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SUMMARY

Size	4 linear ft.
Geographic Locations	Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1916-1969
Bulk Dates	1951-1953
Languages	English
Summary	Papers pertain to the development of the Republican Party in Louisiana, Harrison Bagwell's gubernatorial campaign and the presidential campaign of Dwight Eisenhower. Collection is comprised of correspondence, financial papers, speeches, printed material, photographs, and political memorabilia.
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Related Collections	None
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Harrison G. Bagwell (1914-1973) was an attorney and resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who earned AB and LLB degrees at Louisiana State University. He played a key role in the organization of the Republican Party in Louisiana and, in 1952, was the first Republican candidate to run for Louisiana governor since Reconstruction. In 1952 Bagwell was the 6th District Louisiana Republican Delegate to the Republican National Convention. In a bid to continue his political career, he ran for a federal judgeship. He was married to June Sue Ross, and they had two sons and five daughters. Bagwell died on December 2, 1973.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers pertain to the development of the Republican Party in Louisiana; the presidential campaigns of 1952, 1960, and 1964; the distribution of patronage and to Bagwell's Louisiana gubernatorial campaign of 1951. Collection contains speeches, press releases and statements by Bagwell as well as the financial records of his gubernatorial campaign. Materials concerning Dwight Eisenhower's presidential campaign of 1952 are also in the collection. Other items included are photographs, printed material related to state and national campaigns, newspaper clippings, and pamphlets concerning the activities of the Republican Party on the state and national levels.

Letters written to Bagwell from Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, and Henry Cabot Lodge thanking him for his support and participation in the Republican presidential campaigns of 1952 and 1960 are also included.

LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES

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| Series I | Correspondence and Other Papers, 1941-1969, undated. |
| Series II | Campaign Material, 1950-1953, undated. |
| Series III | Printed Items, 1916, 1947-1968, undated.
Subseries 1. General Printed Items, 1947-1959, undated.
Subseries 2. Clippings and Newspapers, 1948-1968 |
| Series IV | Series IV. Political Memorabilia, ca. 1953. |

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**Series I. Correspondence and Other Papers, 1941-1969, undated.**

Papers reflect the efforts of the Louisiana Republican Party leaders to develop and promote the Republican Party in Louisiana on the local, state and national levels. Other issues covered are the Republican presidential campaigns of 1952, 1960 and 1964, the Louisiana gubernatorial campaign of 1951, and the distribution of patronage. A. Correspondence concerns the Republican presidential campaigns of 1952, 1960 and 1964 as well as efforts to develop the Republican Party and support for Eisenhower in Louisiana and to the gubernatorial campaign of a Louisiana Republican Party leader. Bills and receipts relate to Bagwell's 1952 gubernatorial campaign and the 1952 presidential campaign of Dwight D. Eisenhower. This series also includes an address book, a checkbook for the Louisiana Republican Party bank account (1952-1953) Two notebooks contain *Corporations Lecture Notes* (1941) and *Criminal Procedure Notes and Briefings* (undated).

Note: Original correspondence of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon, Henry Cabot Lodge, and Everett M. Dirksen pertaining to the Republican presidential campaigns of 1952 and 1960 are housed in the vault.

Series II. Campaign Material, 1950-1953, undated.

Campaign material consists of political speeches, press releases, financial papers and photographs pertaining to the campaigns of Harrison Bagwell and Dwight D. Eisenhower (1950-1952, undated). Photographs show the Eisenhower for President campaign headquarters, portraits of Eisenhower, Richard Nixon (ca. 1950-1953), and Harrison Bagwell at a campaign event.

Series III. Printed Items, 1916, 1947-1968, undated.**Subseries 1. General Printed Items, 1947-1959, undated.**

This subseries contains political booklets, leaflets, handbills, as well as articles that relate to the Eisenhower campaign (1952), court cases, and politics and government. Booklets include *Official Program of the Republican National Convention*, June 7, 1916 and *The Republican Party and the Negro ...*, 1952. Campaign sheet music for *Go G.O.P.* and *The Eisenhower March* (1952) are also present in this group.

Subseries 2. Clippings and Newspapers, 1948-1968

Clippings and newspapers relate to local, state and national politics. Newspaper titles include the *Shreveport Journal* (June 21, 1952), *the Shreveport Times* (June 22, 1952), *New Orleans Item* (Oct. 21, 1951, June 23, 1952), *New Orleans State* (Nov. 7, 1951), *The Times Picayune-New Orleans States Item* (July 22, 1951) and *The Times Picayune* (June 26, 1958). Also present are scattered issues of the *Louisiana Republican* (1952-1959). Newspaper clippings also include political cartoons (1951-1952, undated).

Series IV. Political Memorabilia, ca. 1953.

This group is comprised of campaign buttons, pins and ribbons for the *Eisenhower for President* campaign (ca. 1953). Also found in this series is a campaign hat and bumper stickers, ca. 1953.

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Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the series indicated, as represented by their numbers.

Bagwell, Harrison G., 1914-1973.

Dirksen, Everett M., 1896-1969.

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969.

Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924.

Louisiana—Politics and government—1865-1950.

Louisiana—Politics and government—1951-1961.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994.

Presidents—United States—Election—1952.

Presidents—United States—Election—1960.

Republican Party (La.)—History.

United States—Politics and government—1945-1953.

United States—Politics and government—1953-1961.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
6:33	1	1-44	Series I. Correspondence and other papers, 1947-1955.
6:34	2	1-16	Series I. Correspondence and other papers, 1956-1969, undated.
6:35	3	17-18	Series I. Correspondence and other papers, Notebooks: <i>Corporations Lecture Notes</i> (1941) and <i>Criminal Procedure Notes and Briefings</i> (undated).
			Series II. Campaign material, 1950-1953, undated.
6:34	2	17-22	Papers, 1950-1953, undated.
6:35	3	31-33	Photographs, ca. 1953.
			Series III. Printed items, 1916-1968.
6:34	2	23-32	Subseries 1. General Printed Items, 1950-1959.
6:35	3	20-30	Subseries 1. General Printed Items, 1916-1964.
6:34	2	33-46	Subseries 2. Clippings, 1948-1952.
6:35	3	1-16	Subseries 2. Clippings, 1953-1968, undated.
OS:B		1	Newspapers: <i>Louisiana Republican</i>
98:			Newspapers, 1951-1952
			Series IV. Political memorabilia, ca. 1953.
6:35	3	19	Hat, bumper stickers, ca. 1953.
6:36	4		Buttons, pins, ribbons, ca. 1953.

APPENDIX A

“Official Program of the Republican Nation Convention,” Chicago, June 7, 1916.

“Schoolboy ‘Expendables’: Our Retrogression to Barbarism,” 1947.

“Before and After: The Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947, Referred to as the Taft-Hartley Law,” undated [ca. 1947].

“Proceedings of the Meeting of the Republican State Central Committee Held at the City Hall, Shreveport, La., June 21

“Transcript of Proceedings at the Republican State Central Committee, Held at City Hall, Alexandria, Louisiana, April 23, 1952.”

“Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana: Exhibit on Behalf of Eight District Delegate Representing New Republican Leadership in Louisiana.” [1952].

“State of Louisiana (At – Large): Exhibit on behalf of Delegates at Large Representing New Republican Leadership in Louisiana,” [1952].

“Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana: Exhibit on Behalf of Sixth District Delegate Representing New Republican Leadership in Louisiana.” [1952]

“The Trumpet,” I (March 1952).

“Before the Republican National Committee, July, 1952, Session: Brief for the Delegates of the Regular Republican Organization of Texas.”

“The Louisiana Story: A Factual Statement Concerning Louisiana Contest Addressed to All Delegates and Alternatives at the Republican National Convention in this Year of Decision 1952.”

“1952 Republican Platform Adopted by the Republican National Convention, July 10, 1952, Chicago Illinois.”

“The Great Texas Swindle,” [1952].

“Before the Credentials Committee of the Republican National Convention, Chicago, 1952, re: Kansas Delegate at Large.”

“Permanent Roll of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Republican National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, July 7, 1952.”

“Telephone Directory and Guild, July 1952, Republican National Convention.”

“Republican Accomplishments in Eighty-Second Congress,” 1952.

“The Capitol Hill Club of Washington, D.C., 1953-1954.”

“State of Louisiana. Primary Election Information, July 1954.”

“Louisiana Republican Declaration of Principles and Platform, 1962-1963.”

“State of Louisiana. Election Information, Summer and Fall, 1964.”

“The Republican Party and the Negro. Facts for Party Speakers and Workers,” 1952.

“Supreme Court of Louisiana: No. 40,716: Mrs. Violet B. Allen, et al. vs. Republican State Central Committee of Louisiana, Original Brief on Behalf of Appellees,” 1952.

“To the Republican National Convention and the Republican National Committee: Original Brief on Behalf of Louisiana Delegates Representing New Republican Leadership in Louisiana,” 1952.