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, New York Office \(FA365\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Civil Service Resolutions \(Charles H. Palmer\) \(FA366\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Political Files \(FA367\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Press Office \(FA368\)](#)

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[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, William J. Ronan \(FA371\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Speeches \(FA372\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Diane Van Wie \(FA373\)](#)

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Collection Inventory

Political files, 1964-1966

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet About 2.5 LGL sized Hollinger Boxes

Scope and Contents

The contents of the subseries primarily pertain to Nelson A. Rockefeller's political record and achievements as New York State Governor, the tensions and shifts within the Republican Party at the time of the 1964 Presidential Election, Rockefeller's meetings with New York town and county community leaders, and Rockefeller's discontinued run for the Republican Party nomination in the 1964 election. General political records include the correspondence of Program Associate Edgar D. Draper, lists of commitments made by Rockefeller in regards to the activities of various state programs, and transcripts of speeches and interviews by Rockefeller and other individuals. Many of the records discuss the relationship between the Republican Party and the African American community in connection to the Civil Rights Movement and the Republican Party's 1964 presidential candidate, Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater. The subseries includes a transcript of a public statement by Rockefeller in which he discusses the outcome of the election and calls for a constructive rebuilding of the party. Materials related to Rockefeller's various town and county visits throughout the state of New York include memoranda, schedules, lists of key community leaders, and reports providing background information and points of local interest for each meeting location. These documents are loosely organized by the town or county they concern. Records related to Rockefeller's run for Republican Party presidential nominee include correspondence, reports, statements, and pamphlets as well other miscellaneous campaign materials. Several documents originate from the campaigns of other nomination candidates as well as from the larger Republican Party platform. Lastly, the subseries contains a small amount of documents related to John V. Lindsay's campaign for New York City Mayor in 1965.

Title/Description	Instances	
General political records, 1964	box 1	folder 1
General political records, 1965	box 1	folder 2
General political records, 1966	box 1	folder 3
John V. Lindsay New York City mayoral campaign white papers, 1965	box 1	folder 4
NAR town meetings, 1965	box 1	folder 5-8

Scope and Contents

Towns and counties represented within this file include:

1) Harlem; 2) Brooklyn; 3) Queens; 4) The Bronx; 5) City of Buffalo and Niagara and Erie Counties; 6) City of Syracuse and Onondaga County; 7) City of Utica and Oneida County; 8) Jamestown and Olean; 9) Albany; 10) City of Plattsburgh and Clinton County. Other miscellaneous towns and counties are also represented within the file.

NAR town meetings, 1965-1966	box 2	folder 9-12
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Scope and Contents

Towns and counties represented within this file include:

1) Nassau and Suffolk Counties; 2) City of Binghamton and Broome County; 3) City of Buffalo and Erie County; 4) City of Rochester and Monroe County 5) Rockland and Westchester Counties. Other miscellaneous towns and counties are represented within the file.

NAR town meetings, 1966	box 2	folder 13-16
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Scope and Contents

Towns and counties represented within this file include:

1) St. Lawrence County; 2) Harlem; 3) Cortland and Tompkins Counties; 4) Montgomery, Fulton, and Monroe Counties; 5) Auburn, Newark, and Geneva; 6) Oswego and Jefferson Counties; 7) City of New York and Dutchess and Ulster Counties; 7) Saratoga Springs and Glen Falls. Other miscellaneous towns and counties are also represented within the file.

NAR town meetings briefings, 1965	box 2	folder 17-19
NAR United States presidential campaign correspondence and reports, 1963-1964	box 3	folder 20

Scope and Contents

File contains a letter addressed from Edgar D. Draper to retired Baseball player Jackie Robinson. The letter discusses the comments of several African American participants on David Susskind's television program "Open End" about the Republican Party. Draper asks Robinson if he thinks it is advisable to arrange a meeting where they can discuss suggested Republican Party outreach to the African American community. Robinson served as one of Nelson A. Rockefeller's national campaign directors for the 1964 Presidential Election.

NAR United States presidential campaign statements, brochures, and other promotional materials, 1964	box 3	folder 21-24
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Education files, 1959-1967

Physical Description: 1.5 Cubic Feet About 3.5 LGL sized Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

This subseries documents matters related to New York State funding for education as well as to attempts at education reform and development by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's Executive Chamber, the New York State Education Department, and other local, state, and national organizations concerned with education policy and institutions. Much of the education reform discussed in the subseries involves expansion of education opportunities to minority and disadvantaged populations, increased medical and health professional training in response to the state's Medicaid program, and improved programs for science and technology learning. Several files concern state and national education policy in a broad sense. These files include correspondence, reports, and other materials related to legislation and performance of state education programs, background information on the proposed Pennsylvania Plan property tax law, and multistate collaboration on education policy through the activities of the Interstate Compact for Education. A large part of the subseries specifically pertains to higher education policy and development with a particular focus on funding for the City University of New York. These materials include transcripts of addresses by various education and city officials before a Joint Legislative Committee on Education on March 22, 1966, CUNY budget information, correspondence concerning Rockefeller's support for the City University Supplementary Aid and Construction Bill, and a number of draft letters Program Associate Edgar D. Draper created when preparing Rockefeller's official responses to calls for greater state aid to CUNY. This subseries

also includes tabulations of monetary amounts distributed by the state for college scholarships in the academic years 1958-1959 and 1964-1965.

Title/Description	Instances	
General education program records, 1965-1966	box 3	folder 25
General education program records, January 1966-April 1966	box 3	folder 26-28
General education program records, May 1966-June 1966	box 3	folder 29
Correspondence and press releases related to adult education, 1966	box 3	folder 30
NAR address before the New York State League of Women Voters, 1966	box 4	folder 31
NAR statements on education, 1964	box 4	folder 32-33
NAR statements on education, 1964-1966	box 4	folder 34
New York State education and departmental white papers , 1959-1966	box 4	folder 35
New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education recommendations and statements, 1966	box 4	folder 36
New York State Legislature Rules Report No. 595, 1966	box 4	folder 37
Appropriations and budget information related to City University of New York, 1963-1966	box 4	folder 38-39
Correspondence and reports related to City University of New York, 1966	box 4	folder 40
Draft NAR position statements and letter responses related to City University of New York, 1966	box 4	folder 41
Recommendations and statements related to City University of New York, 1966	box 5	folder 42-43
Comparative tabulations for New York State aid for higher education, 1966	box 5	folder 44-46

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Four oversize items have been removed from this file in order so that they could be moved to flat file storage containers. They are titled: 1) List of NYS cities and villages; 2) Draft chart of state aid tabulations; 3) Draft tabulations; and 4) College Master File. They have been assigned the unique separations numbers 2017:FA1205:001 – 2017:FA1205:004.

Correspondence related to tabulations for New York State aid for higher education, 1966	box 5	folder 47
New York State Education Department correspondence and reports, 1966	box 5	folder 48-50

Correspondence and reports related to State University of New York, 1966	box 6	folder 51
State University of New York Construction Fund models and sketches, circa 1966	box 6	folder 52
Records related to higher education in general, 1964-1966	box 6	folder 53
Records related to higher education in general, January 1966-June 1966	box 6	folder 54
Records related to health professionals' education, 1966	box 6	folder 55
Records related to medical education , 1966	box 6	folder 56
Correspondence and reports related to state and national education organizations, 1966	box 6	folder 57-58
New York State Science and Technology Foundation correspondence, reports, and press releases, 1964-1967	box 6	folder 59-60
New York State Science and Technology Foundation correspondence, reports, and press releases, 1966	box 6	folder 61
Records related to elementary and secondary education, general, 1966	box 6	folder 62-63
Records related to elementary and secondary education, New York City public schools, 1966	box 7	folder 64

Interstate Compact for Education, 1965-1968

Physical Description: 1.25 Cubic Feet About 3 LGL sized Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

This subseries documents the involvement of Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's administration in the origins and activities of the Interstate Compact for Education and its governing body, the Education Commission of the States. Much of the content found within the subseries pertains to different planning, interim, and annual meetings of the Compact and Commission. These records primarily consist of conference programs, reports, lists of attendees, meeting minutes, agendas, transcripts of addresses, and promotional materials related to both the actual meetings and the cities that hosted the meetings. The subseries also contains correspondence, press clippings, and transcripts of public speeches that relate to the Compact in a broader sense. The correspondence compiled by Rockefeller's Program Associate, Edgar D. Draper, chiefly concerns the list of delegates Rockefeller selected to represent the state of New York at different meetings of the Education Commission of the States. Lastly, the subseries contains several copies of the Compact for Education summary, copies of the Compact's Enabling Act, copies of New York State legislative bills related to the state joining the Compact, a copy of the Education Commission of the States Bylaws, and drafts and copies of other resolutions passed by the Compact.

Title/Description	Instances	
General correspondence, 1965-1967	box 7	folder 65-68
Compact for Education Enabling Act and bills for New York State adoption, 1965-1967	box 7	folder 69-70
Education Commission of the States Bylaws and other Compact for Education resolutions, 1965	box 7	folder 71

Education Commission of the States publications and reports, 1966-1967	box 7	folder 72-73
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Scope and Contents

This file contains three publications printed by the Education Commission of the States:

1) "Power Play for Control of Education" - a copy of the edited proceedings of the Commission's 1967 Annual Meeting; 2) Vol.1 No.7 of "Compact" - a monthly journal publication by the Commission; 3) "Seven Critical Issues in Education: Alternatives for State Action" - a collection of papers discussing education problems.

This file also includes one summary report published by the New York State Department of Education about a multistate education conference that was titled "To Strengthen State-Local Relationships in Urban Education". Other types of documents such as correspondence and newspaper clippings were originally interspersed throughout the publications. They are currently housed with the publications with which they were originally attached.

Compact for Education Planning Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, lists and proceedings, 1965	box 8	folder 74
Compact for Education Planning Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, programs and promotion, 1965	box 8	folder 75
Compact for Education Planning Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, duplicates: Lists, agendas, and reports, 1965	box 8	folder 76
Compact for Education Planning Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, duplicates: Reports and addresses, 1965	box 8	folder 77
Compact for Education Interim Planning Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1966	box 8	folder 78
Education Commission of the States First Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 1966	box 8	folder 79
Education Commission of the States First Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, duplicates: Lists and addresses, 1966	box 8	folder 80
Education Commission of the States First Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, duplicates: Minutes, resolutions, and recommended studies, 1966	box 8	folder 81-82
Education Commission of the States Second Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 1967	box 9	folder 83-84
Education Commission of the States Steering Committee Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 1967	box 9	folder 85-86
Education Commission of the States Third Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 1968	box 9	folder 87-88

Addresses and speeches related to Compact for Education, 1965

	box 9	folder 89
Press clippings related to Compact for Education, 1965-1966	box 9	folder 90
Miscellaneous and duplicates, 1965-1966	box 9	folder 91-92

Scope and Contents

File contains duplicates of items primarily found within the file "Compact for Education Enabling Act and bills for New York State adoption" as well as miscellaneous documents not found within the rest of the subseries. These documents chiefly relate to the operations of the Compact.

Long-Range Program Planning submissions, 1962-1966

Physical Description: .75 Cubic Feet About 2 LGL sized Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains a small group of Long-Range Program Plans submitted by the New York State Commission for Human Rights, the New York State Education Department, and the New York State Division for Youth. According to the Guidelines and Instructions for Preparation of Long-Range Program Planning Submissions, agencies were required to compile this data in order to assist the New York State Division of the Budget in determining annual budget needs and in identifying the long-term impact of State programs. The Guidelines identify the expansion of state government and the developments in federal assistance programs as reasons for the need of a more systematic approach by the State in coordinating the program plans of individual agencies. A copy of these Guidelines, prepared by the Division of the Budget, is included with the subseries. Not all plans appear to be complete, but their individual components have been grouped together in the files in order to represent their contextual relationship.

Title/Description	Instances	
Division of the Budget guidelines for Long-Range Program Planning submissions, 1965	box 10	folder 93
Commission for Human Rights, 1962-1965	box 10	folder 94

Scope and Contents

In addition to the Long-Range Program Planning submission by the Commission for Human Rights, this file also contains a small pamphlet about New York State programs and legislation for advancing civil rights.

Education Department, 1965	box 10	folder 95-99
<h3>Scope and Contents</h3> <p>File contains all Long-Range Programming Plans compiled for the year 1965</p>		
Education Department, 1966	box 11	folder 100-104
<h3>Scope and Contents</h3> <p>File includes Long-Range Programming Plans for:</p>		

1) Center on Innovation in Education; 2) Vocational Rehabilitation; 3) Elementary, Secondary, and Continuing Education; 4) Research and Evaluation; 5) Cultural Education and Special Services; 6) Regents Examination and Scholarships Center; 7) Educational Finance and Management Services.

Division for Youth, 1965

box 11

folder
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Scope and Contents

File contains Long-Range Programming Plans for:

1) Municipal Delinquency Prevention; 2) Facilities Program; 3) Research; 4) Administration; 5) Exhibits; 6) Departmental Summary

Division for Youth, 1966

box 12

folder
107-108

Scope and Contents

File includes Long-Range Programming Plans for:

1) Administration and Research; 2) Facilities Program; 3) Local Assistance Program.

Program planning preparations and follow-up, 1958-1966

Physical Description: .25 Cubic Feet About .5 LGL sized Hollinger box

Scope and Contents

Records within this subseries chiefly pertain to the development of New York State government long-term program planning, the planning processes of different State agencies, and the program planning follow-up documentation and measures prepared by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's Program Associate Edgar D. Draper and other State staff members. Draper's copy of a program planning follow-up log is included. Handwritten notes have been added to this copy as well as correspondence concerning a follow-up program related to public educational television and the hearings for the 1965 Long-Range Program Planning submissions of the New York State Division for Youth, the New York State Education Department, and the New York State Commission for Human Rights. Other follow-up correspondence and reports included within the subseries pertain to a follow-up program about recruitment and training for professional State jobs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Materials related to Long-Range Program Planning preparations, 1958-1964	box 12	folder 109
Program Planning Follow-up log, 1965	box 12	folder 110
Program Planning Follow-up correspondence and reports, 1965	box 12	folder 111-112
Program Planning Follow-up correspondence and reports, 1966	box 12	folder 113

Federal legislation, 1961-1966

Physical Description: .25 Cubic Feet About .5 LGL sized Hollinger box

Scope and Contents

Subseries contains copies of federal legislative bills. These bills concern such subjects as education, school prayer, youth employment and delinquency, voting rights and other civil rights matters, hospital insurance, physical and mental health, manpower development, area redevelopment, poverty, Appalachia, and library services. Handwritten notes have been added to several of the bills.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bills, 1961-1966	box 12	folder 114-115
Bills, 1963-1964	box 12	folder 116
Bills, 1963-1966	box 13	folder 117
Bills, 1963-1966	box 13	folder 118

Conference materials, 1963-1965

Physical Description: .75 Cubic Feet About 1.5 LGL sized Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

Materials found within this subseries pertain to a number of regional, state, and national conferences as well as to the different social, education, economic, and political subjects those conferences concerned. In the course of his duties as Program Associate for Nelson A. Rockefeller's Executive Chamber, Edgar D. Draper attended several of the conferences documented in the subseries. He also worked with other State government staff to prepare background information for Rockefeller's participation at other conferences and to help organize conferences set up by the State and Rockefeller's administration. Files in the subseries primarily pertain to individual conferences, but there are a few that group together documents concerning a number of different conferences on a particular theme such as industry. Common material formats found within the subseries include correspondence, invitations, schedules, programs, press clippings, and reports.

Title/Description	Instances	
Governor's Conference on Aging, 1963	box 13	folder 119
Governors' Conference, 1964	box 13	folder 120
Governors' Conference, 1965	box 13	folder 121-122
National Negro Republican Assembly, 1965	box 13	folder 123
New York State Citizens Committee for the Public Schools 13th Annual Conference, 1963-1965	box 13	folder 124-125
New York State Citizens Committee for the Public Schools 14th Annual Conference, 1965	box 14	folder 126
New York State conferences on CUNY College Discovery Program and community colleges, 1964	box 14	folder 127
New York State conferences on education, 1963-1965	box 14	folder 128
New York State conferences on industrial growth, 1963	box 14	folder 129-130
Western New York Invitational Conference on Asia, 1964	box 14	folder 131

White House Conference on Education, 1965

box 14

folder 132