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PERRY, SHIRLEY: Papers, 1979-1980 (1.2 l.ft.; Box 1-4)

Biography

Mrs. Shirley Perry was a Massachusetts Republican delegate to the 1980 Republican Convention held in Detroit, MI in July 1980. In addition she was the Chairperson of the John Anderson for President Campaign for the 6th Congressional District of Massachusetts. As a delegate she was pledged to John Anderson.

During the Massachusetts primary Mrs. Perry hosted a coffee for the Illinois Congressman during his tour of the North Shore neighborhood of Beverly, Massachusetts.

Perry was elected as Republican Party Chairperson for the 6th Congressional District in early 1980.

Scope and Content

This collection consists primarily of newspaper clippings regarding the Republican primary campaign of John Anderson for the 1980 presidential election. Mr. Anderson did not receive the nomination and he chose to run as an Independent. He participated in a presidential debate with just Ronald Reagan, the Republican candidate on September 21, 1980. He is widely believed to have done well and “won” the debate. Anderson finished the race with just slightly under 7% of the popular vote. He has continued his work as a political reformer.

Included in the collection is Mrs. Perry’s material from the 1980 Detroit, MI Republican Convention; the struggle over including support for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the Republican platform; and material on Massachusetts elections, the 1979-80 primaries and the 1980 general elections.

The collection has been arranged into five series: SERIES I: John Anderson Campaign Material, 1979-1984; SERIES II: Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Material, 1980; SERIES III: Republican National Convention, Detroit, MI, July 1980; SERIES IV: Massachusetts Republican Party Materials; SERIES V: Election Materials, 1979-1980.

SERIES I: JOHN ANDERSON CAMPAIGN MATERIAL (0.3 l.ft.; Box 1)

This series consists of material regarding the John Anderson Campaign local organization in Massachusetts and his national campaign for the President in 1980. Material includes scheduling, planning and policy information for the local Anderson organization and includes notes by Perry. Also included are news clippings on the Anderson campaign and information about Anderson and his further political actions, including a possible run for the presidency in 1984.

SERIES II: EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) MATERIAL (3 folders, Box 1)

This series consists of material regarding the fight to keep support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as part of the Republican platform at the 1980 convention. The material includes pamphlets; a call for demonstrations in Detroit at the Republic Convention and news clippings.

SERIES III: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, DETROIT, MI, JULY 1980
(0.6 l.ft.; Box 1-3)

This series consists of material regarding the Republican National Convention held in Detroit, Michigan, July 14-17, 1980. Material includes platform debates; issues coming before the platform; notes from Mrs. Perry; rolls of delegates, schedules and programs for the Convention; information on the selection and preparation of the Massachusetts delegation; and tourism information about Detroit and Michigan.

SERIES IV: MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICAN PARTY MATERIAL (0.1 l.ft.; Box 3)

This series consists of material regarding Massachusetts Republican candidates; surveys by the Party; schedules for the March 4, 1980 Presidential primary and vote tallies for the primary.

SERIES V: ELECTION MATERIALS, 1979-1980 (0.2 l.ft.; Box 3)

This series consists of material regarding the 1980 general election. The material within this series is entirely news clippings and magazines.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: John Anderson Campaign Material, 1979-1984

Box 1

Anderson Campaign – Boston, Massachusetts - June 1979-December 1979

Anderson Campaign – Boston, Massachusetts - January 1980-August 1980

Anderson Campaign – Boston, Massachusetts – September 1980-October 1980

Anderson Campaign – National – Bumper Stickers

Anderson Campaign – National – Other Handouts

Anderson Campaign – National – Pamphlets

Anderson Campaign – National – Policy Statements – Agriculture-Women's Rights

Anderson News Clippings July/August 1979-03/13/1980

Anderson News Clippings 03/14/1980-May 1980

Anderson News Clippings June 1980-July 1980

Anderson News Clippings August 1980-09/07/1980

Anderson News Clippings 09/08/1980-11/07/1980

Anderson News Clippings 1982-1984

SERIES II: Equal Rights Amendment Material, 1979-1980

Box 1, cont.

ERA – GOP Convention Brochures – 1980
ERA – News Clippings – 02/03/1979-07/23/1980
ERA – News Clippings – 08/17/1980-10/07/1980

SERIES III: Republican National Convention, Detroit, MI, July 1980

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Massachusetts GOP Delegation – Candidates – 1980
Massachusetts GOP Delegation – News Clippings 10/19/1979-07/30/1980
Massachusetts GOP Delegation – Selection and Preparation for Convention
GOP Convention – Abortion re: Platform

Box 2

GOP Convention – Biographies
GOP Convention – Calendar of Events
GOP Convention – Committees
GOP Convention – *Detroit Free Press* – Republican Convention Special
GOP Convention – Detroit/Michigan
GOP Convention - Ephemera
GOP Convention – Invitations
GOP Convention – Issue: Convention Alternates, District of Columbia Representation
and Peacetime Draft
GOP Convention – John Anderson Delegates Press Release re: Platform
GOP Convention – Media
GOP Convention – National Federation of Republican Women (Brochure)
GOP Convention – *New Guard*, Summer 1980, Young Americans for Freedom
GOP Convention – News Clippings – Detroit Free Press GOP Convention Special
GOP Convention – News Clippings – Undated [July 1980]
GOP Convention – News Clippings 05/09/1980-07/13/1980
GOP Convention – News Clippings 07/14/1980-07/15/1980
GOP Convention – News Clippings 07/16/1980 (1)(2)
GOP Convention – News Clippings 07/17/1980 (1)(2)
GOP Convention – *Newsweek*, 07/28/1980
GOP Convention - Notes
GOP Convention - Program
GOP Convention – *The Republican Party in Convention*, Friends of the Detroit Public
Library, 1980

Box 3

GOP Convention – Republican Women Book
GOP Convention – *Ripon Forum*, May/June/July 1980
GOP Convention – Roll of Delegates Books (1)(2)
GOP Convention – Rules
GOP Convention – *Time*, 07/28/1980
GOP Convention – Theme Song: “Together...A New Beginning”
GOP Convention – Tourism Information
GOP Convention – Vice President Selection

GOP Convention – Vote Tally Sheet

SERIES IV: Massachusetts Republican Party Material, 1980

Box 3, cont.

Massachusetts Congressional Districts

Massachusetts Presidential Primary – March 1980 – Election Calendar and County-by-County Vote Talley

Massachusetts Republican Party

Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus Questionnaire

Tom Trimarco – U.S. Congressional GOP Candidate – Massachusetts 1980

SERIES V: Election Materials, 1979-1980

Capitol Hill, Autumn 1980 – Magazine of the National Republican Club

Primaries – News Clippings – 10/26/1979-03/18/1980

Primaries – News Clippings – 03/19/1980-06/11/1980

General Election – Boston Globe Magazine – 07/13/1980

General Election – News Clippings 05/09/1980-09/16/1980

General Election – News Clippings 09/17/1980-11/05/1980

General Election – *Newsweek*, 07/21/1980

General Election – *Newsweek*, 11/17/1980

Democratic Party – News Clippings August 1980-September 1980

Box 4 (Oversize)

Newsweek Promotional Item – Vote Tally Score Card and Clipboard (Shrink-wrapped)