Dianne Woodside political papers, 1966-1970
SCHS Call # 0476.00

Description: .25 linear ft.

Creators: Woodside, Dianne (1936- )
Thurmond, Strom ((1902-2003)
Dent, Harry (1930-2007)
Thurmond, Nancy Moore (1946- )

Biographical/Historical Note: Columbia and Indian Land, S.C. political activist.

Scope and Content: Records consist of correspondence, ephemera, clippings, and photographs relating to the 1968 presidential election, Senator Strom Thurmond, and the South Carolina Republican party in the 1960s. Correspondence includes letters from Strom Thurmond, Harry Dent, and Nancy Thurmond. Strom Thurmond writes Woodside to thank her for driving him to the airport from Bob Jones University in October of 1966 after recording promotional material for radio and television. He also writes to express his regret that Woodside was unable to accept his invitation to become his press secretary in November of 1966. A Christmas card (1968) decorated with a political cartoon and a note regarding application to work in public affairs for the Secretary of Agriculture (1969) are both from Harry Dent. A note from Nancy Thurmond (1970) includes news that she and Senator Thurmond were expecting their first child.

Ephemera include press badges, a ticket, and a roll of delegates and alternate delegates for the Republican National Convention held in Miami Beach, Florida in August of 1968. Also includes a program for The Silver Elephant Club Annual Dinner held in September of 1968 in which Bud Wilkinson was the featured speaker.

Photographs include headshots of Strom Thurmond, Richard Nixon, and Spiro Agnew for use in campaign promotional materials; a candid shot of Harry Dent, Earl Little, and Dianne Woodside [at the Republican National Convention in 1968]; Martha Parker, Nancy Thurmond, Martha Mitchell, Mrs. John Patrick, Dianne Woodside, and Margaretta Eagon together in Washington after the Nixon victory in 1968; Elliott Williams in his decorated sailor uniform.

Campaign buttons and souvenirs for the Nixon-Agnew campaign of 1968 include slogans "viva Nixon", "Veterans for Nixon", "United Citizens Nixon", one button for "Reagan", and one for George C. Wallace. Campaign buttons have been moved to artifact collection.

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Note: political campaign buttons located with artifact collection. See artifact collection call number A 154.

Provenance: Gift of Dianne Woodside Killmer; 2012.009 and 2012.023

Search terms:
   Agnew, Spiro T., 1918-1996
   Thurmond, Strom, 1902-2003
   Republican National Convention (29th : 1968 : Miami, Fla.)
   Political campaigns
   correspondence.
   photographs.
   printed ephemera.

Folder list:
476/01/01    correspondence, 1966-1970
476/01/02    ephemera re: Republican National Convention, 1968 and the SC Republican party
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