A Guide to the Charles E. Canady Papers

1970-2014

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Canady, Charles E. 1933-

Title: Charles E. Canady Papers

Dates: 1970-2014

Creator Abstract: Charles E. Canady was the Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles

Content Abstract: The collection consists of campaign documents and records covering Lawton Chile's terms in the U.S. Senate, as well as campaign ephemera from other local, state, and national politicians collected by Mr. Canady.

Identification: 2015-02

Quantity: 28 inches

Language: Materials are in English

Repository: Florida Southern College Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay Archives Center

Biographical Note

Charles E. Canady was born in Lakeland, Florida on February 5, 1933 to Arthur Pinkney Canady and Vivian Vinell (Nell) Canady. His mother's maiden name was Streetman. Charles attended Kathleen Senior/Junior High School, from which he graduated in 1950. He enrolled in Florida Southern College in 1951.

On April 18, 1953, Charles Canady married Dolores Jeffries. After graduating from Florida Southern College in January, 1954, Canady took a job with the National Biscuit Company, better known as NABISCO, where he worked in sales and marketing. Charles and Dolores had two children. Dolores graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Florida Southern College in 1963.

In 1958, Canady left NABISCO to become an educator. His first assignment was teaching sixth grade at Winston Elementary School. In August, 1961, he earned a Master's Degree in School Administration and Supervision from the University of Mississippi at Oxford. From 1961-1964, Canady was an adjunct professor at Florida Southern College, where he taught *Social Studies in the Elementary School, Science in*

the Elementary School, and *The Modern Elementary School*. From 1962-69 Canady was principal at Jesse Keen Elementary School.

In March, 1969, Lakeland State Senator Lawton Chiles offered him a job as a Legislative Assistant/Administrative Assistant. In 1970, Chiles ran for a U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Spessard Holland. Canady became Senator. Chiles's Campaign Manager/Director.

When Lawton Chiles was elected to the United States Senate in November, 1970, he asked Charles Canady to be his Chief of Staff/Administrative Assistant in his Washington D.C. office. Canady remained in the Senate with Lawton Chiles until 1989, managing his office as well as subsequent reelection campaigns. Upon the retirement of Lawton Chiles from the Senate, Canady went to work for U.S. Senator Bob Graham and Congressman Andy Ireland, both of Florida. He retired from federal service in 1991.

Since his retirement, Charles Canady has traveled, explored personal interests, and participated in business and political consulting. He published a book, *Running to Win: A Step-by-Step Campaign Guide*. He has remained active in the Lakeland community, and in 2009 was inducted into the Polk County Public Schools Hall of Fame.

Biographical information supplied by Charles E. Canady's unpublished memoirs, *Seasons of My Life*, which is maintained in the collection.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in the Charles E. Canady papers primarily relate to the subject's interest in politics. The biographical section contains published and non-published volumes significant to the subject, as well as awards and family information. The bulk of the collection contains political advertisements and news clippings ranging from local to national elections, covering a period from the early 1970s through 2014. The collection also contains documents, ephemera, and articles relating to the subject's work with U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles.

Arrangement

The collection is organized as follows:

Charles E. Candy

-Biographical, Publications, and Awards

-Campaign Ephemera

-Canady, Charles T.

-Printed material

Chiles, Lawton M.

-Campaign Ephemera

-Documents

-Printed material

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is housed at FSC's McKay Archives Center and must be accessed via the Archives Main Reading Room. To request access, please see the College Archivist or Archives Technician and complete a Collections Request Form.

Index Terms

Persons

Canady, Charles E.

Canady, Charles T.

Chiles, Lawton

Topics

Lakeland and Polk County politics

Florida politics

National politics

United States Senate

Locations

Washington, D.C.

Lakeland, Florida

Genres/formats

Clippings

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Documents

Publications

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Local Subjects

Florida History

Politics/Politicians

United States History

Related Material

None

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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The Collection is Arranged Alphabetically

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