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Summary Information

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| Repository: | M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives |
| Title: | Sandra Shapard Papers |
| ID: | apap381 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1972-2008 |
| Physical Description: | .26 cubic ft. |
| Physical Location: | The materials are located onsite in the department. |
| Language of the Material: | English . |
| Abstract: | The Sandra Shapard Papers consist of Ms. Shapard's (largely political) button collection. |

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Sandra Shapard Papers, 1972-2008. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Shapard Papers).

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Historical Note

Born in Mississippi, Sandra M. Shapard (1939-2018), was a longtime resident of New York State, a political strategist, and public servant. She earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State College for Women, attended graduate school at Vanderbilt University, and later received a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Beginning in the 1970s, Ms. Shapard became increasingly involved in politics, initially as a volunteer. She coordinated several election campaigns including those of Phil Magnarella for New York State Assembly, Lucille Pattison for Dutchess County Legislature and Pattison for county executive. In 1976, she began working for the Democratic majority in the New York State Assembly, eventually serving as special assistant to the speaker for Intergovernmental Affairs. In 1981, Ms. Shapard took a position as assistant to the county executive in Dutchess County. Later, Ms. Shapard worked at the New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee, rising to deputy director of Budget Studies. In 1989, she became deputy

Assistant Commissioner for Transit at the Department of Transportation. She then moved to the Division of the Budget, later serving as first deputy budget director. Ms. Shapard joined the Office of the State Comptroller as deputy comptroller for Budget and Policy Analysis in 1995. Ms. Shapard also was a volunteer for many organizations including the League of Women Voters and the NAACP, and, following her retirement in 2001, a board member for the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Albany Senior Services, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, and the Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning.

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Content Description

This collection contains 173 buttons collected by Sandra Shapard related to New York State politics, organizations, issues, and history. It also includes U.S. presidential election buttons. While the majority of buttons in the collections are of a serious nature, some are satirical.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The buttons in this collection are currently arranged by subject (all Dutchess County, all U.S. Presidential, all New York State organizations, all New York Congressional, etc.)

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

This collection is currently unprocessed at the item level, although description is available to researchers from the donors.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mara Elliott and David Shapard, children of Sandra Shapard, donated all materials in this collection to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in December 2019.

Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- New York State New York (State)--Politics and government.
- Social Activists and Public Advocates