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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Ernest I. Hatfield Papers document Hatfield's service in the New York State Senate, where he served from 1948-1964, and the years immediately following. The collection includes correspondence, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, speeches, and bills he introduced.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Sketch

Ernest I. Hatfield was born in Mt. Pleasant, Westchester County, NY in 1890. He graduated from Westchester County schools and attended the Eastman-Gaines Business College in New York City. Hatfield worked in insurance and real estate, and was a farmer. A resident of Poughkeepsie, NY, Hatfield was a Republican member of the New York State Assembly (Dutchess County 2nd District 1943-1944, Dutchess County 1945-1947) and served as chairman of the Mortgage and Real Estate Committee, and on the Insurance and Public Service Committees.

He then ran for and won election to the New York State Senate representing the 33rd District from 1948-1954 and the 35th District from 1955-1964. While in the State Senate, Hatfield was chairman of

the Banks Committee and served on the Agriculture, Education, Excise, Finance, Labor and Industry, Public Relief and Welfare, Public Service, and Rules Committees. In addition, Hatfield was chairman of the temporary New York State Commission on Historic Observances.

Hatfield also was a member of the Freemasons, Knights Templar, Grotto, Exchange Club and Common Council in Poughkeepsie. He owned the business E.I. Hatfield, Inc. He died in 1977 in Dutchess County.

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Scope and Contents

Ernest Hatfield Papers donated his papers a few years after he left the New York State Senate. The collection contains correspondence, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, photographs, printed bills, and legislative transcript materials mostly dating from 1950 to 1964 during his Senate service. A Republican, Hatfield represented the Dutchess County 33rd district from 1948-1954 and 35th district from 1955-1964 in the State Senate. Although he previously served in the New York State Assembly, the collection does not include materials from this tenure. Topics of interest in the collection include documents related to Hatfield's role as chairman of the New York State Commission on Historic Observances and the Social Security bill, which prevented the separation of Social Security from the pensions of retired civil service employees.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

- 1 Series 1 - General Correspondence, 1953-1968
- 2 Series 2 - Legislative and Public Affairs, 1950-1951, 1954-1957, 1959-1964, 1967, Undated
- 3 Series 3 - Scrapbooks, 1949-1964

Series 1 and 3 are arranged chronologically. Series 2 is arranged alphabetically by the subject of the legislative bills.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Ernest Hatfield initially donated his papers to Syracuse University in a series of deliveries from 1966-1970. In 2006, the papers were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Politics and Politicians
- Politicians--New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Dutchess County (N.Y.)
- Poughkeepsie (N.Y.)

- Bills (legislative records)
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Files by subject
- Legislative Records
- Scrapbooks
- Hatfield, Ernest I.
- New York (State). Legislature. Senate
- New York (State). Committee to Revise Banking Law, Joint Legislative
- New York (State). Temporary State Commission on Historic Observances
- New York (State). Legislature. Senate. Committee on Finance
- New York (State). Legislature. Senate. Standing Committee on Labor and Industry
- New York (State). Legislature. Senate. Standing Committee on Agriculture

Collection Inventory

General Correspondence, 1953-1968

Physical Description: 0.5 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memos directed to Ernest Hatfield from fellow government officials and constituents. Subjects vary from casual greetings and congratulatory messages to individuals asking for help obtaining birth certificates or clarifying their pension issue.

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence, 1953-1955	Box 1 (1- Folder 1 General Correspondence)
Correspondence, 1956	Box 1 (1- Folder 2-5 General Correspondence)
Correspondence, 1957-1959	Box 1 (1- Folder 6 General Correspondence)
Correspondence, 1960	Box 1 (1- Folder 7-8 General Correspondence)
Correspondence, 1961	

	Box 1 (1- General Correspondence)	Folder 9
Correspondence, 1962	Box 1 (1- General Correspondence)	Folder 10-12
Correspondence, 1963	Box 1 (1- General Correspondence)	Folder 13
Correspondence, 1964-1968	Box 1 (1- General Correspondence)	Folder 14

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Legislative and Public Affairs, 1950-19511954-19571959-19641967Undated

Physical Description: .8 cu. ft.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by the subject of the legislative bill.

Scope and Contents

This series contains bills introduced by Ernest Hatfield or ones he wanted to amend, correspondence related to bills, the State Commission on Historic Observances Historic Observances and related correspondence, and legislative transcripts. Items that may be of interest to researchers are Hatfield's attempts to raise funds and garner support to build the Beacon-Newburgh Bridge, the Chiropractor bill which supported recognizing the chiropractic profession, and the Social Security bill in the Civil Service Law which opposed the government in separating Social Security benefits from pension of retired civil service employees.

Title/Description	Instances	
Agriculture and markets law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 15
Alcoholic beverage control law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 16
Amend previous acts, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 17
Blatnick bill, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative	Folder 18

	and Public Affairs)	
Chiropractor bill, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 19
Civil Service Law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 20
Compulsory automobile insurance bill, 1954-1962-1963	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 21
Compulsory workman's compensation insurance for farmers, 1964	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 22
Concurrent resolution of Senate and Assembly, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 23
Conservation law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 24
Correction law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 25
County law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 26
Dirksen Eastland bill, 1964	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 27
Education laws, 1955-1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 28
Erwin bill, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 29
Firearm bill, 1964	Box 1 (2- Legislative	Folder 30

	and Public Affairs)	
General business law, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 31
General municipal law, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 32
Greenport Fire District, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 33
Hatfield election materials, Undated	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 34
Highway law, 19561967	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 35
Insurance law, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 36
Joint Legislative Committee on docks in the City of New York, 1962	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 37
Joint Legislative Committee to Revise the Banking Law questionnaire, 1962Undated	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 38
Judiciary law, 19551966	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 39
Labor laws, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 40
Legislative primer, 1959	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 41
Legislative report from Senator Hatfield, 1964	Box 1 (2-Legislative	Folder 42

	and Public Affairs)	
Local finance law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 43
McCarthy amendment, 1964	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 44
McNeil Mitchell bill, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 45
Metcalf Baker Bill, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 46
New York State Commission on Historic Observances, 1958-19601964-1965	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 47
New York State Commission on Historic Observances booklets, 1960	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 48
Penal law, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 49
Pension of retired public employees, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 50
Poughkeepsie Armory employee bill, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 51
Prohibit state/public corp to restrict representation of employee, 1956	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 52
Public authority law, 1956-1957	Box 1 (2- Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 53
Randall bill, 1964	Box 1 (2- Legislative	Folder 54

	and Public Affairs)	
Real property law, 1955-1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 55
Receipt and fulfillment of requests for copies of legislation, 1955-1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 56
Retirement and Social Security law, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 57
Savings bank branch bill, 1956	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 58
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Senate Bill Introduction No. 3423, Print No.3781, 1964	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 60
Senate Introductory 2095, 1964	Box 1 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 61
Social welfare law, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 1
Speeches and related correspondence, 1950-19511956-19571960-1963Undated	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 2
Standing Committees of the Senate, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 3
State finance law, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 4
State laws, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative	Folder 5

	and Public Affairs)	
Suffolk County bill, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 6
Taconic State Police, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 7
Tax law, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 8
Town law, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 9
Transcript of proceedings of the Joint Legislative Committee to Revise the Banking Law, 1963 January 30	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 10
Transcript of proceedings of the Joint Legislative Committee to Revise the Banking Law, 1963 January 31	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 11
Workmen's compensation law, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 12
Vehicle and traffic law, 1956	Box 2 (2-Legislative and Public Affairs)	Folder 13

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Scrapbooks, 1949-1964

Physical Description: 3.65 cu. ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains bound and unbound scrapbooks filled with newspaper clippings. Ernest Hatfield created the books which mention him in the articles, discuss events he attended, describe bills that he supported and the reactions to the bills, and other clippings that were of political interest to him.

Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper clippings, 1949	Box 2 (3-Scrapbooks)	Folder 14
Newspaper clippings, 1950	Box 2 (3-Scrapbooks)	Folder 15-16
Scrapbook, 1950 December-1963 September	Oversized 1	Folder 1
Scrapbook, 1955 January-1956 February	Oversized 2	Folder 1-2
Scrapbook, 1956 February-1956 March	Oversized 1	Folder 2
Scrapbook, 1956 December-1958 April	Oversized 3	Folder 1
Scrapbook, 1958 January-1958 July	Oversized 4	Folder 1
Scrapbook, 1960 December-1963 April	Oversized 3	Folder 2
Scrapbook, 1963 October-1964 May	Oversized 5	Folder 1

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