



Robert O. Snyder Papers (S0560)

Collection Number: S0560

Collection Title: Robert O. Snyder Papers

Dates: 1960-1987

Creator: Snyder, Robert O., 1917-2016

Abstract: The Robert O. Snyder Papers contain correspondence, newsletters, press releases, and photographs documenting his career as a Republican legislator in the Missouri House of Representatives from 1960 to 1976.

Collection Size: 10 cubic feet
(178 folders, 15 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Robert O. Snyder was born in Lima, Ohio on July 25, 1917. He received his law degree from St. Louis University and practiced law in the St. Louis area in the 1950s. In 1960, he won the Missouri House of Representatives election in the Ninth District. He won subsequent elections in the Eleventh District in 1962, the 45th District in 1966, and the 95th District in 1972. Snyder served in the Missouri House until 1976 and made an unsuccessful bid for Congress in 1976 in Missouri's Second Congressional District. In 1977, Missouri Governor Joseph P. Teasdale was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, until his retirement in 1987. Robert O. Snyder died in Kirkwood, Missouri, on May 25, 2016.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 9 series:

- Correspondence
- Campaign Material
- Newspaper Clippings
- Newsletters
- Press Releases
- Legislative Issues
- Personal
- Impeachment Files
- Artifacts and Photographs

Please note that this collection has been minimally processed and has not been heavily indexed.

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

The Correspondence series contains letters from Snyder's constituents regarding legislation before the Missouri House of Representatives or one of the committees Snyder served on during his tenure in the House. Also included in this series is personal and Republican Party correspondence. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically, dating from 1960 to 1987; within each year, the correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Campaign Material

The Campaign Material series consists of contribution lists, pamphlets, platforms, and meeting minutes regarding Snyder's political campaigns and those of other Republican candidates, including former Missouri Governor and Senator Kit Bond. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1960 to 1976.

Newspaper Clippings

The Newspaper Clippings series contains newspaper clippings about political issues Snyder encountered during his tenure in the Missouri State Legislature, including articles written by Snyder. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically, dating from 1949 to 1972.

Newsletters

The Newsletters series consists of newsletters from political groups, including the Republican National Committee and the American Security Council. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1964 to 1974.

Press Releases

The Press Releases series primarily contains KMOX-TV editorial transcripts and press releases from politicians and political organizations. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1961 to 1974.

Legislative Issues

The Legislative Issues series consists of reports, statistics, pamphlets, and transcripts relating to legislative issues Snyder encountered during his time in the Missouri House of Representatives. Topics of interest include legislation pertaining to health services corporations, billboards, taxes, and environmental regulation. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1960 to 1974.

Personal

The Personal series consists of two folders: one contains biographical information about Snyder, while the other pertains to an award the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* presented to Snyder in 1964. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1964 to 1974.

Impeachment Files

The Impeachment Files series pertains to impeaching proceedings Robert Snyder was involved in during his legislative career, including St. Louis County Circuit Judge John D. Hasler. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1962-1969.

Artifacts and Photographs

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