

Finding Aid for the William Nisbet Chambers Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: William Nisbet Chambers.

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Biographical Note

William Nisbet Chambers was born November 30, 1916 in Joplin, Missouri. He attended John Burroughs School, graduating 1934, then Harvard University, graduating *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa 1939. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Washington University in St. Louis in 1949, and progressed from Lecturer to Professor in the department until 1964. He then transferred from the Political Science Department to the History Department and served as Department Chair from November 1964 to January 1965, greatly helping develop that department's graduate program. In 1967 he was awarded the Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professorship.

During his career, Chambers received various appointments to visiting professorships, including the "Visiting Fellow in General Education" at Harvard in 1956 – 1957, and the "Visiting Associate Professor of Political History" at Columbia University in 1959 – 1960. He also had the opportunity to teach at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies in the summer of 1972. Throughout his career at Washington University he was an active teacher, respected author, visible community leader, lifelong political enthusiast, and renowned scholar.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection is divided into eight series:

Series 01: Scholarly Material, includes research material, papers, professional correspondence, reviews, and conference material (arranged by material type then chronologically)

Series 02: Teaching Materials, includes teaching materials for various classes (correspondence arranged alphabetically by subject, course material arranged alphabetically by course name)

- Series 03: Professional/Administrative Material, includes materials concerning departmental programs and proposals, especially those for the History and Political Science Departments (arranged by departmental affairs and university affairs, then chronologically)
- Series 04: Personal Material, includes personal correspondence, grants, and job offers (arranged chronologically)
- Series 05: Other Activities, includes materials about the Democratic and Republican parties, political pamphlets, and correspondence (arranged alphabetically by subject)
- Series 06: Awards and Honors (one folder)
- Series 07: Ephemeral Material, includes photographs, microfilm and magnetic tape (arranged by material type)
- Series 08: Research Note Cards, includes notes on WNC's various book projects (arranged alphabetically by subject)

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to the University Archives by Professor William Nisbet and Mrs. Chambers.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

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Series 01: Scholarly Material (arranged by material type then chronologically)

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	Research Material – Clippings – Public Opinion (1950's)
	Research Material – Clippings – Reapportionment (1950-1960's)
	Research Material – Clippings – Elections, Watergate (1968-1973)
	Research Material – Clippings – Miscellaneous (1969-1973)
	Research Material – Clippings – Violence in America (1970's)
	Research Material – Clippings – Election (1972) (x2 folders)
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	Research Material – Clippings – From Boat Cruise
	Research Material – Anti-Masonic Party
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	Research Material – Miscellaneous (1960-1972)
	Research Material – Miscellaneous (various times)
	Research Material – Parties – Democratic Party (x3 folders)
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	Research Material – Party Platforms (1896-1972)
	Research Material – Political Theory
	Research Material – “Presidential Vote 1948” Report

- Research Material – “Toward a Theory of Political Emergence”
- Research Material – Truman Library Research Newsletter (1969)
- Research Material – Two-Party Norm in American Politics (x3 folders)
- Research Material – George Wallace Campaign Literature (1968)
- Papers – Book Reviews and Articles for St. Louis Post Dispatch (1947-1953, 1960, 1970)
- Papers – Typescript of Life of Thomas Hart Benton (1 of 2 binders)
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- Papers – “Project in Classical Political Thought” (1956)
- Papers – Book Reviews – Various (1957-1973) (x2 folders)
- Papers – Encyclopedia Articles (1958-1972)
- Papers – Washington University Magazine Articles (1959-1973)
- Papers – “The Jacksonian Perspective” (1960-1961)
- Papers – Harvard Conference (1961)
- Papers – Political Parties in a New Nation Draft (1963)
- Papers – “Party Development and Party Action” (1963)
- Papers – “Party Systems and Nation Building” (1964)
- Papers – “Party Development and the American Mainstream” & “After Washington...” (1967, 1970)
- Papers – “The Two Party Norm in American Politics: Will It Survive?” (1968)
- Papers – New York Times Almanac
- Papers – “Election of 1840” (1970)
- Papers – “Presidential Politics” (1972)

Unpublished Papers – “In Their Defense: The Aristogogues” (1939)
(x2 folders)

Unpublished Papers – Speeches, Articles, Notes (1948-1959)

Unpublished Papers – “Extremism and the American Political Spectrum”
(1967)

Unpublished Papers – Speech Introducing J.G.A. Pocock (1974)

Drafts of Papers – Van Buren Politics in Missouri (1970)

Drafts of Papers – “American Political Parties and Elections”

Drafts of Papers – Vote Analysis of the Missouri Compromise

Drafts of Papers – Early Drafts of Introduction and Two Chapters

Drafts of Papers – Early Drafts of Three Chapters

Conferences – Programs and Papers – Various Conferences

Conferences – Programs and Papers – “Conference on Democracy in the
Mid-20th Century” (1960)

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Correspondence with Publisher (x2 folders)

Correspondence & Contracts regarding the Conference on American
Political Party Development (1966) (1 of 2 folders)

03 Correspondence & Contracts regarding the Conference on American
Political Party Development (1966) (2 of 2 folders)

Correspondence with Publisher

Correspondence – Benton Book (1948-1958) (x2 folders)

Correspondence – WNC’s Speeches and Lectures (1950-1958)

Correspondence – Publishers (1955, 1961, 1965)

Correspondence – Colleagues (1956-1960)

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Correspondence and Grant Applications (1958-1964)

Correspondence – Publishers and Others (1961-1972)

Correspondence – Colleagues (1967-1971)

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Correspondence – Colleagues (1968-1970)

Correspondence – Colleagues (1968-1973)

Correspondence – Colleagues (1968-1974)

Correspondence – Publishers (1968-1974)

Correspondence, Contracts, Permissions, etc. (1969-1974)

Correspondence – Publishers, misc. (1969-1974)

Correspondence and Manuscript (1970)

Correspondence and Drafts (1970-1971)

Correspondence – Publishers (1970-1972)

Correspondence – Colleagues (1970-1973)

Correspondence – Publisher (1971-1974)

Correspondence and Drafts of Colleagues Papers (1972)

Correspondence (1972-1973)

Correspondence and Typescript (1974-1975)

Reviews – Old Bullion Benton (1956-1958)

Reviews – WNC (1960-1969)

Reviews – Political Parties in a New Nation (1963-1964)

Colleagues Papers – Rowland Berthoff

Colleagues Papers – Richard Dawson, Dietrich Gerhard, Richard Jensen

Colleagues Papers – Kautsky, Maridis, Smythe

Colleagues Papers – Nicholas Kling, Masters, John Murrin, RR Palmer

Colleagues Papers – John Pocock

Colleagues Papers – Peter Riesenber, Robert Salisbury, Isidore Silver,
Harvard Sitkoff, Theodore Van Laue, Richard Walter, Murray
Wiedenbaum

Colleagues Papers – Various Authors (1968)

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Berwick

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Series 02: Teaching Materials (correspondence arranged alphabetically by subject,
course material arranged alphabetically by course name)

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Correspondence – Paul Brewster

Correspondence – B-F

Correspondence – Fritz

Correspondence – G-M

Correspondence – Parker

Correspondence – P-Z

Correspondence – Misc.

Course Materials – Alumni Arts and Sciences

Course Materials – American Freedom Institute

Course Materials – American Political Party Development

Course Materials – Anti-Union Propaganda

Course Materials – Basic Social Science Course

Course Materials – Columbia University American Politics

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Course Materials – History 477 (x2 folders)

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Course Materials – Miscellaneous History I
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Course Materials – Mutual Security Association
Course Materials – Political Science 101
Course Materials – Political Science 197
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06 Course Materials – Political Science 499/596 (x3 folders)
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Course Materials – Politics and Parties in England and America
Course Materials – Presidential Elections
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Course Materials – Salzburg Seminar

Course Materials – Senior Honors Thesis

Course Materials – Student Papers (x 16 folders and 1 carton,
alphabetically arranged)

Course Materials – Survey of 1948 Election

Course Materials – University of Chicago (1948)

Paper Presented – Mock Heroic Report

Series 03: Professional/Administrative Material (arranged by departmental affairs
and university affairs, then chronologically)

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07 Departmental Affairs – Department of Political Science – Proposals for the
Development of a Graduate Program (1956-1959)

Departmental Affairs – Department of Political Science – Miscellaneous
(1957-1959)

Departmental Affairs – Department of Political Science – Proposal for a
Center for Democratic Studies (1961-1963)

Departmental Affairs – Department of Political Science – Miscellaneous
(1962-1963)

Departmental Affairs – Departments of Political Science and History –
Correspondence Regarding Transfer of Departments (1964-1965)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Correspondence
Regarding Transfer (1964-1965)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Plans for Offices (1965)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Department Meeting
Minutes (1965-1966)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Graduate Program
Bromwoods Conference (1965-1967)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Graduate History Club
(1965-1967)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Graduate Program Admissions Material (1965-1967)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Graduate Program Students (1965-1969)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Graduate Program Correspondence and Publicity (1965-1973)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Course Listings (1966-1967)

Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Research Assistantships (1966-1967)

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Departmental Affairs – Department of History – Mallinckrodt Professorship (1967-1974)

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University Affairs – Clippings and Reports (1950's)

University Affairs – Achievement Tests (1951)

University Affairs – Basic Social Science (1951-1952) (x6 folders)

University Affairs – Curriculum Revision (1953-1954)

University Affairs – “Operation Important” (1954)

University Affairs – Social Science Committee (1955)

University Affairs – WNC's Comments on the State of the University (1958)

University Affairs – WNC Paper (1961-1962)

University Affairs – Miscellaneous Correspondence (1962-1965)

University Affairs – Establishment of Department of Chinese and Japanese (1963-1965)

University Affairs – Report to the Chancellor (1963)

University Affairs – Minutes of the Faculty Council (1964-1965)

University Affairs – Correspondence (1966-1967)

University Affairs – Archives (1965-1966)

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University Affairs – Correspondence (1969-1974)

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Series 04: Personal Material (arranged chronologically)

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07 Washington University Summer Grant (1950)
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Miscellaneous Correspondence and Other Material (various dates)

Series 05: Other Activities (arranged alphabetically by subject)

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Correspondence Regarding 2 KETC-TV9 Programs
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Political Pamphlets (x2 folders)

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Series 06: Awards and Honors (one folder)

Box No. Folder

08 Awards and Honors

Series 07: Ephemeral Material (arranged by material type)

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08 Photographs of WNC, Acquaintances, and Family
 Photograph Inscribed to WNC by President Harry S. Truman
 Microfilm – PHD Dissertation by Rodney O. Davis (1966)
 Magnetic Tape Recording – WNC Dictating Letter

Series 08: Research Note Cards (arranged alphabetically by subject)

Box No. Folder

09 T.H. Benton Book (5X8" cards)
 "Negro History" (4X6" cards)
 Political Party Systems Bibliographical (3X5" cards)

10 "Political Parties in a New Nation: 1819-1865" (5X8" cards)