

Taliaferro (Sidney) Scrapbooks Collection

An inventory of Sidney Taliaferro Scrapbooks Collection at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

Repository:	People's Archive, MLK Library
Creator:	Taliaferro, Sydney F.
Title:	Sidney Taliaferro Scrapbooks Collection
ID:	050
Date [inclusive]:	1927-1930
Physical Description:	0.6 Linear feet
Physical Description:	3 Boxes
Language of the Material:	English
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Biographical / Historical

Sidney F. Taliaferro was born in Salem, Virginia in 1885 and began his working career as an office boy when he was 13. In 1899, Taliaferro moved to Washington where he worked as an insurance agent while he attended night school at Georgetown University Law School. After graduation, he practiced law and earned a respected reputation representing railroad companies. In 1926 he was appointed D.C. Commissioner by Calvin Coolidge and served until 1930 when he resigned to join the Riggs National Bank as a vice president and trust officer until he retired in 1950. Mr. Taliaferro was also very active in civic affairs. He was director of the Washington Gas Light Company for many years, and served on many public and corporate boards, including the public utilities commission, zoning commission, board of public welfare, Boys Club of Washington, YWCA, Salvation Army, Group Hospitalization, Julius Garfinkel Company, and Brooks Brothers.

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Scope and Contents

The scrapbooks consist primarily of clippings that highlight Mr. Taliaferro's activities while he was Commissioner of the District from 1926-1930. The scrapbooks also contain programs, letters, tickets, invitations, and other memorabilia regarding Herbert Hoover's inauguration in 1929; original signed letters from President Hoover, Taliaferro, local D.C. officials, and citizen groups; and a number of programs and typewritten remarks/speeches of Mr. Taliaferro from social, political, and civic events in which he participated.

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Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ephemera
- Scrapbooks
- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series 1

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1, April 1927-May 1928	Box 1 Folder 1

Volume 2, May 1928-March 1930	Box 2	Folder 1
Signed letter from Herbert Hoover, 11/9/1928	Box 3	Folder 1
Inaugural Ceremonies program, March 4 1929	Box 3	Folder 2
Inaugural invitation, March 4 1929	Box 3	Folder 3
Signed letter from Charles Edison on stationary "From the Lab of Thomas A. Edison", June 5 1929	Box 3	Folder 4
Original letters from Hoover/Hoover's staff/citizens, 1929-1930	Box 3	Folder 5
Signed letters from Taliaferro, February 1930	Box 3	Folder 6

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