COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:
Barry, William L.

Inclusive Dates:
1963-1971

Scope & Content:
Consists of personal and work-related files of William L. Barry during his career in Tennessee state politics from 1963-1971. The majority of these files are correspondence from his time as Executive Assistant to Governor Buford Ellington. This collection provides a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of Governor Buford and his administration.

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Administrative/Biographical History

William Logan “Dick” Barry was born on February 9, 1926, in Lexington, Tennessee, to Henry Daniel and Mary Logan Fielder Barry. Barry received his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University in 1948 and then his Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt in 1950. He was drafted in 1950 at the age of 24 in the Korean War. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served in Japan with a medical unit for eighteen months. He served six terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1954-1967. During his tenure, he served as the Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Afterwards he served four years as the Executive Assistant to Governor Buford Ellington.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

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Index Terms

Personal/Family Names:
Ellington, Buford, 1907-1972
Ray, James Earl, 1928-1998

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:
Tennessee. General Assembly.

Subjects:
Administrative agencies -- Tennessee
Legislators -- Tennessee
Politicians -- Tennessee
Geographic Names:
Nashville (Tenn) -- Politics and government -- 20th century
Tennessee – Politics and government – 20th century

Document Types:
Correspondence
Memorandums
Notes (documents)
Speeches (documents)
State government records

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:
This collection was donated with the assistance of Tennessee State Representative Steve McDaniel who was close friends with William L. Barry.

Processing and Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

Processing Information:
Processing was completed by Saige Coble and Kimberly Mills Wires in October 2019. Duplicates were removed and any items not pertaining to the collection were transferred or removed.

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