

Governor Neville

NEBRASKA. GOVERNOR

Neville, Keith , 1886 -1959.

Papers, etc. : 1917-1918

State Governor: Lincoln, Nebraska, 1917-1918

Cubic Feet: 1

Approx. No. of Items: 600

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Keith Neville was the second youngest man ever to serve the State of Nebraska as its chief executive. He was only 32 years old when elected in 1916. His nomination by the Democratic party and his subsequent election came on his first effort to secure a public office. Born at North Platte on February 25, 1886, Neville took a degree at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, and then returned home to manage the family ranch. In a much contested Democratic primary, Neville defeated Charles W. Bryan for the state's executive position on the Democratic ticket. He then proceeded to defeat Samuel McKelvie, the 35 year old Republican nominee, in the general election. Two years later, he again defeated Mr. Bryan in the Democratic primary, but was unsuccessful in the general election, again running against McKelvie. After his defeat in 1918, Neville returned to North Platte, Nebraska where he remained active as a banker and rancher in addition to numerous community affairs. He continued to play an important role in the Nebraska Democratic Party serving as chairman of the Nebraska Democratic State Committee, Democratic National Committeeman from Nebraska as well as unsuccessful attempts to secure the governorship in 1940 and the United States Senate in 1954. Mr. Neville died in North Platte on December 4, 1959.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This subgroup consists of two boxes of papers of Governor Keith Neville, arranged in five series. (1) General Correspondence, 1917-1918; (2) Applications & Petitions, 1917; (3) Reports of the Board of Education, 1917-1918; and (4) Speeches, 1917-1919; and (5) Miscellany, 1916-1918. This material relates to the affairs of the Governor's office during the administration of Keith Neville, 1917-1918. The bulk of the collection consists of general correspondence, incoming and outgoing, regarding such matters as resignations; applications, appointments, the Vicksburg Jubilee, and the Americanization Committee. Also included are reports of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, 1918, and court proceedings relating to the labor difficulties in Omaha, Nebraska during 1917.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1917-1918

Box 1

Folder 1 January 4, 1917-April 27, 1917

Folder 2 June 1, 1917-June 30, 1917

Folder 3 May 2, 1917-May 30, 1917

Folder 4 July 2, 1917-July 31, 1917

Folder 5 August 2, 1917-August 15, 1917

SERIES ONE (CONT)

Folder 6 August 16, 1917-August 28, 1917
Folder 7 September 1, 1917-September 30, 1917
Folder 8 January 5, 1918-March 25, 1918
Folder 9 October 1, 1917-December 31, 1917
Folder 10 April 2, 1918-June 22, 1918
Folder 11 July 9, 1918-December 26, 1918

SERIES TWO APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS, 1916-1917, Undated

Box 2-6 Applications, 1916-1917

Box 7

Folder 1 Applications and Petitions, 1917, undated

SERIES THREE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL LANDS AND FUNDS, 1917-1918

Box 7 (con't)

Folder 1 Reports of the Educational Lands and Funds, 1917-1918.

SERIES FOUR SPEECHES, 1917-1919

Box 7 (con't)

Folder 1 Speeches, messages, proclamations and address of Governor Neville (published & unpublished), 1917-1919.
Folder 2 Address of Governor Neville, undated.

SERIES FIVE MISCELLANY, 1916-1918

Box 7 (con't)

Folder 1 Biographical and political campaign data of Keith Neville
Folder 2 Court Proceedings--Proceedings before the State Board of Mediation and Investigation in relation to the Labor Difficulties in Omaha, 1917.
Folder 3 Miscellaneous Printed data, 1946, undated.
Folder 4 Miscellany: Includes bonds, reports of the Americanization Committee, 1918.

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES

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NEBRASKA. STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE
NEBRASKA. AMERICANIZATION COMMISSION
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