

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG4402.AM: Ritchie, William 1886-1956

Papers: 1932-1954

Omaha, Douglas County, Neb.: Lawyer, Politician

Size: 4.5 cu.ft.; 9 boxes

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Ritchie was born in 1886 at Ravenswood, Illinois. He graduated in 1915 from the University of Nebraska, College of Law, and went into practice in Omaha. Ritchie was for years an important figure in Democratic politics in Nebraska, although he was not always in line with party leaders. He was five times a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and a candidate for the Senate in 1942 and 1952. He campaigned twice for the office of Governor, in 1932 and 1954. William Ritchie died in Omaha in 1956.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The material in this collection relates to Ritchie's law practice and to his political activities and interests. It is most heavily concentrated between the years 1948-1952, covering his last campaign for the Senate and the question of Hawaiian statehood. The papers include correspondence, speeches, material on legal cases, materials relating to Ritchie's campaigns for Governor and U.S. Senate, etc. The first five boxes are arranged alphabetically. The last four boxes in the collection contain a mix of materials relating to legal cases and political campaign materials.

See the audio component [RG4402.AU] for several 78 rpm disc recordings of William Ritchie political broadcasts on WOW Radio. See *Nebraska History*, vol. 20, 1939, pp. 204-205 for a letter by William Ritchie with reminiscences of Mud Springs, Nebraska. See the NSHS Library for two publications by William Ritchie:

Diary of European trip, July and August, 1950, Scotland, England, Holland, Switzerland, France. [914 R51d]

Digest of Corporation Laws of Nebraska with annotations of general corporation law / prepared by William Ritchie for Nebr. State Bar Association. 1941 [347.7 R51]

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7. McDermott, Edward P. 1949-1952
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9. McWilliams, Robert 1945-1952
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9. Practicing Law Institute 1946-1949
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1. Ritchie, William (While in Hospital) 1951
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6. Stark, Marjorie (Mrs. Lucien) 1949-1952
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1. Campaign for Governor 1932 (see oversize for poster)
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3. Governor, Campaign for 1954 – Newspaper Clippings
4. US Senate Campaign Support 1942
5. Klein, Emile H. – Guardianship 1953
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7. Thompson William H. vs. Northwestern Fine and Marine Insurance Company of Minneapolis, MN (re: estate of Harold Gifford) 1938-1952

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1. Campaign for US Senate 1952 (see oversize for poster)
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5. The Tumpene Company, Inc./ Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Inc 1952
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1. United Creameries Service, Inc. Articles of Incorporation and Minutes
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8. Mrs. Loverna & Harry Gates 36th and Cedar Island Road, Omaha
9. Mrs. W.L. Maus vs John A. O'Halloran
10. W.L. Maus Estate 1508 Ridgewood Ave.
11. Frank J. Hughes

12. Miscellaneous
13. G.H. Seig
14. Skinner Manufacturing Co.
15. Louis Skinner
16. Sterling Manufacturing Co.
17. McGrath Manufacturing Co./ Sargent Machine Co.
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19. Omaha Neon Sign Co.
20. Bernard E. Vinardi – Office Acct. File
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