

Doocy, Fred J. papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	Friends of Wood Memorial Library and Museum
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Abstract:	The Fred J. Doocy papers, 1945-2017, consist of materials documenting the life of Fred J. Doocy. The collection consists primarily of photographs, ephemera, and newspaper clippings, and emphasizes Doocy's public service, which included serving as Connecticut state senator (1958-1967) and lieutenant governor (1966-1967).

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Biographical / Historical

Fred (Frederick) Joseph Doocy was born on May 5, 1913 in Hartford, CT to Charles and Alice (Moore) Doocy. Fred grew up in East Hartford, graduating from East Hartford High School.

In 1931, Fred was hired as a runner for the East Hartford Trust Company. He soon joined the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company as a teller, and was head bookkeeper before the outbreak of World War II.

Fred married Mary O'Keefe in 1942. They raised five children together.

In 1942, Fred enlisted in the Air Force. He worked on the calibration and testing of the Norden bombsight and autopilot and completed a six month tour in Guam. Fred received a Bronze Star and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Following the war, Fred moved to South Windsor and continued working for the National Bank and Trust Company as assistant treasurer and vice president. He graduated from the Institute of Banking at Rutgers University in 1950.

Fred entered public service in South Windsor, serving as town treasurer for three terms. In 1958, he was elected to the Connecticut State Senate from the 4th District, the first of several terms (1958-1967). From 1963 to 1967, Fred was president pro tempore of the State Senate. In 1966, he was appointed as Connecticut's 77th lieutenant governor after Samuel J. Tedesco resigned, and he served through 1967.

After his term as lieutenant governor, Fred returned to banking, to which he dedicated the remainder of his career. He remained active in Democratic politics.

Fred lived in South Windsor for over five decades, later moving to Manchester. He passed away on December 17, 2017, at the age of 104.

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Scope and Contents

The Fred J. Doocy papers, 1945-2017, consist of materials documenting the life of Fred J. Doocy. The collection covers Doocy's career in banking, World War II service, and public service, including his terms as Connecticut state senator (1958-1967) and lieutenant governor (1966-1967). Doocy compiled the materials. Contents include photographs, ephemera and memorabilia, newspaper clippings, a scrapbook covering Doocy's public service, and Democratic state convention agendas and notes.

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Controlled Access Headings

- South Windsor (Conn.)
- Politicians--Connecticut--Biography
- Connecticut
- Politics and government--Connecticut
- Memorabilia.
- Photographs
- Ephemera

Collection Inventory

Papers, 1945-2017

Title/Description	Instances
Photographs, 1945-1967	
World War II service, 1945	box Doocy 1 folder 1
Rutgers, banking, state senator, lieutenant governor, 1950-1967	box Doocy 1 folder 2

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Connecticut State Senators – 1959 session, 1959	drawer FWM F11	folder 2
Connecticut State Senators – 1963 session, 1963	drawer FWM F11	folder 2
Scrapbook, 1956-1988	drawer FWM F11	folder 1
Newspaper clippings, 1963-2017	box Doocy 1	folder 3
Memorabilia and ephemera, 1950-2013		
Rutgers University and banking, 1950	box Doocy 1	folder 4
"The Top Lever" democratic platform, 1957	drawer FWM F11	folder 2
Doocy as State Senator and Lt. Governor, 1959-1970	box Doocy 1	folder 5
Doocy as State Senator, 1961	box Doocy 1	folder 6
John Dempsey (Gov.) and Fred Doocy (Lt. Gov), 1966	box Doocy 1	folder 7
Guest book, testimonial dinner for Lt. Gov. Fred Doocy, Hartford Club, 1966 Mar 26	box Doocy 1	folder 8
Connecticut Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, 2013	drawer FWM F11	folder 3
Democratic state convention, 1966	box Doocy 1	folder 9
Democratic nominating committee, 1976-1980	box Doocy 1	folder 10

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