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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Goldstein, Nathaniel Lawrence Papers
ID: apap249
Date [inclusive]: 1943-1967
Physical Description: 21.98 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract: Nathaniel L. Goldstein of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, was born on June 9, 1986 in New York, New York. Goldstein was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1940, 1944, and 1948 and served as New York State Attorney General from 1943 through 1954. This collection documents Goldstein's political career.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Nathaniel Lawrence Goldstein Papers, 1943-1967. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Goldstein Papers).

Biographical / Historical

Nathaniel L. Goldstein of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, was born on June 9, 1986 in New York, New York. Goldstein went to New York University and joined Alpha Epsilon Phi. Goldstein earned his law degree at New York Law School in 1918, and after graduation he served in the United States Army during World War I. Goldstein worked as an accountant and eventually began to practice law with Brooklyn Assemblyman Charles C. Lockwood.
Goldstein was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1940, 1944, and 1948 and served as New York State Attorney General from 1943 through 1954. Goldstein spent much of his time as attorney general dealing with rent-control litigation. Goldstein also wanted to withdraw the New York State charter for the Ku Klux Klan, and was able to give the FBI 1100 names of members of the Ku Klux Klan and the Hitler-resurgent German American Bund.

Goldstein was a member of the American Bar Association, Zionist Organization of America, American Legion, Freemasons, B'nai B'rith, and Elks. Goldstein acted as special counsel for the law firm Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, and Underbreg and was active in the Jewish Community in New York City. Goldstein died on March 24, 1981 and was survived by his wife and children.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of materials relating to Goldstein's political career, including 37 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings as well as subject files, correspondence, speeches, press releases, and additional newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

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

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Processing Information

Processed by unprocessed.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Nathaniel Lawrence Goldstein donated his papers to Syracuse University in 1963-1964. Additonal materials were donated in 1968-1969 and 1971-1973. In 2006, materials were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

Conditions Governing 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.

Conditions Governing Use

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Controlled Access Headings

- Goldstein, Nathaniel L., 1896-1981
- Politics and Politicians