Democratic Rural Conference of New York State; Records

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	This collection documents the day-to-day activities of the early years of the Democratic Rural Conference of New York.

Preferred Citation

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Organizational History

The Democratic Rural Conference (DRC) of New York State was formally established in September 1996 with 44 members from 27 counties although the idea of the DRC had percolated for many years prior. The DRC sought greater rural representation in the statewide party, a more formalized structure to understand and share voter concerns in small counties with statewide leaders and candidates, and to carry the Democratic message with New Yorkers in small towns and villages.

Today, the DRC continues to strengthen the Democratic Party and promote the interests of and address the concerns of rural New Yorkers within the party and in statewide government. The DRC represents the 47 counties with populations under 250,000. Democratic Party County Chairs and State Committee Members from those counties are voting members.

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Content Description

The collection contains administrative files including minutes and notes, convention and mini-convention materials, member lists, and resolutions; publications; clippings; correspondence; and background on the history of the organization.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is currently unprocessed and is not yet arranged. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.

Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mike Schell, founding chair, donated all items in this collection to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in August 2025.

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