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Harry Barnard Papers: A Guide to His Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Barnard, Harry, 1906-1982

Title: Harry Barnard Papers

Dates: 1976-1981

Quantity: 10 linear inches; 2 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 84-02

National Archives Identifier: 586257

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of publications and magazines containing articles related to Jimmy Carter.

Creator Information: Harry Barnard

Harry Barnard was born Harry Kletzky in Pueblo, Colorado, on September 5, 1906 to David (an oculist) and Pauline (Halpern) Kletzky. He was educated at the University of Denver (1924-1925), the University of Chicago (Ph.B., 1928) and John Marshall Law School (1935-1937). He was a journalist, biographer, historian and liberal political activist from Wilmette and Chicago, Illinois. Barnard began his career in journalism as a Cub reporter in Colorado. Later he worked on the editorial staffs of the *Chicago Herald Examiner* (1929-1935) and the *Chicago Times* (chief editorial writer, 1944-1945) and was an occasional member of the editorial staffs at the *Chicago Sun* and the *Detroit Times*. He was the author of a syndicated column "Liberal at Large" that appeared in the *Chicago Daily News* and other newspapers in 1958-1960.

Barnard's first biography, *Eagle Forgotten: The Life of John Peter Altgeld*, a biography of Illinois Governor (1839-1897) published in 1938. He was widely heralded as a probable Pulitzer Prize winner, but ended up as a runner-up. Nevertheless, it was listed by Carl Sandburg as a basic book of Western literature. As governor of Illinois from 1893-1897, Altgeld courageously pardoned three men convicted of conspiring to throw the bomb that killed 8 Chicago policemen during the 1886 Haymarket Square demonstration. The reaction from the press was that, as Barnard once said "Altgeld became the most attacked man in American history-and I'm not forgetting the vilification of Abraham Lincoln."

Other published biographies by Barnard include *Rutherford B. Hayes and His America* (1954); *Independent Man: The Life of Senator James Gould Couzens* (1958); and *The Forging of an American Jew: The Life and Times of Judge Julian Mack* (1974). Barnard has also contributed articles to *Encyclopedia Americana*, *The Dictionary of American Biography*, *Nation*, *Saturday Review* and other periodicals and reference works. At the time of his death, he was working on biographies of Wendell Willkie and William O. Douglas. Barnard was married to Miriam Helstien (1929-1942, divorce) and to Ruth Eizenstat (1943-1982) with whom he had 4 children. He died on August 26, 1982 after suffering a heart attack in his Wilmette, IL home. Before his death, Barnard donated his manuscripts and other papers, including an immense collection of correspondence with many of America's leading political, social, and literary figures, to the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming. His wife Ruth Barnard donated various clippings, books and magazines to the Jimmy Carter Library January 17, 1984.

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Acquisition information: These donated historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Harry Barnard signed on February 7, 1984. Additions to the collection were made in 1985.

Processing information: The series from the collection were opened in May 2019.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Harry Barnard Papers contains one series:

Series Title	National Archives Identifier
Publication Files	586257

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Scope and Content: Containers 1-2. This series was opened in May 2019. The series consists of publications and magazines. Unarranged.

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Container List

Publication Files

Container 1

Jimmy Who?

The Man From Plains

Brother Billy

The Wit and Wisdom of Jimmy Carter

Jimmy Carter and American Fantasy

The Journal of Psychohistory, Summer 1979, Volume 7 Number 1

The Journal of Psychohistory, Summer 1978, Volume 6 Number 1

Away From Home: Letters to My Family

Jimmy Carter Jimmy Carter

"I'll Never Lie to You": Jimmy Carter in His Own Words

The Miracle of Jimmy Carter

A Government as Good as It's People

Miss Lillian and Friends: The Plains, Georgia, Family Philosophy and Recipe Book

Dasher: The Roots and the Rising of Jimmy Carter

The Pursuit of the Presidency 1980

Container 2

The Search for Jimmy Carter

The Carter Family Scrapbook

Various Magazines

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