

**Collection #  
SC 3048**

## **INDIANA POLITICIANS COLLECTION, 1893–1993**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 15 manuscript folders, 3 flat file folders, 16 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: 1893–1993

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Birch Evans Bayh, Jr., was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on January 22, 1928. His first experience in national politics was in 1962, when he unseated incumbent United States Senator Homer Capehart in Indiana by a narrow 11,000 vote margin. Bayh crafted two constitutional amendments that became law during his tenure: a provision streamlining the process for presidential succession and lowering the voting age to eighteen. In late 1975, the three-term Senator entered his name as a candidate for president. Although he did relatively well, Bayh ultimately withdrew his bid for president. Bayh did not get elected for a fourth term to the Senate in 1980. Later, Birch's son Evan served as Indiana's Secretary of State and won two terms as the state's governor before winning election to the U. S. Senate.

Before being elected mayor of Indianapolis in 1991, Stephen Goldsmith served as Marion County (Indiana) prosecutor for twelve years. More recently, he has served as Deputy Mayor of New York City and the Daniel Paul Professor of Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Prior to being sworn in as the 44<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States under George H. W. Bush in 1989, James Danforth "Dan" Quayle had served as a United States Representative and Senator from Indiana.

Richard L. Roudebush was the administrator of Veterans Affairs, after serving as a United States Representative from Indiana. He was a U. S. congressman from January 3, 1961 to January 3, 1971.

Thomas Taggart was born in Ireland on November 17, 1856. His family immigrated to America in 1861, settling in Ohio. Though he had a rough upbringing, working from a young age, he later became one of the wealthiest men in Indiana. Taggart won terms as Marion County auditor in 1886 and 1890. He was county chairman for Grover Cleveland in 1888, and state chairman in the presidential election of 1892. He also served three terms as mayor of Indianapolis in 1895, 1897, and 1899. The Democratic National Committee elected him committeeman from Indiana in 1900 and he held the post for sixteen years. In 1916, Sen. Benjamin Franklin Shively died, after which Governor Samuel M. Ralston appointed Taggart to the United States Senate.

May Wright Sewall was an early Indiana suffragist and women's dress reformer (campaigning for more practical clothes for women). She was both the founder and principal of the Girls' Classical School in Indianapolis.

Elected in 1968, Edgar D. Whitcomb served one term as governor of Indiana following a short term as Secretary of State.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

Bayh, Evan. *From Father to Son: A Private Life in the Public Eye*. Indianapolis: Guild Press, 2003.

Fadely, James Philip. *Thomas Taggart: Public Servant, Political Boss, 1856–1929*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1997.

Indiana Historical Bureau. *Their Infinite Variety: Essays on Indiana Politicians*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1981.

Paddock, Geoff. *Indiana Political Heroes*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2008.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a mixture of materials relating to different politicians in Indiana. Politicians (or political families) represented by two or more different items are given their own series: all politicians with only one item are represented alphabetically beneath Series Nine: Other politicians.

Series One: **Bayh** contains mostly materials from Birch E. Bayh, Jr.'s political career, including stickers, a button, a pin, and a program. It also includes items from Evan Bayh's career.

Series Two: **Stephen Goldsmith** contains an advertisement and a magnet.

Series Three: **Dan Quayle** consists of two posters.

Series Four: **Richard L. Roudebush** consists of two stickers.

Series Five: **May Wright Sewall** contains two letters authored by May Wright Sewall.

Series Six: **Joe Tabak** consists of two letters written to Joe Tabak as well as an admittance ticket to the visitor's gallery of the United States Senate Chamber.

Series Seven: **Thomas Taggart** contains Thomas Taggart's remarks on The River and Harbor Appropriation Bill and a letter written by Taggart.

Series Eight: **Edgar D. Whitcomb** consists of a publication: *The Whitcomb Years* by Alton J. Ritchie, as well as a sticker and a button.

Series Nine: **Other Politicians** consist of a program, a poster, letters, stickers, and a button from various Indiana politicians.

## **SERIES CONTENTS**

### **Series 1: Bayh**

#### CONTENTS

U.S. Senator Birch Bayh Birthday Celebration souvenir program, 1964.

"Hey, Look Him Over," Birch Bayh campaign record, 7-inch record, 1964.

*The Republican News*, vol. 1, no. 25, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2, 1974 [contains information about Birch Bayh].

Bayh '92 pin, 1992.

The Inauguration of Evan Bayh ticket, Jan. 11, 1993.

Bayh Governor sticker, n.d.

Bayh O'Bannon button, n.d.

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### **Series 2: Stephen Goldsmith**

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Steve Goldsmith for Governor advertisement, n.d.

Mutz/Goldsmith '88 magnet, 1988.

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### **Series 3: Dan Quayle**

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Dan Quayle: Right for America poster, n.d.

Elect Dan Quayle Vice President: Vote the Republican Team! poster, n.d.

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### **Series 4: Richard L. Roudebush**

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Roudebush: the Better Man sticker, n.d.

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Re-Elect Roudebush, Republican for Congress sticker,  
n.d.

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### **Series 5: May Wright Sewall**

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Letter from May Wright Sewall to Mrs. O.A. Burgess,  
May 2, 1893 [regarding World's Congress of  
Representative Women].

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Letter from May Wright Sewall to Mrs. Bowen, Sept.  
6, 1901 [regards Girls' Classical School and  
attendance of Mrs. Bowen's daughter].

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### **Series 6: Joe Tabak**

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Letter from Birch [Bayh] and Marvella to Joe Tabak,  
July 23, 1964 [regarding a plane crash that Bayh and  
Senator Kennedy survived].

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Letter from Andrew Jacobs, Jr., to Joe Tabak, Dec. 1,  
1964 [regarding Tabak's help with Jacobs' campaign].

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Admittance ticket to the visitor's gallery of the United  
States Senate Chamber for Joe Tabak, signed by  
Vance Hartke, Jan. 14, 1975.

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### **Series 7: Thomas Taggart**

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Taggart's remarks on The River and Harbor  
Appropriation Bill, blank forms for Taggart to fill out  
about who was not going to vote for President Wilson,  
1916.

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Letter from Taggart to Wm B. Graves, July 26, 1916  
[regarding the political condition in Graves' precinct  
(Graves was precinct committeeman), asking whether  
President Wilson would receive many votes].

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## **Series 8: Edgar D. Whitcomb**

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*The Whitcomb Years* by Alton J. Ritchie, n.d.  
[publication about Governor of Indiana Whitcomb's  
time in office].

We Need Whitcomb sticker, n.d.

Nixon Whitcomb Ruckelshaus button, n.d.

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## **Series 9: Other Politicians**

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Letter from Homer E. Capehart to Mrs. Grace Cooper,  
April 4, 1945 [informing Mrs. Cooper that her  
nephew, Eugene Temple, died in service to the  
country].

Demaree for State Senate sticker, n.d.

Letter from J. Harvey to Messrs. New & New,  
Attorneys-at-law, Oct. 15, 1907 [regarding the estate  
of John Baker].

Hartke of course! stickers, n.d. [2 copies of one style,  
1 copy of another]

Lugar for President poster, n.d.

McCloskey button, n.d.

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Honorable Robert D.  
Orr as Governor of the State of Indiana program, Jan.  
12, 1981.

Ruckelshaus sticker, n.d.

For Boone County Clerk- Democratic Candidate Mary  
Catherine "Katie" Scott sticker, n.d.

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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.