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## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

Dates: 1920-1988 (inclusive)

Dates: 1968-1973 (bulk)

Extent: 2.08 LinearFt.

Languages represented in collection: English

Portions of collection available online? : No

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition Information:

The Dr. Elston Rody Collection was given by Dr. Elston Rody to Special Collections in January 2005

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Processing History:

Burt Altman, Special Collections Department staff member, processed the Elston Rody Collection in February 2005.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL NOTES**

Born April 9, 1920 in Kane, Illinois, Dr. Elston Rody is a nationally known and respected educator and political scientist. Prior to joining Florida State University in 1947 as a professor in the Political Science Department, he received his B.S. in Social Science and Speech from Illinois State University in 1942, his M.A. in 1947 and PhD in 1951 from the University of Illinois.

At Florida State University, he served as Instructor in Political Science (1947-1949), Assistant Professor (1951-1954), Associate Professor (1954-1958), and Professor from 1959-1984. He retired in 1983, and is now Professor Emeritus.

Roady returned to Illinois State University in the summer of 1958 as a Visiting Associate Professor of Social Science and was awarded the Pi Sigma Alpha Outstanding Professor Award in 1981. In 1986, the Illinois State University Alumni Association awarded him its Distinguished Alumni Award.

In addition to establishing himself as a highly respected instructor, Roady is also recognized for his expertise in political campaign finance and elections on the local, state, and national levels. He has served as a consultant to numerous state governments and helped draft new election laws for 15 states and several foreign countries. He has provided post-election analyses for Time, U.S. News and World Report, and Newsweek magazines, National Public Radio, CBS, and ABC television. Several political candidates have sought his assistance in writing speeches, analyzing campaign strategies, and developing political platforms. He has also served as an advisor to two Presidential Commissions on elections

Roady is the author of Florida's New Campaign Expense Law and the 1952 Democratic Gubernatorial Primaries (1954); Florida Votes, 1920-1962; Selected Election Statistics (co-authored with Annie Hartsfield, 1963); Florida Votes, 1920-1970 (co-authored with Mary Hartsfield, 1972); Republican Campaign Financing in Florida, 1963-1967(1969); Model State Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Law (1959), and Party Regularity in the 63rd Congress (1952).

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES**

The Elston Roady Collection documents Dr. Roady's studies of elections on the local (Leon County, Florida), state (Florida), and national levels and his research in political campaign finance. The materials include typescripts and reference materials used in creating his revised edition of Florida Votes (1972), background information and letters to Florida Secretary of State Firestone from Roady and Annie Mary Hartsfield about their proposal to update the 2nd edition through the 1980 elections (an updated version was not published); a speech Roady delivered when he was given the "Distinguished Alumni Award" by the Illinois State University Alumni Association; a Florida Supreme Court Petition for Rehearing involving Florida Governor Claude Kirk; election materials; a scrapbook compiled for the 1956 Florida gubernatorial campaign of Fuller Warren; reference materials pertaining to the Watergate issue, and memorabilia.

## INDEXING TERMS

### *Personal Names:*

Hartsfield, Annie Mary  
Kirk, Claude R., 1926-  
Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994  
Rody, Elston E. (Elston Edward), 1920-  
Warren, Fuller, 1905-1973

### *Subject Terms:*

Campaign funds--Florida  
Political campaigns--Florida  
Elections--Florida  
Elections--Florida--Statistics  
Governors--Florida-Election

### *Genre/Format Terms:*

charts  
clippings  
correspondence  
illustrations  
lectures  
legal documents  
manuscripts  
photographs  
posters  
scrapbooks

## COLLECTION CONTENTS

### **Box 1** Manuscripts and Working Papers for Florida Votes (3rd ed.) (1963-1981)

**Box 1 Folder 1** Florida Votes (1963 ed.): 4 items

**Box 1 Folder 2** Florida Votes (1972 ed.): 1 item

**Box 1 Folder 3** Florida Votes (1980-1981) : 11 items

Notes: This revised edition of Florida Votes was proposed for publication in 1982, but it was not published.

### **Box 1** Speech by Elston Roady (1986)

**Box 1 Folder 4** Speech by Elston Roady: Response to Distinguished Alumni Award, Illinois State University. (October 25, 1986) : 1 item

### **Box 1** Petition for Rehearing (1968)

**Box 1 Folder 5** Petition for Rehearing in Florida Supreme Court (July 2, 1968) : 1 item

Notes: The case involved a complaint filed in August 1967 by J.A.Maloney (Plaintiff), against Florida Governor Claude Kirk (Defendant), charging Kirk with numerous violations of the Florida Statutes concerning the receipt, handling, and disbursement of campaign funds and payment of campaign expenses in the 1966 Florida Primary and General Elections. The Florida Supreme Court dismissed the complaint, and Maloney filed a petition for rehearing. Roady helped prepare this case.

### **Box 1** Florida Primary and General Election Materials (1920-1970)

**Mapcase 2, Drawer 11** Official Votes by County (1920-1942) : 22 items

**Box 1 Folder 6** Official Votes by County (1944-1970) : 31 items

**Mapcase 2, Drawer 11** Official Votes Cast in Leon County (Fl.) (1988) : 3 items

**Box 1 Folder 7** "Negro Ballot" (May 1960) : 1 item

Notes: This item is a broadside written as a racial protest against the Montgomery (Al.) Improvement Association, which registered Black voters for the May 3, 1960 Democratic Primary.

### **Box 1** Photograph (1969)

**Box 1 Folder 8** Photograph of U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark. (1969) : 1 item

Notes: 8x10 black and white photo. Photographer: Fabian Bachrach.

### **Box 1** Scrapbook (1969)

**Box 1 Folder 9** Fuller Warren Campaign Scrapbook. (1956) : 1 item

Notes: Includes campaign publicity materials, information about campaign techniques, organization, and finances, and biographical information about Fuller Warren.

**Box 1** Reference Materials about Watergate Hearings (1972-1974)

**Box 1 Folder 10** Publications about Watergate issue. (1973-1974) : 5 items

**Box 1 Folder 11** Ralph Nader Congress Project: Citizens Look at Congress. (1972) : 2 items

Notes: Includes information about U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles (Fl.)

**Box 1 Folder 12** Watergate: Educational Materials. (1973) : 6 items

**Box 1** Memorabilia (1965-1987)

**Box 1 Folder 13** Democratic National Committee 1987 Winners Calendar. (1987) : 1 item

**Box 1 Folder 14** Official Inaugural Program (President Lyndon B. Johnson inauguration) (Jan. 20, 1965) : 1 item

**Box 1 Folder 15** Poster announcing that a national opinion poll is to be conducted on the Florida State University campus, in conjunction with Student Government President/Vice-President Elections on March 24, 1982.: 1 item

**Box 1 Folder 16** Untitled print by artist Fritz Eichenberg. (ca. 1972) : 1 item

Notes: Fritz Eichenberg (1901-1990) was a German-born American illustrator, artist, printmaker, teacher, author, and social activist. Admired by Dr. Roady, Eichenberg observed and commented on many of the pivotal events of the 20th Century, including both World Wars, Weimar Germany, and post-war social activism.