

PAPERS OF RAYMOND E. BALDWIN, 1938-74

Introduction

Raymond Earl Baldwin had a distinguished and varied career in Connecticut as lawyer, elected official, political leader and judge. Born in Rye, N.Y. in 1893, he was educated at Middletown High School, Wesleyan University and Yale Law School. After Navy service in World War I, he engaged in law practice in New Haven, Bridgeport and Stratford, serving in the General Assembly in 1931 and 1933. A Republican, he was three times elected Governor, serving 1939-41 and again 1943-46. He was United States Senator from 1946 until he resigned in 1949 to accept appointment to the Connecticut Supreme Court. He became Chief Justice in 1959 and retired in 1963. He was Chairman of the Constitutional Convention in 1965 and ~~was~~ served as a State Referee. *Judge Baldwin died on October 4, 1986 in Fairfield at the age of 93.*

These papers have been given to the State Library by Judge Baldwin in three lots over a period of ten years or more. ~~Those most recently transferred~~ Entries 16-20 below ~~are closed to the public without special permission.~~ (See note under "Restrictions" at end of list.)  
*For permission, write The Honorable Judge Raymond E. Baldwin,  
12 Lewis St., Middletown, CT 06457.*

List of records

1. General files, 1938-48. Boxes 1-29  
Correspondence, memoranda, notes, reference materials, working papers, etc., pertaining to Baldwin's service as Governor (1939-46) and U.S. Senator (1946-49), to election campaigns, and to his appointment to the Connecticut Supreme Court. Alphabetical by subject or correspondent. Listed, 12 feet. (Continued in Entry 16, ~~RESTRICTED~~.)
2. Correspondence, 1947-49. Boxes 30+43  
Correspondence, mostly of a routine nature, between Senator Baldwin and constituents, government officials and others. Alphabetical by names of correspondent. "Condolences" are filed alphabetically under that head. Listed, 5 feet, 10 inches. (Continued in Entry 17, ~~RESTRICTED~~.)
3. Personal files, 1942-49. Boxes 44-46  
Correspondence and related materials pertaining to non-official and personal matters. Alphabetical by subject or name. Listed, 1 foot, 3 inches. (Continued in Entry 18, ~~RESTRICTED~~.)
4. Unfiled correspondence, 1939-49. Boxes 47-48  
Letters and other papers - mostly personal or unofficial - that were not filed. Some are classified or marked for filing. Unarranged. 8 inches.

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5. Governor's Office subject files, 1939-45. Boxes 49-51  
Correspondence and other materials originally a part of the Governor's office general files. Alphabetical by subject. Listed. 1 foot, 3 inches.
6. Post-Governorship transition papers, 1946. Box 52  
Papers accumulated July-Nov. 1946, dealing with various aspects of moving from the Governor's office to the Senate. Unarranged. 2 inches.
7. Senate legislative files, 1946-49. Boxes 53-54, RC 55-59  
Bills introduced by Sen. Baldwin, bills in which he was interested, related correspondence, notes and memoranda. Arranged by bill or resolution number, committee or subject. 6 feet.
8. Post-Senate transition papers, 1949-50. Boxes 60-61  
Correspondence, form letters and other materials pertaining to Senator Baldwin's resignation and the handling of pending matters. Three groups: alphabetical by correspondent; form letters alphabetical by addressee; by subject. 8 inches.
9. Constitutional Convention materials, 1965-66. Boxes 62, RC 63, 64-65  
Journals, resolutions, hearing records, working papers (by subject, listed), clippings, etc. Partly unarranged. 2 feet, 4 inches.
10. Newspaper clippings, 1950-66. Box 66  
3 inches.
11. News releases, 1947-49. Box 66  
2 inches.
12. Photographs, cuts, and biographical material. Box 67  
4 inches.
13. Speeches, 1939-40, 1945, 1947-66. Boxes 68-69, RC 70-78  
Texts of speeches, with related drafts, notes, press releases, etc. Chronological. 10 feet.
14. State Library Committee files, 1956-74. Boxes RC 79-80  
Minutes, correspondence, etc. Partly chronological, partly by subject. Judge Baldwin served as Chairman of the Committee. 2 feet.
15. Scrapbooks, 1938-52. 27 volumes. 4 feet.

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16. General files, 1955-70. Boxes RC 81-85  
Correspondence, memoranda, notes, reference materials, working papers, etc., pertaining to Baldwin's service as Justice and Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Chairman of the Constitutional Convention, State Referee, and in various other official, semi-official and private capacities, with some material pertaining to his personal affairs and interests. Alphabetical by subject or correspondent. Listed. 5 feet.
17. Correspondence, 1939-66. Boxes 86-92  
Correspondence - much of it semi-official, personal or political in nature - with associates, friends, clients and others. Included are files pertaining to "associations and clubs," "engagements completed," and "engagements refused." Most other materials are alphabetical by correspondent. Listed. 7 feet.
18. Correspondence, 1968-74. Box 92  
Correspondence. Chronological. 5 inches.
19. Personal files, 1940-59. Boxes 93-94  
Correspondence and related materials pertaining to non-official and personal matters. Alphabetical by subject or name. Listed. 2 feet.
20. Court administration files, 1954-64. Boxes 95-98  
Correspondence, notes, memoranda and related materials pertaining to the administration of the courts. Alphabetical by subject. Listed. 4 feet.

~~Restrictions~~

Entries 16-20 are restricted under the following terms:

General files, correspondence, and working papers transferred on 4 April 1978 will be closed until 4 April 1988. During that period, access will be permitted only with the written permission of Judge Baldwin or his agent or executor.

Related Records

- RG 5 Records of the Governor
- RG 66 Sound recordings (cassettes) of interviews with Raymond Baldwin.
- RG 64, Picture Group 960, Sikorsky Collection of photographs taken of a Sikorsky VS-300 demonstration by Igor Sikorsky to Governor Baldwin on April 25, 1943.