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Biographical / Historical

Melvin Claude Snyder was born on October 29, 1898, in Albright, Preston County, West Virginia. He served during World War I in 1918 and graduated from the West Virginia University Law School in Morgantown, West Virginia, 1923. Snyder practiced law in Kingwood, West Virginia, where he served as mayor in 1926 and prosecuting attorney from 1929 to 1944. He also served in the army during World War II. Snyder was elected as a Republican to Congress in 1946, serving from 1947 to 1949, but his re-election campaigns in 1948 and 1950 were unsuccessful. He later served as a judge in West Virginia from 1953 to 1971. Melvin Claude Snyder died in Kingwood, West Virginia, on August 5, 1972.

Scope and Contents

Melvin Claude Snyder (1898-1972) was a lawyer, Republican Congressman, and judge from Preston County, West Virginia. Legal, personal, and political correspondence; speeches; and campaign materials document the political life of Melvin C. Snyder from 1946 to 1953. Box 1 contains speeches from 1947 and 1948 that concern political issues such as repealing New Deal policies, tax decreases, and communism. Box 2 houses letters from 1946 to 1953 that are chiefly from legal clients, political supporters, and political acquaintances, including Walter S. Hallanan. Box 3 contains campaign materials from 1948 related to Snyder's failed re-election campaign, including letters from constituents and other items connected to the West Virginia Republican Committee and the Republican National Headquarters. Box 4 houses voter lists and letters concerning military appointments.

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Snyder, Melvin C.

Description of Subordinate Components

Speeches

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170583

Unit Date 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This box contains speeches concerning political issues, including world peace, repealing New Deal policies, tax decreases, and communism.

Martinsburg Lincoln Day Dinner

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170587

Unit Date 1947 February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Suggestions for Lincoln Day Speeches

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170588

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Americanization Day Address (not made)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170589

Unit Date 1947 February 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Civics Club Speech (Tax Reduction Bill)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170590

Unit Date 1947 April 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Wrangler's Club (World Peace, Communism, Greek Loan)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170591

Unit Date 1947 April 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Martinsburg City Hospital Commencement Speech

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170592

Unit Date 1947 May 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Arthurdale High School

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170593

Unit Date 1947 May 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Veteran's Reunion (World Peace, Communism, Greek Loan)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170594

Unit Date 1947 August 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Elizabeth Ludington Hagan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (World Peace, Communism, Greek Loan)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170595

Unit Date 1947 September 17

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Women's Club of Keyser (World Peace, Communism, Greek Loan)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170596

Unit Date 1947 October 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Rotary Club of Meyersdale, PA (World Peace, Communism, Greek Loan)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170597

Unit Date 1947 October 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Coronation Speech, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170598

Unit Date 1947 October 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Armistice Day Address (World Peace, Communism, Greek Loan)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170599

Unit Date 1947 November 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Elkins Chamber of Commerce

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170600

Unit Date 1947 November 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Speech -- Elkins and Inwood

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170601

Unit Date 1947 November 18-1947 November 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Lincoln Day Dinner, Moorefield, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170602

Unit Date 1948 February 12

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Morgantown American Legion Dinner

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170603

Unit Date 1948 February 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

WV Petroleum Association, Martinsburg, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170604

Unit Date 1948 March 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Baptist Student Conference

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170605

Unit Date 1948 April 2

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

St. Paul Institution of Practical Nurses, Washington, DC

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170606

Unit Date 1948 June 9

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Baptist Church

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170607

Unit Date 1948 July 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Groundbreaking Ceremony -- Monongahela River Locks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170608

Unit Date 1948 September 9

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Coronation Speeches -- Tucker County Fair

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170609

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Business and Professional Women's Club

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170610

Unit Date 1948 October 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Glassworkers Meeting, Morgantown, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170611

Unit Date 1948 October 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Political Rally, Parsons, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170612

Unit Date 1948 October 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Dewey-Warren Rally Speech

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170613

Unit Date 1948 October 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Reserve Officers Association, Morgantown, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170614

Unit Date 1948 November 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Survival of Free Enterprise

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170615

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Speech

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170616

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

Fellowship High School Commencement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170617

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 31 (Folder)

Financial Folder

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170618

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 32 (Folder)

Certificates

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170619

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

Harley O. Staggers -- Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170620

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 34 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170584

Unit Date 1946-1953

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This box contains letters, most of which are from legal clients, political supporters, and political acquaintances, including Walter S. Hallanan.

Walter S. Hallanan Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170621

Unit Date ca. 1946-1953

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Correspondence after Election

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170622

Unit Date ca. 1946-1953

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Personal Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170623

Unit Date 1948-1952

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Personal Letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170624

Unit Date ca. 1946-1953

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Legal Practice Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170625

Unit Date ca. 1946-1953

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Campaign

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170585

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This box contains materials related to Snyder's failed 1948 re-election campaign, including letters from constituents and other items connected to the West Virginia Republican Committee and the Republican National Headquarters.

Lost Campaign Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170626

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Monongalia County Letters -- Precinct Workers Name List

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170627

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Republican National Convention

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170628

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

WV State Republican Committee

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170629

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Presidential, Republican Presidential Campaign

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170630

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Republican National Headquarters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170631

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Campaign

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170632

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Campaign Aids

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170633

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Berkeley County Voter's List, War Department Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170586

Unit Date 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This box contains a voter list from Berkeley County, West Virginia and letters concerning military appointments.

War Department (Military Academy Section Correspondence)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170634

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

War Department

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170635

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Berkeley County Voter's List

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170636

Unit Date ca. 1947-1948

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)