



Guide to the Charles Brereton New Hampshire Primary Collection, 1907-1988, bulk 1952-1988

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Extent:

40 boxes and 90 cassette tapes ; 16.43 linear feet

Abstract:

The collection consists of research files for Brereton's book *First in the Nation: New Hampshire and The Premier Presidential Primary* and an addition to the collection covering 1988. There are also oral history tapes of interviews with candidates and power brokers in New Hampshire.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Charles Brereton New Hampshire Primary Collection was a gift of Charles Brereton on October 16, 1986. Records indicate the collection may have been microfilmed in 1994, though no microfilm has been located.

Processing Information:

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Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The materials in this collection are primarily paper based and have no special technical requirements for use. Recorded interviews require the use of a cassette player. Records indicate the collection may have been microfilmed in 1994, though no microfilm has been located.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Charles Brereton was born December 14, 1947, in New Haven, Connecticut. He spent his childhood in Santa Barbara, California, graduating from San Marcos High School and Santa Barbara City College. In 1970 Brereton moved to Concord, New Hampshire, where he lived until his death on July 13, 2016. He served on the staff of California Congressman Paul McCloskey's presidential primary campaign in 1972, and also worked as a bus driver, carpenter, woolen mill operator, and security guard.

Brereton was the author of the following books: *New Hampshire Notables*, 1986; *First Step to the White House*, 1979; *The New Hampshire Primary Guide*, 1987; the *New Hampshire Election Guide*, 1983; and *First in the Nation: New Hampshire and The Premier Presidential Primary*,

1987. Brereton also wrote political columns for *The Concord Monitor*, *New Hampshire Business Review*, *New Hampshire Profiles*, *Business NH*, *Historical New Hampshire*, *The Boston Globe*, *California Journal*, and *Santa Barbara New-Press*. He also was the primary researcher for the television documentaries *The Premier Primary: New Hampshire and Presidential Elections*, *Sherman Adams: Yankee Governor*, and *William Loeb: 35 Years of New Hampshire*.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Charles Brereton New Hampshire Primary Collection, 1907-1988, consists of files accumulated by Brereton while he was doing research for his various projects concerning the New Hampshire Primary. The materials are largely secondary sources, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles. There are also oral history tapes of interviews with candidates and power brokers in New Hampshire. Records indicate the collection may have been microfilmed in 1994, though no microfilm has been located.

Arrangement:

The Charles Brereton New Hampshire Primary Collection is organized into the following series:

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The Separated Materials section lists the names of oral history tapes recorded by Brereton of candidates and political power brokers. There are also tapes of radio interviews done by others.

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Extent: 13 boxes, 220 folders

Scope and Content: Series one focuses on the presidential candidates who came through the state during the New Hampshire Primaries. The files were assembled by Brereton as background for his 1987 book, *First in the Nation: New Hampshire and The Premier Presidential Primary*. The 1988 materials were added later as a result of his continuing accumulation of material on the New Hampshire Primary.

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Extent: 13 boxes, 231 folders

Scope and Content: Series two focuses on the national presidential primaries of 1952-1984, with additional research dating from 1907 to 1988. The files were assembled by Brereton as background for his book, *First in the Nation: New Hampshire and The Premier Presidential Primary*.

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Extent: 13 boxes, 172 folders

Scope and Content: Series three focuses on the presidential candidates who came through the state during the 1988 New Hampshire Primaries as well as general research on national primaries. The files were assembled by Brereton as background for his book, *First in the Nation: New Hampshire and The Premier Presidential Primary*. The 1988 materials were added later as a result of his continuing accumulation of material on the New Hampshire Primary.

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Folder 7	Debates, 1987 June-August
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Folder 1	Media, 1985-1987 February-June
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Series 4. Oral history transcripts, 1975-1979, 1987

Extent: 1 box, 8 folders

Scope and Content: Series four consists of transcripts of oral histories conducted by Charles Brereton of candidates and political power brokers.

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SR 117	Lamprey/Gallen
SR 118	Teague/Gregg
SR 119	Monahan
SR 120	Carrier
SR 121	Carrier/McIntyre
SR 122	Daniell/Decourcy
SR 123	Decourcy
SR 124	Goldberg/Shaine
SR 125	Grandmaison
SR 126	Grindle/Treat
SR 127	Hill/Johnson/Grindle
SR 128	B. Johnson
SR 129	B. Johnson/Teague
SR 130	McCloskey

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SR 132	L. Myers
SR 133	O'Donnell
SR 134	Pillsbury/Scott
SR 135	Treat
SR 136	Treat/Rotch
SR 137	Bayh
SR 138	J. Williams
SR 139	J. Williams
SR 140	J. Williams
SR 141	J. Williams
SR 142	Carter/Brown, C.
SR 143	Carter/Brown, C.
SR 144	Reagan
SR 145	Harris
SR 146	Bayh
SR 147	Humprey/Teague

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SR 149	McGovern/Weston
SR 150	Democratic Forum
SR 151	Democratic Forum
SR 152	Radio/McGovern & 76
SR 153	76 Radio Spots
SR 154	Election Night & Reagan TV
SR 155	Bowles
SR 156	Bowles/Cummings
SR 157	Bowles/Gilman

SR 158	Bower/Zeiller
SR 159	Shaheen
SR 160	Symons
SR 161	Udall/Evans
SR 162	Udall/Evans
SR 163	Nardi/Splaine
SR 164	Bayh/Philbrook

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SR 165	D. Powers
SR 166	Radway
SR 167	Brown, Chris
SR 168	Cummings/Gross
SR 169	Dwinell/Madden
SR 170	Radway/Gross
SR 171	G. Lodge
SR 172	Salvas
SR 173	Shriver
SR 174	Winograd/WKXC
SR 175	Winograd
SR 176	Michels/Gross
SR 177	Healy/Gerber
SR 178	Peterson
SR 179	Raiche
SR 180	Ross
SR 181	Cole/Roberts

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SR 182	Dudley
SR 183	P. Bass/Millimet
SR 184	Breen/J. Gregg
SR 185	Burton
SR 186	Cobleigh/Carmen
SR 187	Wallin/Chambers
SR 188	Chambers #2
SR 189	Bruno
SR 190	Dunfey
SR 191	Dunfey
SR 192	Spanos/Spirou
SR 193	Askew
SR 194	Glenn
SR 195	Glenn
SR 196	Hart
SR 197	Hollings
SR 198	McGovern

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SR 199	Mondale
SR 200	Bridges 56 Vote
SR 201	Media Misc. 1984
SR 202	Media Misc. 1984
SR 203	Misc. 1984

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Carter, Jimmy, 1924-
Connally, John Bowden, 1917-1993
Crane, Philip M., 1930-2014
Cranston, Alan, 1914-2000
Cuomo, Mario, 1932-2015
Dole, Robert J. 1923-2021
Dukakis, Michael S. (Michael Stanley), 1933-
Du Pont, Pierre S., 1935-2021
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969
Ferraro, Geraldine, 1935-2011
Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006
Gephardt, Richard A. (Richard Andrew), 1941-
Glenn, John, 1921-2016
Goldwater, Barry, 1909-1998
Gore, Al, 1948-
Haig, Alexander Meigs, 1924-2010
Harris, Fred R., 1930-
Hart, Gary, 1936-
Hollings, Ernest F., 1922-2019
Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978
Jackson, Jesse, 1941-
Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
Kefauver, Estes, 1903-1963
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Kennedy, Robert F., 1925-1968
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Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924
McCarthy, Eugene J., 1916-2005
McCloskey, Paul N. 1927-2024
McGovern, George S. (George Stanley), 1922-2012
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Reagan, Ronald, 1911-2004
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Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979
Romney, George W., 1907-1995
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Stassen, Harold E. (Harold Edward), 1907-2001
Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing), 1900-1965
Taft, Robert A. (Robert Alphonso), 1889-1953
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