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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	William E. Adams Papers
ID:	apap221
Date [inclusive]:	1966-1970
Physical Description:	28 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	The collection consists of materials from William E. Adams' service in the New York State Senate.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, William E. Adams Papers, 1966-1970. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Adams Papers).

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Biographical History

William E. Adams was born on December 25, 1922, in Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana. Adams attended Indiana University Bloomington, which is a public research University in Bloomington, Indiana. At Bloomington, he took pre-law courses. Adams graduated with an LLB (an undergraduate law degree) from the University of Buffalo Law School. He practiced law in Buffalo, New York. He married Jacquela Devlin, and they had four children together.

Adams was a Republican and served as a member of the New York State Assembly from Erie County in the 2nd District (1957-1964) and a member of the New York State Senate (1966-1970) from the 61st (1966) and 53rd (1967-1970) Districts.

On December 12, 1969, he was accused by a federal grand jury for denying under oath that he received a bribe of \$5,000. This accused bribe was from a Medicaid bill collecting company. Adams was alleged to have taken a payment of \$5,000 in cash from two officers of a company that hinged on Medicaid for survival. At the trial, he said that he did not violate any laws or abuse any of his power. Adams' trial began on March 30, 1970, and he was acquitted on April 7, 1970.

He died in 1983.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of materials from William E. Adams' service in the New York State Senate, including correspondence, bills, legislative files, subject files, reports, and clippings.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

1969-1970	William Adams initially donated his papers to Syracuse University in a series of three accessions.
2006	The papers were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

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Controlled Access Headings

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