



# **Rockefeller (Nelson A.) Gubernatorial records, Gene Wyckoff, Series 36**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Wyckoff, Gene
<b>Creator - ctb:</b>	Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich)
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Governor (1959-1973 : Rockefeller)
<b>Title:</b>	Nelson A. Rockefeller gubernatorial records, Gene Wyckoff, Series 36
<b>ID:</b>	FA375
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1961-1965
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.9 Cubic Feet 5 document boxes.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

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## Biographical/Historical note

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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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## Scope and Contents note

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NOTE TO RESEARCHERS

This series contains the office files of Gene Wyckoff. They document official activities in the execution of his duties as a member of Nelson A. 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 personally signed by Nelson A. Rockefeller, or is referred to in a document personally signed by 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 is a nearly complete representation of "Executive Chamber," a television program written and produced by Gene Wyckoff. Topics were worked out in conjunction with Governor Nelson Rockefeller and members of his staff. The programs, broadcast in late 1964 and 1965, were designed to make clear the Governor's position on issues of importance to New York State voters.

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## Arrangement note

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This series is arranged in two subseries:

Subseries 1 - "Executive Chamber" Program Files, 1961-1965  
Subseries 2 - "Executive Chamber" Scripts and Related Materials, 1965-1965

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## File Plan note

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### Processing Information note

Processing Level 3: Standard Processing.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Governors -- Election -- New York (State) -- 1958

- Government policy
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- Governors -- Election -- New York (State) -- 1962
- Public policy
- Presidential candidates -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- State governments -- United States
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- Arms control
- Civil defense -- United States
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- Civil service
- Federal government -- United States
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- Latin America
- Legislation -- New York (State)
- International relations
- International relations -- United States
- Human rights
- International economic relations
- Affirmative action programs -- New York (State)
- Governors -- Election -- New York (State) -- 1970
- United States
- Vice-Presidents -- United States
- Presidential campaigns -- United States
- Political campaigns -- United States
- Political science
- New York (N.Y.)
- New York (State)

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## Other Finding Aids note

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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 \(FA368\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Public Relations \(FA369\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Departmental Reports \(FA370\)](#)

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

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

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

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, Ann C. Whitman, Gubernatorial \(FA374\)](#)

[Nelson A. Rockefeller Gubernatorial Records, New York Republican State Fund Raising Reports \(FA376\)](#)

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## Collection Inventory

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**"Executive Chamber" Program Files, 1961-1965**

Physical Description: 3 box(es)

### Arrangement note

Subseries 1 is arranged alphabetically by issue.

### Scope and Contents note

This subseries covers a variety of issues concerning New York State. It deals with topics that were covered by the "Executive Chamber" broadcasts as well as those considered for future shows.

Title/Description	Instances	
Atomic Research and Development Authority Report, 1964	box 1	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Script for "Operation Sun Drum II"; Second Annual Report of the New York State Atomic Research and Development Authority; report, "Malta Test Station," New York State Atomic Research and Development Authority.		
Criminal Justice System, 1965	box 1	folder 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Report, "The New York State Identification and Intelligence System"; background information on New York State Corrections.		
"Executive Chamber" #8 - Watkins Glen Scripts, 1965	box 1	folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Drafts of "Executive Chamber" #8, 'A Walk in the Glen,' broadcast, May 1965.		
"Executive Chamber" #8 - Watkins Glen - Selected Production Detail, Releases, 1965	box 1	folder 4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Background information, taping schedules, production follow-up on "Executive Chamber" #8.		
Farm Labor, 1964	box 1	folder 5
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Report, "A Helping Hand, Seasonal Farm Labor in New York State," November 1964; January 1964 issue of "Industrial Labor."		
Financing, 1965	box 1	folder 6



## Scope and Contents note

Memorandum to Wyckoff enclosing NAR remarks on financial methods.

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Human Rights, 1965

box 1

folder 7

## Scope and Contents note

Correspondence from Jerry Danzig to George Fowler, Commissioner of New York State Commission for Human Rights, on human rights topic for an "Executive Chamber" program.

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Indians, 1963-1965

box 1

folder 8

## Scope and Contents note

Report, "The Indian Today in New York State"; report, "Annual Report of New York State Interdepartmental Committee on Indian Affairs."

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Mental Health, 1965

box 1

folder 9

## Scope and Contents note

Scripts, drafts, background materials, memorandum and reports, 'screen shots,' press releases on "Executive Chamber" #7, "The Troubled Mind," broadcast April 1965.

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Mental Health, 1965

box 1

folder 10

## Scope and Contents note

Scripts, drafts, background materials, memorandum and reports, 'screen shots,' press releases on "Executive Chamber" #7, "The Troubled Mind," broadcast April 1965.

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Mental Health, 1965

box 1

folder 11

## Scope and Contents note

Scripts, drafts, background materials, memorandum and reports, 'screen shots,' press releases on "Executive Chamber" #7, "The Troubled Mind," broadcast April 1965.

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Mental Health, 1965

box 2

folder 12

## Scope and Contents note

Scripts, drafts, background materials, memorandum and reports, 'screen shots,' press releases on "Executive Chamber" #7, "The Troubled Mind," broadcast April 1965.

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Music and Recording, 1964-1965

box 2

folder 13

### Scope and Contents note

Music cue sheets for recordings used in production of "Executive Chamber" programs.

Related Archival Materials note:

### Related Archival Materials note

Nine record albums (78 rpm) were removed from this folder and are stored with the audio collection.

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Narcotics, 1965	box 2	folder 14
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### Scope and Contents note

Background information on Narcotics for possible used in a future "Executive Chamber" program.

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New York State Transportation Association Maps and Timetables	box 2	folder 15
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### Scope and Contents note

Airline timetables, New York State maps.

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Park Development, 1964	box 2	folder 16
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### Scope and Contents note

Memorandum to NAR from Laurance S. Rockefeller on park development in New York State.

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Parks, 1961-1963	box 2	folder 17
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### Scope and Contents note

Report, "2 Year Progress Report on Land Acquisition for Parks and Recreation."

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Scheduling, "Executive Chamber", 1965	box 2	folder 18
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### Scope and Contents note

Background information, production notes on scheduling of the taping of "Executive Chamber" #8.

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TV, 1965	box 2	folder 19
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### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence and memoranda on production of "Executive Chamber" programs and their release to television outlets.

Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

Fourteen caption boards for the Executive Chamber series were removed from this folder and placed in box 5.

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Water Pollution Film, 1964	box 2	folder 20
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## Scope and Contents note

Scripts, drafts, background materials, press releases on "Executive Chamber" #2, 'Little Drops of Water.'

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Water Pollution Film, 1964	box 3	folder 21
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## Scope and Contents note

Scripts, drafts, background materials, press releases on "Executive Chamber" #2, 'Little Drops of Water.'

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Women, 1964	box 3	folder 22
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## Scope and Contents note

Report, "New York Women and Their Changing World."

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Photo Caption Boards - Executive Chamber	box 5	folder 1
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Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Dr. William J. Ronan, Tri-State Transportation Committee	box 5	folder 2
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Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Dr. Ronan	box 5	folder 3
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Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Per Capita Aid	box 5	folder 4
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Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Repeal of Full Crew Law	box 5	folder 5
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## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - J. Burch McMorran, Supt. of Public Works	box 5	folder 6
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Related Archival Materials note:

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Photo Caption Boards - Education	box 5	folder 7
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Photo Caption Boards - Water Pollution	box 5	folder 8
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## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Highway Safety	box 5	folder 9
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Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Dr. James E. Allen, Jr., Commissioner of Education	box 5	folder 10
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Photo Caption Boards - Dr. James E. Allen, Jr., Commissioner of Education	box 5	folder 11
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Related Archival Materials note:

## Related Archival Materials note

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Photo Caption Boards - Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, Inc., Albany	box 5	folder 12
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Photo Caption Boards - Dr. Hollis S. Ingram, Commissioner of Health	box 5	folder 13
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Related Archival Materials note:

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Photo Caption Boards - Lawrence W. Pierce, Division of Youth	box 5	folder 14
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Related Archival Materials note:

**Related Archival Materials note**

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**"Executive Chamber" Scripts and Related Materials, 1964-1965**

Physical Description: 2 box(es)

**Arrangement note**

This subseries is arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains scripts, production notes, and selected correspondence on the majority of the "Executive Chamber" programs that were broadcast. The production notes include such information as filming schedules, ideas on images and text to include in the various broadcasts, length of scenes in terms of both time and footage, sound and music suggestions, and production costs.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Executive Chamber" #1, "How Much Education" - Scripts, November 1964	box 3	folder 23
"Executive Chamber" #1, "How Much Education" - Production Notes, November 1964	box 3	folder 24
"Executive Chamber" #1, "How Much Education" - Correspondence, November 1964	box 3	folder 25
"Executive Chamber" #2, "Little Drops of Water" - Scripts, December 1964	box 3	folder 26
"Executive Chamber" #2, "Little Drops of Water" - Production Notes, December 1964	box 3	folder 27
"Executive Chamber" #2, "Little Drops of Water" - Correspondence, December 1964	box 3	folder 28
"Executive Chamber" #3, "In the Name of the People" - Scripts, December 1964	box 3	folder 29
"Executive Chamber" #3, "In the Name of the People" - Production Notes, December 1964	box 3	folder 30

"Executive Chamber" #3, "In the Name of the People" - Correspondence, December 1964	box 3	folder 31
"Executive Chamber" #4, "The View from the Governor's Chair" - Scripts, January 1965	box 4	folder 32
"Executive Chamber" #4, "The View from the Governor's Chair" - Production Notes, January 1965	box 4	folder 33
"Executive Chamber" #4, "The View from the Governor's Chair" - Correspondence, January 1965	box 4	folder 34
"Executive Chamber" #4, "The View from the Governor's Chair" - Duplicate Bills for Reference, January 1965	box 4	folder 35
"Executive Chamber" #5, "The Troubled Mind" - Scripts, February 1965	box 4	folder 36
"Executive Chamber" #5, "The Troubled Mind" - Production Notes, February 1965	box 4	folder 37
"Executive Chamber" #5, "The Troubled Mind" - Correspondence, February 1965	box 4	folder 38
"Executive Chamber" #6, "The Transportation Tangle" - Scripts, March 1965	box 4	folder 39
"Executive Chamber" #6, "The Transportation Tangle" - Production Notes, March 1965	box 4	folder 40
"Executive Chamber" #6, "The Transportation Tangle" - Correspondence, March 1965	box 4	folder 41