

Mayor Daniel P. Kiley, Jr. Papers, 1900? - 1971

General Information

Repository: Lawrence History Center

Accession Number: 2007.002

Dates: 1900?-1971

Quantity: 19 Bankers Boxes, 17 Scrapbooks

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Access: Some files and papers have been restricted until 2081. They have been withdrawn from the collection. No items may be reproduced from this collection without the permission of the archivist.

Related Material

More information on the urban renewal program can be found in the Urban Renewal Collection (2003.008, 1997.060, and 1997.061) and the Mayor John J. Buckley Papers (see below).

The Lawrence History Center also holds the papers of Mayor Lawrence P. LeFebre (2006.076) and Mayor John J. Buckley (2007.005).

Provenance

This collection was gifted to the Lawrence History Center by former mayor Daniel P. Kiley, Jr. in January of 2007.

Historical Note

Daniel P. Kiley, Jr. was born in Lawrence, MA on March 8, 1924. His parents were Daniel P. Kiley, Sr. and Margaret F. (Monahan) Kiley. Daniel P. Kiley, Sr. was a police officer and served as Police Chief for ten years. As a child Daniel P. Kiley, Jr. attended schools in Lawrence, including St. Augustine's Grammar and Lawrence High School. During these years he was a member of St. Augustine's Boy Scout Troop No. 7, in which he attained the rank of life scout. After graduating from Lawrence High School in 1941, Kiley attended St. John's Prep School of Danvers, MA, and then went on to the University of New Hampshire and Boston College Law School. Throughout his years at these schools he supported himself by working for construction firms.

In 1943 Kiley joined the United States Army and served in the European Theater, participating in both the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Kiley passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam in 1949, but went on to work as a teacher in the Lawrence Public School System between the years of 1953 and 1958. After this he focused his attention on legal work, becoming an Assistant Attorney General in 1959 under Attorney General Edward McCormack, a position which he held until 1963. By the mid-1960s he was running his own law office at 101 Amesbury Street in Lawrence, MA. He was a member of the American Legion as well as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Laborers Union AFL-CIO. He was married to Marcia Peterson and had six children: Daniel III, Thomas, Ellen, Marcia, Mark, and Robert.

In 1965 Kiley ran for mayoral office against incumbent John J. Buckley. He was successful, and began his term of office in 1966. During this time he became a member of the Executive Board of the Massachusetts League of Cities & Towns, as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the U.S.

Conference of Mayors. He established the first planning department in the city of Lawrence and attempted to stabilize the tax rate. Mayor Kiley was very involved in the Urban Renewal/Redevelopment program, especially the Plains Project, Broadway-Essex Project, and Title I project. He was involved in building a new school and fire station, increasing the parking available on Essex Street, and increasing the number of public housing units available to Lawrence residents.

Mayor Kiley decided not to run for a fourth term and ended his career as mayor of the city of Lawrence at the end of 1971. He then returned to his law practice in Lawrence, and eventually moved to Andover, opening an office there with one of his sons. He is now retired.

Scope and Content Note

The majority of the papers in this collection are administrative files dealing with the daily running of the city. Among them are many records on the urban renewal/redevelopment program. There are also files that detail Mayor Kiley's interactions with different unions and his attempts to classify city workers, as well as files which detail the goings on of the school committee. Seven calendar books in the collection give a very detailed look into Mayor Kiley's activities between 1966 and 1971. The collection also includes 17 scrapbooks filled mostly with newspaper clippings relating to happenings in Lawrence during Mayor Kiley's three terms in office. Lastly, there are photographs, postcards, and negatives, mostly depicting buildings and lots from the urban renewal program as well as Mayor Kiley in different poses and places. The bulk of the collection is dated between 1966 and 1971. However, there are some newspaper clippings, photographs, and files from the terms of office of former mayor John J. Buckley as well as a baby book. These date back to between 1924 and 1965. There are also some historical newspapers that date back to around 1900.

Arrangement

- Series I. Administrative Files, 1900-1971
- Series II. Labor Files, 1965-1971
- Series III. School Committee Files, 1967-1971
- Series IV. Calendars, 1966-1971
- Series V. Scrapbooks, 1924-1971
- Series VI. Photographs, Postcards, and Negatives, undated

Series I: Administrative Files, 1900-1971

This series is composed mostly of materials detailing the many different tasks and projects in which Mayor Kiley was involved during his years in office. The bulk of the materials are dated between 1966 and 1971, but there are some records dated back to 1900. The series is organized in several, mostly alphabetical, batches. Different batches may have materials on the same topics, departments, etc. Subjects include conferences, parking issues, mental health initiatives, building projects, and the activities of the city planner and city solicitor. In particular, there are many records on the housing redevelopment authority/urban renewal program. Records include memoranda, reports, budgets, newspaper clippings, newsletters, correspondence, receipts, contracts, easements, regulations, permits, overtime payrolls, forms, and bills.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	A – C
2	C – I
3	J – P
4	A - C
5	C
6	C – P
7	C – U
8	U, A – S
9	G- P, A – E
10	F – N
11	N – Z
12	C – Z
13	A – B
14	B – O
15	O - Z

Series II: Labor Files, 1965-1971

This series includes materials relating to Mayor Kiley's dealings with unions and other organizations involved in labor issues between 1965 and 1971. Subjects include the creation of new contracts, collective bargaining, employment of city workers, and the reclassification of job titles. Records include contracts, classification and salary plans, requests for promotion and reclassification, notices of hearings, correspondence, memoranda, and reports.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>
16	Union Files, Applications, Pay Data, Labor Negotiations, Lawrence Housing Authority, Collective Bargaining
17	Collective Bargaining, Classification/Barrington Study, Reports, Civil Service, Applications/Hiring, Watch Termination

Series III: School Committee Files, 1967-1971

This series is composed of materials relating to the goings-on of the Lawrence School Committee, of which Mayor Kiley was a member. These records are dated mostly between 1968 and 1971, and the series is organized by date. Subjects include the hiring of new employees, youth/school programs, school curricula, staff issues, and busing issues. Records include correspondence, policies, curriculum standards, press releases, meeting agendas, reports, contracts, resumes, and memoranda.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>
17	1967 – 1969
18	1969 – 1971

Series IV: Calendars, 1966-1971

This series is composed of seven calendars which are in book format, one page being dedicated to each day of the year. The calendars used for the years between 1966 and 1970 are called National Diaries, and include pages for contacts and bills. There are two calendars for the year 1971. The first calendar is called the “Lawyers Diary and Manual: Bar Directory of Massachusetts.” Mayor Kiley's name is embossed on the cover, and it includes indexes of court officials and members of the Massachusetts Bar. The second is calendar is called the “National 1971 Time Line” and is similar in layout to the calendars used for the years 1966 to 1970. The calendars detail the daily activities of Mayor Kiley during his terms in office, especially those relating to his work. The entries typically include the time at which the activity was taking place, as well as several words describing it. These events include meetings with government officials, meetings with committees and boards, engagements at clubs and organizations, conferences, and holidays. Within the calendars are other materials related to the events taking place during the year, including invitations, notes, tickets, business cards, correspondence, and memoranda. Some of these materials have been removed and placed in acid-free folders in order to better preserve them.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>
19	Calendars 1966-1971, Materials Removed From the Calendars

Series V: Scrapbooks, 1924-1971

This series is composed of seventeen scrapbooks containing mostly newspaper clippings. The bulk of the newspaper clippings focus on Mayor Kiley's run for office in 1965 and other important events that took place while he was in office, including the urban renewal/redevelopment program. One of the scrapbooks focuses on the career of Daniel P. Kiley, Sr. and includes newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, and Mayor Kiley's baby book. There is also a scrapbook focusing on the 1940 Lawrence High School football season. It includes articles on such subjects as the choosing of football team members, team member training, and games played. There are also two articles focusing on Mayor Kiley's career as a lawyer. This series is organized by the dates within the scrapbooks, which range from approximately 1924 to 1971.

Series VI: Photographs, Postcards, and Negatives, undated

This series is composed of photographs, postcards and negatives. The majority of the photographs were taken as part of the urban renewal program. These photographs are of commercial buildings, mills, schools, houses, apartments, industrial complexes, public buildings, and vacant lots throughout Lawrence. There are also other photographs of houses, streets, and buildings around Lawrence taken for other projects initiated by the city government. The collection also includes campaign photographs designed to aid Kiley in his efforts for re-election. There is one photograph of Daniel P. Kiley, Sr. and two other men wearing police uniforms, and another of School Superintendent Dr. Fritz Lindquist. The postcards are mostly of sites in Pennsylvania. The original photographs, postcards, and negatives have been removed from the collection and placed with the Lawrence History Center Photograph Collection. Photocopies have been left in the collection.