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Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia
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Neal Family Papers, 1864-1957

Collection Summary:

Title: Neal Family Papers

Span Dates:1864-1957

Creator: Dr. William E. Neal

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1975/12.0117

Date Completed: June, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Search Terms:

William Elmer Neal (1875-1959)

Diaries

Politicians

Physicians and doctors

Biographical Notes:

William Elmer Neal (October 14, 1875 – November 12, 1959) was a physician and U.S. Representative from West Virginia. Originally born in Proctorville, Ohio, he graduated from Proctorville High School in 1894 and graduated from National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio, in 1900 and received a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1906. He started practicing medicine in Huntington, West Virginia, in 1907 and served as mayor of Huntington 1925-1928. He served as member of Huntington Park Board 1931-1952, and West Virginia Public Health Council 1936-1940. He was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1951 and 1952.

Neal was elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third Congress (January 3, 1953 – January 3, 1955), defeating the incumbent Congressman and former Marshall professor Maurice G. Burnside. Burnside sought a rematch in 1954, and defeated Neal for reelection to the Eighty-fourth Congress. He served as medical consultant to Foreign Operations Administration in Afghanistan from February 17, 1955, to June 20, 1955. Neal challenged Burnside a third time in 1956 and was elected to the Eighty-fifth Congress (January 3, 1957 – January 3, 1959). He was defeated for reelection in 1958 by another Marshall professor, Ken Hechler, to the Eighty-sixth Congress.

He died in Huntington, West Virginia, November 12, 1959 and was interred there in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Information taken from:

<https://history.house.gov/HistoricalHighlight/Detail/36426>

bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=N000017

Scope and Content:

Papers include diaries describing teaching school in Kentucky and Ohio in the 1890's, and life in Rome Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. Other locations mentioned include Bradrick and Proctorville, Ohio and Salem, Kentucky. Scrapbooks of clippings about the Nixon family, especially the female members, comprise most of the collection.

Processing Notes:

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Container**Contents**

Box 1 (half size)

Folder	Two diaries, 1896 and 1899
Folder	Letter from TJ Neal, 1903
Folder	Memorandum book with poetry and verse, [1852?]
Folder	Commencement announcement for Proctorville High School, 1894
Folder	Article, "Cyphering Book" by Helen Bottimore Jones, and YMCA membership card
Folder	Photographs, 1957 (William E. Neal, Dwight Eisenhower, and Richard Nixon)
Folder	"The Library of Congress" souvenir booklet by Howard Grey Douglas, 1901
Folder	"An Introduction to the Study of American Literature" by Brander Matthews, 1896

Box 2 (full size)

Scrapbook, red with gold rectangular decoration containing clippings about the marriage of Tricia Nixon to Edward Cox

Scrapbook, green with gold filigree line decoration containing clippings about the women of the Nixon presidential family

Scrapbook, red with gold filigree line decoration containing clippings about the women of the Nixon presidential family

Scrapbook, green with gold filigree rectangular decoration containing clippings about the daughters of Richard Nixon, Julie and Tricia Nixon

Scrapbook, white with gold filigree line decoration containing clippings about the Nixon family during Nixon's presidential campaign and subsequent win

Scrapbook, green with gold star decoration containing clippings about the Nixon family, especially the women, during Nixon's presidential campaign and subsequent win

Scrapbook, brown with gold star decoration containing clippings about the women of the Nixon presidential family: Pat Nixon, Julie Nixon, and Tricia Nixon