Inventory of the

Lucinda O. Wanner
Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Collection

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INTRODUCTION

The Lucinda O. Wanner Collection contains the personal papers of Lucinda Obermeyer Wanner, an active, long-time member of the Republican Party. Mrs. Wanner’s interest and involvement in the Republican Party reached from precinct committee woman to delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1964, 1968, and 1972. Lucinda Wanner held many elective and appointive positions in her hometown of Glen Ellyn, in DuPage County, in the Illinois Republican State Central Committee, and in the Illinois and National Federations of Republican Women. Her papers reflect her commitment to the Republican Party.

Mrs. Wanner disposed of many personal papers after the death of her husband, Arthur L. Wanner, in 1964. Few papers remain to document Mrs. Wanner’s early interests: the local Parent-Teacher Association and the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, on whose board she served in the early 1930s; the Girl Scouts of America; the Infant Welfare Society founded by Lucinda Wanner and others in Glen Ellyn in 1926; and the Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn.

Mary Lucinda Kasperson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Wanner, donated her mother’s papers to The Everett McKinley Dirksen Congressional Leadership Research Center in 1979. The Collection arrived at The Center in almost 100 various size containers, many containing bound volumes, unsolicited and unopened mail; and large amounts of duplicate items. According to the contract between The Center and Mrs. Kasperson, all unwanted items were to be returned to the donor. About half of the collection was returned.

The Dirksen Center accepted the Wanner Collection in the belief that a significant portion of the papers would relate to Everett Dirksen’s political career. Subsequent archival processing yielded a rich collection of information about women in politics, volunteer political organization, and local history. Unlike The Center’s other collections, however, the Wanner papers contained virtually no material about Dirksen or Congress.

In cooperation with the donor, the Center sought a permanent repository for the Wanner Collection with more complementary collections. As a result, the collection was transferred to the Regional History Center at Northern Illinois University at DeKalb in 1983.

Linear feet of shelf space: 37
Number of containers: 39 (1923 folders)
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Lucinda O. Wanner Collection arrived at The Dirksen Center in no apparent order. After repeated sorting, the processing staff concluded that the best arrangement system would be based on the following series of documents and artifacts: Audiovisual, Certificates,
Correspondence, Memorabilia, Miscellany, Personal, Photographs, and Reference. All the series except Memorabilia and Reference are arranged chronologically. The Memorabilia series consists of two boxes of loose artifacts and elephant figurines, and the Reference file comprises numerous alphabetically-arranged subseries. Each series is more completely described in a series description.

The Wanner Collection contains several significant series. The Correspondence series includes letters to and from Lucinda Wanner and others concerning personal, business and political interests. Some form letters were left in the series, but many boxes of unsolicited form letters were discarded. The Correspondence series most directly reflects Mrs. Wanner’s interests and beliefs.

The Personal file comprises three subseries: Church, Financial, and Miscellany. The Church file contains mostly printed material on two Congregational churches to which Mrs. Wanner belonged; Financial contains bills, receipts, cancelled checks, and other material, arranged by year. The Miscellany subseries includes various items of a personal nature, like Christmas card and gift lists, family history, and vacation records.

The Reference file is the largest and most complex series in the Wanner Collection. The processing staff based the arrangement of the series on Lucinda Wanner’s subject files. Mrs. Wanner collected printed material, form letters, clippings, correspondence, notes, and other documents on topics, issues, people, and organizations that interested her. The staff organized the bulk of the subject files into six chronologically arranged sub-series: Campaigns, Clippings, Newsletters, Notes, Politics, and Public Statements. Files that did not fit into any of the subseries were arranged alphabetically by subject along with the six larger subseries. The staff left related papers together under the subject files instead of transferring them to appropriate files like Correspondence, Notes, or Clippings. Exceptions were Photographs and Certificates. Item disposition sheets mark places in the files where photos or certificates were removed.

The Politics subseries contains the largest group of papers in the Reference series and is further divided into files on Cook County, DuPage County, Illinois, Kane County, Kendall County, Lake County, National, Putnam County, Will County, and Winnebago County. The files for DuPage County, Illinois, and National politics are further subdivided into files on various political organizations. The Politics subseries reflects Lucinda Wanner’s wide span of interests in the Republican party.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Lucinda Obermeyer was born June 19, 1899 in Chicago. After attending public schools, she graduated from Chicago’s Senn High School in 1916 and Lasell Seminary, now a junior college, in Auburndale, Massachusetts in 1918. She later attended the University of Chicago where she studied institutional management and nutrition in the home economics department.
On April 23, 1921, Lucinda Obermeyer married Arthur Lewis Wanner. Mr. Wanner joined Belden Manufacturing Company in 1916 and held the positions of vice-president and treasurer. He became executive vice-president after retiring. The Wanners were the parents of two children—Richard Lewis, born in 1924, and Mary Lucinda, Mrs. Richard Kasperson, born in 1928. The family resided at 278 Merton Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, from 1925 until Lucinda Wanner’s death on April 9, 1976. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died on December 8, 1964.

Mrs. Wanner became an active volunteer in 1926 when she and others founded an infant welfare society in Glen Ellyn. Her activities were numerous. She served as a Girl Scouts leader and the first president of the local Council of Girl Scouts. Mrs. Wanner was active in the Congregational Church; she taught Sunday school and served on the board of trustees and the board of religious education. Work with the local Parent-Teacher Association led to several elective offices in the Association and membership on the board of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers.

In 1946, Lucinda 0. Wanner was appointed precinct #14 committeewoman for Milton Township, DuPage County, Illinois, and embarked on a 30-year career as a “professional volunteer” in the Republican party. Mrs. Wanner remained a committeewoman until 1954 when she was elected committeeman, a post she would hold for 22 years. Two years prior to her election, in 1952, the DuPage County Republican Central Committee appointed Mrs. Wanner county chairwoman. The Central Committee sought Lucinda Wanner’s service on the finance committee, with fund-raising activities, and on numerous other committees. In 1952, DuPage County formed a jury commission and Lucinda Wanner was the first woman appointed to the commission. She served as its chairman and continued working on the jury commission until 1976.

State politics attracted Lucinda Wanner, also. From 1958 until 1962, Mrs. Wanner served as Illinois State Republican Central Committeewoman from the 14th district, then comprising DuPage, Kane, and McHenry counties. In 1962, the district lines were redrawn, making DuPage and Will counties the district boundaries. Mrs. Wanner continued as committeewoman and in September, 1963, the State Central Committee named her assistant vice-chairman. During those years, Lucinda Wanner also acted as vice-chairman of the United Republican Fund. Beginning in 1954, she was active in Republican state conventions and often served on platform and resolution committees.

Lucinda Wanner served as an elected delegate to the Republican National Conventions of 1952, 1964, 1968, and 1972. She worked for many presidential elections, including organizing Illinois Bob Taft Clubs from January to July, 1952, and serving as downstate chairman for the Republican presidential campaigns of 1956, 1960, and 1968. Although Mrs. Wanner held no position within the Republican National Committee, she worked closely with its committeemen and attended conferences sponsored by the RNC.
In addition to her involvement in the regular Republican organization, Lucinda Obermeyer Wanner also worked in women’s Republican clubs at all levels: the Glen Ellyn Women’s Republican Club; the DuPage County Federation of Republican Women’s Clubs; the Illinois Federation of Republican Women; the National Federation of Republican Women. In all of the organizations, Mrs. Wanner took on numerous responsibilities, from board positions to committee chairs.

Mrs. Wanner’s service in the Republican party was recognized when she was named “Woman of the Year” by the DuPage County Young Republicans and “Senior Citizen of the Year” in Glen Ellyn.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

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Cook County
DuPage County
Elections
Erlenborn, John
General Assembly
Glen Ellyn
McCarthy, Joseph
Politics
Republican Party
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Series I. Audio-Visual, 1964

1  8 Volumes  Series consists of five records and record albums, two sound recording tapes, and one film. The film is on Republican political training; the records and tapes are from campaigns.

Series II. Certificates, 1914-1975 (folders 1-4)

1  1-4  Certificates awarded to Lucinda Obermeyer Wanner; her husband, Arthur Lewis Wanner; and others; Mrs. Wanner’s diplomas, Mr. Wanner’s certificate of discharge from the army, certificates of merit or appreciation, and numerous poll-watchers’ certificates.

Series III. Correspondence, 1931-1976 (folders 5-127)

2-4  5-127  Arranged chronologically, this series consists of letters written to or by Lucinda O. Wanner and some correspondence between other parties. Mrs. Wanner corresponded with her son Richard Wanner’s family in Connecticut, her brothers Peter and Chick Obermeyer in California, and many friends, including Phyllis Schlafly. The series includes a letter from the late Senator Everett M. Dirksen, dated October 10, 1962, in which the Senator enclosed an autographed cover of Time magazine carrying his picture.

The Wanner collection contained many unsolicited letters, some unopened, that were discarded. Most of the correspondence found in Mrs. Wanner’s subject files was left in the file. However, the processing staff arranged misfiled and loose correspondence in the Correspondence series rather than attempt to place letters in the most appropriate subject file. The Correspondence series, therefore, contains letters of a personal nature and letters relating to politics and business.

Series IV. Miscellany, 1951-1976 (folders 128-140)

4  128-140  Miscellaneous printed material, pamphlets, poems, programs and various items such as sheet music, a sketch, a slide-rule for rules of order, and a bumper sticker. The material reflects Lucinda Wanner’s patriotism and her interests in politics and conservatism.
Series V. Personal File, ca. 1900-1976 (folders 141-328)

The Personal File is divided into three subseries, each arranged chronologically: Church file, Financial file, and Miscellany.

Subseries A. Church file, 1950-1971 (folders 141-183)
4-5 141-183 Contains printed material, form letters, booklets and pamphlets, annual reports, constitutions and by-laws, budgets, correspondence, and notes relating to the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn and the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn. There are several files containing material relating to the merger of the United Church of Christ and the Congregational Church.

Subseries B. Financial files, 1922-1976 (folders 184-310)
5-7 184-310 The Financial file is arranged by year. Files for each year may contain some or all of the following: bank statements, audits, memoranda, correspondence, form letters, cancelled checks, receipts, deposit slips, check stubs, notes, bills, stock certificates, insurance policies, and documents relating to Mr. and Mrs. Wanner’s wills. Early files contain documents relating to the Wanner Manufacturing Company and Belden Manufacturing Company.

Subseries C. Miscellany, ca. 1900-1976 (folders 311-328)
7 311-328 Contains miscellaneous items of a personal nature relating to Lucinda O. Wanner and her family. Undated items include Christmas card and gift lists, postcards, dance programs, a handwriting analysis, and other documents. Dated items include a ca. 1900 supplement to the Winchester Times that contains photographs and information on Lucinda Wanner’s father and his family; datebooks and calendars; papers pertaining to a trip to Delavan, Wisconsin; Christmas card and gift lists; papers relating to a 1967 and a 1971 trip to Europe, including birth certificates; a copy of a lawsuit against Abbott Laboratories, Inc. and Richard Kasperson, Lucinda Wanner’s son-in-law; and other items.
Series VI. Photographs, 1917-1975 (folders 329-373)

7-8 329-373 Series is arranged chronologically. Negatives are filed first. Undated photographs, divided into subject files: family photos, photographs of politicians and political events, and miscellaneous photos. Dated photographs occasionally contain identification of people. Photographic subjects include family and friends, political meetings and events, politicians, places visited on Lucinda Wanner’s 1967 and 1971 trips to Europe, and miscellany.

Series VII. Reference, 1938-1976 (folders 374-1923)

The Reference file comprises the bulk of the Wanner Collection. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each subject file. In addition to numerous small subject files, the Reference series contains six major subseries: Campaigns, Clippings, Newsletters, Notes, Politics, and Public Statements. Politics is the largest of the Reference file subseries and is further divided by county, state, and national politics. Many of the small subject files and divisions in the Politics subseries pertain to political organizations. Some of the small subject files reflect Mrs. Wanner’s interest in issues of the day. Files vary widely in quality and quantity of information.

8 374 “ABC of Medicare’s Foundation” (1962) Contains correspondence, notes, and three revised copies of an article by M.J. Boyleston on medicare.

375 Aircade for Citizenship Action (1964) Contains material from a February 1964 conference sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

376 American Association of Retired People (1971-1972) Contains three pamphlets, a newsletter, and a booklet on the American Association for Retired People.


378 Americans Concerned Today in Our Nation (n.d.) Contains one undated brochure.

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| 8   | 381    | American Institute for Economic Research (1959)  
Contains one pamphlet. |
| 382 |        | Atomic Energy (n.d.)  
Contains three pamphlets on uranium, the Argonne National  
Laboratory, and “Atoms to Kilowatts.” |
Contains brochures, pamphlets, clippings, notes, and form  
letters concerning various amendments to the Illinois State  
constitution. |
| 386-393 | Bricker Amendment (1951-1956)  
Contains newsletters, pamphlets, articles, clippings, form  
letters, and correspondence concerning the Bricker amendment. |
| 394 | Broyles Bills (1953)  
Contains printed material on two “anti-subversive” bills that  
were considered in the Illinois state legislature in 1953. |
| 8-10 | 395-541 | Campaigns (1950-1976)  
The Campaigns file contains papers pertaining to campaigns  
and elections on the local, state, and national level. The file  
includes some correspondence, telegrams, and notes concerning  
campaigns. The bulk of the file consists of such campaign  
items as flyers, cards, pamphlets and brochures, leaflets and  
petitions, sample ballots, party platforms and canvassing kits,  
campaign speech kits and handbooks, buttons and campaign  
memorabilia.  
The 1952 file includes material relating to Lucinda Wanner’s  
chairmanship in DuPage County for the Bob Taft Clubs of  
Illinois. A great deal of material exists that pertains to Arb  
Shorey’s 1954 campaign for Republican state central  
committeeman and Joe Meek’s 1954 campaign for Senator in  
Illinois. There are many documents pertaining to presidential  
elections. |
| 10  | 542    | Center for Research in Urban Government (1965)  
Contains one pamphlet. |
| 543-545 | Civil Defense (1957-1962)  
Contains government publications, clippings, and notes  
concerning civil defense. |
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| 12-13  | 546-600| Clippings (1934-1976)  
Contains newspaper and magazine clippings and photocopies of clippings arranged by year. |
| 13     | 601    | Committee for Economic Development (1952)  
Contains one booklet, “The Threat to Our National Security.” |
Contains correspondence, notes, form letters, government publications, and pamphlets concerning communism. |
|        | 610-612| Communism in the Church (1952-1954)  
Contains correspondence, clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, and articles concerning communism in the church, especially via the Methodists Federation for Social Action and, the Congregational Churches’ Council for Social Action. |
| 613    | Community Hospital (1965-1971)  
Contains two annual reports and a program for a fundraising art show for Community Hospital in Geneva, IL. |
Contains a pamphlet on how laws are made, printed material on legislation in the 84th Congress, a list of Senators, and Republican leadership press releases and reports. |
| 616    | Cumulative Voting (1955)  
Contains three reports from the Women Investors Research Institute, Inc. on the effects of cumulative voting in corporation stockholders meetings. |
| 617    | Dixon-Yates (1955)  
Contains clippings, notes, a letter, a pamphlet, and newsletters about a power contract dispute. |
Contains clippings and newsletters sent by John East to Lucinda Wanner. |
| 620-623| Education (1950-1961)  
Contains correspondence, notes, printed material, and pamphlets concerning federal aid to education, the teaching of social studies, the National Parent-Teacher Association, and other education-related issues. |
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| 13   | 624    | The Educational Reviewer (1953)  
Contains correspondence, notes, and articles concerning education and the demise of The Educational Reviewer. |
|      | 625    | Electoral College (1960-1961)  
Contains clippings and newsletters with references to a proposed revision of the electoral college. |
|      | 626-627| Erlenborn, John (1965-1966)  
Contains form letters, correspondence, printed material, notes and bills. All the material relates to U.S. Representative John Erlenborn. |
|      | 628    | Errington, Sir Eric (1967)  
Contains notes, name tags, and correspondence concerning a luncheon held for Sir Eric Errington on July 6, 1967. |
|      | 629-631| Federal Budget (1951-1956)  
Contains printed material, pamphlets, letters, and a newsletter concerning the federal budget and the federal debt. |
|      | 632-634| Flick-Reedy Education Association (1961-1966)  
Contains printed material from the Flick-Reedy program of education on freedom and communism and a “Leadership Techniques” Training Program conducted at Flick-Reedy in 1966. |
|      | 635-637| Foreign Policy (1953-1968)  
Contains printed material and pamphlets concerning diverse aspects of U.S. foreign policy. |
Contains early pamphlets, printed material and correspondence relating to 1971 seminars on freedom sponsored by the Foundation and its member organization, the Foundation to Franchise Freedom. |
|      | 643    | Free Trade (1953)  
Contains printed material, pamphlets, newsletters, correspondence, and clippings related to free trade. |
|      | 644    | Freedom Foundation Awards (ca. 1953)  
Contains a pamphlet of award-winning articles on freedom. |
|      | 645    | Government Publications (1954-1955)  
Contains pamphlets and lists of government publications. |
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| 14  | 646    | Great Books (1947-1956)  
Contains discussion questions, a discussion guide, an explanatory booklet, and a note concerning the Great Books’ Foundation’s reading program. An abridged copy of *Plutarch’s Lives* is included in the file. |
Contains correspondence and clippings sent by Philip Harper to Lucinda Wanner concerning communism in the church. |
| 650  | Hoover Commission (n.d.)  
Contains six undated pamphlets about the Hoover Commission. |
| 651  | Housing (n.d.)  
Contains an open letter and a pamphlet opposing open housing. |
Contains two copies of a script Lucinda Wanner Wrote for programs on “The Romance of the Counties of Illinois,” a map and directions for an Evanston address, and a letter explaining use of the script and giving details of Illinois history and Mrs. Wanner’s family history.  
The series also contains a pamphlet from the centennial celebration of the Civil War and a pamphlet from the Illinois sesquicentennial. |
| 653  | Illinois Intelligencer (1966-1967)  
Contains undated lists and three booklets of Illinois newspapers and other publications. |
| 656-659 | Illinois State Chamber of Commerce (1954-1962)  
Contains pamphlets on politics and business issued by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. |
| 660  | Infant Welfare Society (1971)  
Contains Lucinda Wanner’s two rough drafts for a letter or speech on the 45th anniversary of the founding of an infant welfare society in Glen Ellyn, IL. |
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| 14  | 661-663| League of Women Voters (1952-1960)  
Contains correspondence, printed material, clippings, notes, and a pamphlet on the League of Women Voters. |
|     | 664-670| Liberty Amendment (1962-1966)  
Contains reference material on the Liberty Amendment: the publications Freedom Magazine and Fact Sheets, newsletters, National Waterway Conference pamphlets, the Illinois Federation of Women’s Republican Clubs resolution on the amendment, correspondence, clippings, form letters, and notes. |
|     | 671-676| Maps (1952-1971)  
Contains maps of Illinois roads; congressional and Senate district maps; precinct, county, and city maps; and miscellaneous maps. |
|     | 677    | Mass Transit (1960)  
Contains clippings, notes, and a flyer concerning mass transit in DuPage County. |
Contains printed material, pamphlets, booklets, and notes on Senator McCarthy and communism, and a booklet entitled “McCarthyism: The Fight for America,” by Joe McCarthy. |
|     | 681    | Medicare (1952-1965)  
Contains pamphlets, a petition, form letters, a letter, and a pamphlet concerning legislation for socialized medicine. |
|     | 682-683| Mental Health (1955-1961)  
Contains clippings, unsigned notes, newsletters, and articles concerning mental health in DuPage County and Illinois. |
|     | 684-687| Money Markets (1952-1956)  
Contains pamphlets, books, a student newspaper, and a final exam for a course in money markets taken by Mary Lucinda Wanner at Northwestern University in 1956. |
|     | 688    | Moore, Jean (1973-1975)  
Contains two letters and three copies of newspaper clippings written by or relating to Jean Moore, then president of the DuPage County Press Association. |
|     | 689-691| Mount Holyoke College (1962)  
Contains fundraising material from the 125th anniversary of the founding of Mount Holyoke. |
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| 14  | 692    | National Accelerator Laboratory (1968-1971)  
     |        | Includes printed maps, newspaper clippings, and articles about the National Accelerator Laboratory. |
| 14-18 | 693-871 | Newsletters (1950-1976)  
        |        | Contains newsletters (some that come in the form of press releases), reports, letters, and memos from state and national elected officials; Republican organizations, religious, educational, conservative publications; and others. The subseries is arranged chronologically. |
| 18-19 | 872-901 | Notes (1952-1975)  
       |        | The bulk of the Notes subseries consists of undated notes written by Lucinda O. Wanner and others. Some notes were written on bound stenographic pads, but most of the subseries consists of loose pieces of paper containing brief messages, figures, lists, comments, and notes from meetings, programs, articles and books, and television programs.  
       |        | The processing staff filed any clearly labeled notes in the appropriate series. The Notes subseries consists of notes that were not included in Mrs. Wanner’s subject files and notes that do not readily relate to a separate series or subseries. |
| 19  | 902    | Notes on Speeches (1955)  
       |        | Contains handwritten and typed notes on speeches made by General Wilber on March 14, 1955, and by Thomas W. McNiece, General Wilber, Everett M. Dirksen, Kit Clardy, Captain Bundy, and Joseph McCarthy on February 12, 1955. |
|     | 903    | Obscenity (1959-1960)  
        |        | Contains a clipping, press releases, and a brochure put out by the U.S. Post Office on obscenity, especially obscene material delivered in the mail. |
|     | 904-906 | Peace (1959-1963)  
<pre><code>   |        | Contains pamphlets and printed materials on many aspects of peace, including internationalism, peaceful use of nuclear power, disarmament, organizations promoting peace, and other aspects of peace. Most or all of the material came from a Peace Booth at the 1963 DuPage County Fair. |
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The Politics file is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each file. The quality and quantity of the information varies. |
| 19   | 907-912 | Cook County (1952-1971)  
Contains material relating to several organizations in Cook County, including the Cook County Republican Central Committee, the Cook County Young Republicans, and the Women’s National Republican Club of Cook County. The file contains correspondence, form letters, notes, pamphlets, programs, and printed material. |
|      | 913-921 | DuPage County (1955-1972)  
Contains pamphlets, lists, notes, form letters, and miscellany concerning the history and government of DuPage County. |
Contains printed materials produced by the county clerk’s office for use in elections and copies of lawsuits filed by or against the county clerk on matters dealing with elections. |
Contains voter registration and election results list prepared by the county clerk’s office. Many of the lists have hand-written notes on them. |
| 19-20| 942-980 | DuPage County. DuPage County Federation of Republican Women’s Clubs (1954-1975)  
File contains material relating to the Federation, its member clubs, and the programs and activities of those clubs and the Federation. Material in the file includes lists of member organizations; constitutions, by-laws, and directories; correspondence, form letters, and postcards; clippings and press releases; printed material and miscellany. |

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Contains printed material prepared by or for the Jury Commission. |
Contains newspaper clippings referring to the Jury Commission. |
Contains correspondence regarding the Jury Commission. |
Contains carbon copies of tabulated results from interviews for jury duty. |
Contains hand-written notes which were scattered throughout Mrs. Wanner’s file on the Jury Commission. |
| 20-22| 995-1091| DuPage County. DuPage County Republican Central Committee (1944-1975)  
Series contains a wide variety of materials concerning the Republican Central Committee and its members; related organizations and activities; and activities sponsored or co-sponsored by the Committee, such as booths at county fairs, fundraising events, and campaign and election activities. The file includes correspondence and form letters, clippings, printed material, pamphlets, lists, miscellany, and a large amount of notes, especially on executive committee meetings. |
DuPage County is divided into the following nine townships: Addison, Bloomingdale, Downers Grove, Lisle, Milton, Naperville, Wayne, Winfield, and York. Each township is divided into numbered precincts that elect committeemen to the Republican and Democratic parties. The Republican committeemen serve on the DuPage County Republican Central Committee.

Lucinda 0. Wanner served as Milton Township’s appointed committeewoman from 1946 to 1954 when she was elected committeeman. Mrs. Wanner was re-elected every two years and served as committeeman until her death in 1976. She held numerous positions within the Milton Township Republican organization.

The Township file is separated into four smaller files: undated papers, an undated card file, undated Precinct Workers Kit, and dated papers. The files contain correspondence, form letters, pamphlets and booklets, clippings, printed material, lists of voters and polling places, notes, and miscellany. Most of the material relates to canvassing, campaigns, and elections, and the file contains a large number of notes from canvassing activities. A large part of the Township file relates to Mrs. Wanner’s precinct, number 14 in Milton Township.

Contains notes, printed material, clippings, and miscellany taken from folders containing township reference material. Many of the notes pertain to canvassing polls and election tallies.

Contains index cards with information about voters in DuPage County, especially Milton Township, Precinct #14. The processing staff did not correct the order of the cards, but left them in the original six separate groups.

Lucinda 0. Wanner designed a kit containing materials for precinct workers in DuPage County. Several kits were left in Mrs. Wanner’s papers but none contained identical material. The sample kit included in the Wanner Collection contains examples of the pamphlets, brochures, flyers, survey index cards, and campaign materials taken from all the remaining kits.
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| 24-26| 1175-1263 | DuPage County. DuPage County Townships (1946-1976)  
The file contains dated material as described earlier in the finding aid. In addition, the files for 1951-1953 contain correspondence, notes, and drafts for two pamphlets written by Lucinda Wanner and A.J. Shorey, “Congratulations on Becoming a Voter” and “Precinct Worker’s Primer.” The two pamphlets were revised occasionally and used for many years. |
Contains newsletters, correspondence, directories, and printed material concerning the DuPage County Young Republicans and other Young Republican organizations in DuPage County. |
| 27   | 1276-1280 | DuPage County. Glen Ellyn Women’s Republican Club (1954-1974)  
Contains correspondence, notes, minutes, printed material, and miscellany concerning the Glen Ellyn Women’s Republican Club, its members and activities. |
| 1281 |         | DuPage County. John Ericsson Republican Club of DuPage County (1959-1971)  
Contains form letters, programs, and pamphlets concerning a John Ericsson Club. |
| 1282 |         | DuPage County. Republican Workshops of DuPage County (1963-1967)  
Contains printed letters, a program, and printed material relating to the Republican Workshops of DuPage County. |
| 1283-1299 | Illinois (1953-1975)  
Contains pamphlets, lists, charts, booklets, and maps concerning many aspects of Illinois state government, including election laws. |
The file contains papers relating to the Federation and Lucinda Wanner’s activities in the organization. |
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Contains an undated index card file of media names; lists of recommended reading, program suggestions, and material distributed by the Federation’s program committee, some written by Phyllis Schlafly. The file contains information on the speakers committee of the Federation, including requests for suggestions for speakers, correspondence, programs, and other information on federation meetings. |
| 28 | 1339-1359 | Illinois. Illinois Federation of Republican Women’s Clubs (1956-1959)  
The file contains correspondence; information on meetings; material for a newsletter of the federation Women at Work press releases and public relations information; resolutions; by-laws; miscellany. |
File contains material similar to that in previous Federation files. In addition, the file contains material on a registration drive, “The Neighborly Twenties”; a series of meetings on Phyllis Schlafly’s book, A Choice Not an Echo material on revision of the Federation constitution and by-laws. |
Contains reference material concerning the Republican state central committee including correspondence, notes, pamphlets, programs, clippings and printed material. The file also contains information on a 1955 state central committee; drafts for a 1958 publication, “The Life of the Party”; a 1963 Leader List; material concerning a 1964 canvass for “Victory in Illinois”; the Republican booth at the 1965 State Fair; and a July to November 1966 Voter Registration Drive headed by Lucinda Wanner. |
Contains a pamphlet, a clipping, and monthly reports from Illinois State Treasurers. |
Contains one program for a dinner sponsored by the League. |
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Contains correspondence, notes, printed material, programs, and material relating to a 1956 Salute to President Eisenhower. |
Contains correspondence and notes concerning the Republican Citizens League of Illinois. |
Contains correspondence, newsletters, and programs relating to the Illinois Republican Legislative Policy Committee. |
File contains pamphlets, printed material, programs, minutes, and notes on workshops sponsored by the Republican Workshops of Illinois. |
Majority of the file consists of form letters from the United Republican Fund requesting donations or inviting Lucinda Wanner to fundraising dinners. |
Contains correspondence, notes, and a brochure concerning activities of the Young Republicans. |
| 31  | 1507 | Kane County (1965)  
Contains a pamphlet, a directory, and a dinner program. |
| 1508 | Kendall County (1963-1967)  
Contains a program from a fundraising dinner for Senator Everett Dirksen, two newsletters, and notes on a meeting. |
| 1509-1510 | Lake County (1965-1966)  
Contains materials from two Republican workers’ kits prepared by the Lake County Republican Central Committee, a newsletter, a form letter, and printed material. |
31 1511 National (1953-1957)
Contains a printed description of the Constitution; a pamphlet about past presidents; a United States Government Printing Office publication on the function of American government; a Senate committee report on election of the president; a copy of S.J. Res. 31, a proposed amendment to the Constitution; and brochures about regulations for use of the flag and history of the flag.

Contains a membership application, notes from two conferences sponsored by the Lincoln Republican Club, and a flyer.

1513 National. House Republican Conference (1967)
Consists of one brochure explaining the organizational structure, roles, and activities of the House Republican Conference.

1514 National. National Council of Republican Workshops (1963)
Consists of a pamphlet and a printed card explaining the work of the National Council of Republican Workshops and printed material from the Council’s 1963 convention.

31-33 1515-1643 National. National Federation of Republican Women (1953-1973)
Contains material relating to the National Federation of Republican Women, its members, and activities. Typical files contain form letters; correspondence; response cards; lists of members, officers, and committees; minutes; financial reports; printed material; requests for pamphlets and brochures; press releases; constitutions and by-laws; treasurers’ reports.

Contains undated material on “Why I am a Republican;” 1954 material relating to the 8th biennial NFRW convention; 1955-1956 program material honoring Albert Woolson, in 1956 the oldest living member of the Grand Army of the Republic; 1955 text for a pamphlet “The Family of the Federation”; information on the Public Relations committee chaired by Lucinda Wanner in 1955; a text for a pamphlet issued in September 1955, “Toot Your Own Horn”; and material on a regional conference held in fall 1955.
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Contains clippings concerning Albert Woolson, the oldest member of the Grand Army of the Republic, who died in 1956; reports on government departments made by the Administration Liaison Committee of the NFRW in 1956; information relating to the 9th biennial convention of the NFRW held in September 1956; information on the Public Relations committee chaired by Lucinda Wanner; material on January 1957 inaugural events and an NFRW meeting in Washington, D.C.; a 1959 Plan of Action for Victory in ’60; miscellany. |
Contains 1963 pamphlets, “The History of the Founding and Development of the National Federation of Republican Women” and “The History of Women in the Republican National Committee”; information on the NFRW’s Silver Anniversary Gala and 13th biennial convention held in 1963; monthly newsletters, bulletins, and printed material for a 1965-1967 NFRW program, “Build”; material concerning the 15th biennial convention held in 1967 and the controversial election of officers; miscellany. |
Contains material for the 15th biennial NFRW conference in 1969, the 16th biennial conference in 1971, and a regional conference in 1971; information on a 1972 Mamie Eisenhower Library Project; and 1973 issues of an NFRW publication, “Challenge.” |
Consists of speech kits and form letters. |
Consists of two form letters and an invitation. |
| 1656  | National. Republican Centennial Committee (1954)  
Consists of a publication, “The History of the Republican Party,” notes on the publication, printed material on the Republican Party centennial, and a form letter. |
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| 33  | 1657-1661 | National. Republican Education Foundation (1954-1956)  
Consists of pamphlets explaining the organization and purposes of the Republican Education Foundation, post cards, a map, pamphlets on conservatism by Russell Kirk, notes, correspondence, form letters, and printed material relating to the Foundation. Lucinda Wanner was asked to serve on the Foundation board in 1955. In 1956 the Foundation changed its name to the Foundation for American Principles and Traditions. |
The bulk of the Republican National Committee file consists of material from the RNC, including the following: correspondence and form letters, pamphlets and brochures, booklets and directories, press releases and campaign information, fundraising material, minutes, research reports, material for voter registration, and lists of Republican state chairmen, state central committees, executive committees and officers, and membership.  
In addition to regular RNC material, the file contains Lucinda Wanner’s notes and clippings and items such as programs, tickets, invitations, and printed material on special events, including the following: annual spring conferences, the first of which was held in 1953, inaugural material from 1953 to 1973; regional conferences held beginning in 1953; training and campaign conferences and seminars. |
Consists of one form letter and printed material from the Republican National Finance Committee’s 1969 Midwestern regional briefing on political affairs. |
|     | 1836 | National. Republican Policy Study League (1953)  
Consists of correspondence and form letters. |
|     | 1837 | National. Teen Age Republicans (1966-1972)  
Consists of pamphlets and form letters, and printed materials from a June 1972 Teen Age Republicans Leadership conference. |
|     | 1838 | National. Young Republican National Federation (1965)  
Contains two pamphlets, a registration card, and a handbook. |
|     | 1839 | National. Young Republican National Leadership Training Institute, Inc. (1962)  
Contains two pamphlets. |
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| 36  | 1840   | Putnam County (ca. 1954)  
   |       | Contained a scrapbook of clippings produced by Republican organizations in Putnam County. Scrapbook now filed with oversize materials. |
| 1841|       | Will County (1963-1969)  
   |       | Contains printed material, correspondence, a press release, a sample ballot, and programs relating to Will County or produced by organizations in Will County. |
| 1842|       | Winnebago County (n.d.)  
   |       | Contains printed material and pamphlets on voting and the Young Republicans of Winnebago County. |
| 37  | 1843   | Politics and Business (1956)  
   |       | Contains articles, clippings, pamphlets, and correspondence concerning the effect of capitalism and socialism on business, especially as the issues related to the 1956 presidential campaign. |
| 1844-1878 | Public Statements (1949-1975)  
   |       | Contains a few rough drafts of speeches by Lucinda Wanner and printed copies of speeches, remarks, and press releases by elected officials, Republican organizations, and others. The file is arranged chronologically. |
| 1879-1880 | Reading file (1971)  
   |       | Contains newsletters, form letters, and a pamphlet. |
| 1881-1883 | Reapportionment (1964-1966)  
   |       | Contains clippings, reports, a pamphlet, press releases, and public statements on reapportionment of state legislatures. |
| 1884 |       | Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (1970)  
   |       | Contains a pamphlet and the Institute’s newsletter. |
| 1885 |       | Rickard, Theodore (1960)  
   |       | Contains correspondence, notes, and a script for a sound-slide production written by Rickard, entitled “Knock on Every Door.” Rickard designed the production for training precinct workers. |
| 1886 |       | Right to Work (1953-1966)  
   |       | Contains pamphlets, printed material, form letters, newsletters, and a clipping on the right to work, or compulsory unionism. |
Schlafly, Phyllis (1956-1968)
Contains two printed articles concerning the National Defense Committee on which Schlafly served as Illinois State Chairman, and clippings, form letters, and brochures concerning Schlafly’s 1967 bid for the presidency of the National Federation of Republican Women and 1968 election for delegate to the RNC.

Small Business Administration (1971-1972)
Contains form letters and memos from the Small Business Administration.

Social Security (1952-1953)
Contains printed material and pamphlets on social security.

Taft-Hartley Act (1953-1959)
Contains pamphlets, newsletters, booklets, and printed material concerning the Taft-Hartley Act.

Taxes (1953-1967)
Contains clippings, newsletters, form letters, booklets, brochures, and printed material on taxes and taxation at many levels.

Tourism Brochures (1954-1973)
Contains brochures and pamphlets on various sites in the United States.

“Uncommon Men” (1955)
Contains correspondence, brochures and a pamphlet concerning “My Creed” by Dean Alfange, which was posted in The Riverside Inn at Cambridge Springs, PA. The creed expresses Alfange’s desire to be an uncommon man.

United Nations (1948-1957)
Bulk of file contains educational and informational pamphlets and brochures prepared by the U.N. Included in the file are a study kit on the U.N. prepared by the Department of Public Information in New York, clippings, notes, articles and miscellany offering criticism and praise of the U.N.

Universal Military Training (1951)
Contains a pamphlet and a printed article on universal military training.
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<td>Contains clippings and correspondence concerning the role of women in the United States, including printed material put out in 1970 by the Citizens’ Advisory Council on the Status of Women.</td>
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<td>1922</td>
<td>World Politics Program (ca. 1953)</td>
<td>Contains pamphlets, brochures, and notes for use in the World Politics Program, an adult educational project sponsored by Chicago area schools.</td>
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<td>1923</td>
<td>York Center Community Co-Op (1961)</td>
<td>Contains newsletters published by the co-op, a chart comparing the York Center system of property management with other systems, and a brochure on stopping communism.</td>
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Series VIII. Memorabilia, 1966-1975

All Memorabilia items have been moved to the Audio-Visual Collection, UA 11.