Owens, Major; Papers

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Major Owens Papers
ID: apap297
Date [inclusive]: 1988-2006
Physical Description: 129 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English.
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract: This collection contains records of Major Owens tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served from 1982-2006.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Major Owens Papers, 1988-2006. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Owens Papers).

Historical Note

Major Owens was a U.S. Representative from New York. A Democrat, he represented New York's 11th Congressional District (which encompasses a number of Brooklyn neighborhoods) from 1982 until his retirement in 2006. A librarian by profession, he served as community coordinator of the Brooklyn Public Library from 1964 to 1966 and as director of Columbia University's Community Media Library Program from 1973 to 1975. During the 1960s and 1970s Owens also was involved in a number of civil rights and community groups in New York City, including the Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality, the Metropolitan Council on Housing, and the Brownsville Community Council. In 1974, Owens was elected to the New York State Senate, where he served until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.
Scope and Contents

This collection contains records of Major Owens tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives. It consists primarily of subject files related to his committee work on education, civil rights, and workforce issues, as well as matters related to New York City and State, foreign affairs, and his membership in the Congressional Black Caucus. There are Congressional bills, budgets, government reports, Congressional remarks, photographs, correspondence, press releases, news clippings, speeches, appointment calendars, and Congressman Owens voting records. There is a small amount of audio/video in the collection, including one DVD, VHS tapes, and audio cassettes.

Arrangement of the Collection

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 in 2016 by unprocessed.
Access

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Acquisition Information

All items in this collection were transferred to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in 2007 and 2014.

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