

# Guide to the Kenneth Farrand Simpson Papers

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## Biographical / Historical

Kenneth Farrand Simpson was born in New York City on May 4, 1895 into a socially prominent family. His father was a well-known throat specialist and professor of laryngology at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Simpson attended Hill School and was a member of the Yale College Class of 1917. He served in the military during World War I and was stationed in France from June, 1918 until the summer of 1919. On his return to the United States, he entered the Harvard Law School and completed his LL.B. degree in 1922. He was admitted to the bar in the same year and began his legal practice in New York City.

Simpson initially joined the legal firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, but in 1925, after becoming involved in Republican Party politics, Simpson was offered a position as assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of New York. At the time, the government was attempting to adjudicate a number of cases involving German-owned property which had been confiscated during World War I. Simpson became a specialist in tracing vital witnesses who resided abroad. He made several trips to Europe, during one of which he met Alexander Kerensky, the former premier of Russia, who became a good friend.

Simpson resigned from the United States attorney's office at the end of 1927 to become a partner in the firm of Barnes, McKenna & Halstead (later Barnes, Richardson & Halstead). Severing his connection with this firm in 1934, he joined Hunt, Hill & Betts, where he worked until 1939 when he formed the partnership of Simpson, Brady & Noonan.

As his legal career developed, Simpson became more and more engrossed with politics and rose to positions of leadership within the Republican Party. A liberal who believed his party had to abandon some of its conservative dogma to win and who exhibited a tolerance for the New Deal, Simpson served as

president of his district club, 15th Assembly-District leader, and state committeeman. In 1935 Simpson was elected to the powerful position of Republican county chairman and from then on played a crucial role in rebuilding the New York Republican Party.

In 1937, Simpson orchestrated the reelection of Fusion Party candidate Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia with Republican Party endorsement. Simpson's efforts also insured the election of Republican candidates for president of the Board of Alderman and comptroller. Simpson also persuaded Thomas E. Dewey to run for the office of District Attorney and Bruce Barton to seek election to the House of Representatives from the 17th Congressional District. The success of these candidates marked Simpson as a political boss, and in December he was elected to the Republican National Committee to succeed Charles Dewey Hilles. Simpson worked hard in Dewey's unsuccessful gubernatorial bid in 1938, but by late 1939 Simpson had become disenchanted with him. Simpson saw Dewey as usurping his political authority and declared his opposition to Dewey's presidential bid in 1940. He played a vital role in nominating the liberal Wendell Wilkie and stopping Dewey. Simpson worked hard in Wilkie's unsuccessful campaign, while triumphing in his own bid for election from the 17th Congressional District. Shortly after being sworn-in as a member of the House of Representatives, Simpson died of a heart attack on January 25, 1941.

In 1925 Simpson married Helen-Louise Knickerbocker Porter. They had four children. In addition to his political achievements, Simpson and his wife contributed to the civic organizations and cultural life of New York. He was a member of the Player's Club, the Grand Street Boys' Association, and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and was a patron of music and a collector of modern art. He numbered among his friends cultural leaders such as Norman Bel Geddes, Gilbert Seldes, and Gertrude Stein.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of correspondence, political memoranda, campaign literature, and printed matter documenting Kenneth Simpson's career as chairman of the Republican County Committee in New York (1935-1940). The papers also include case and client files from Simpson's legal practice. The papers highlight Simpson's support for Fiorello LaGuardia in the 1936 New York mayoral campaign, his opposition to Thomas E. Dewey's candidacy for presidential nomination in 1940, and his own successful campaign for election to the United States House of Representatives from the Seventeenth Congressional District of New York in 1940.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in six series: I. Correspondence, 1913-1941. II. Political Papers and Congressional Files, 1934-1941. III. Writings, 1936-1941. IV. Case and Client Files, 1923-1941. V. Personal Papers and Photographs, 1900-1983. VI. Scrapbooks, 1925-1941.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1913-1941

This series is composed of incoming and outgoing letters of both a personal and political nature. Correspondence with clients is included in the case and client files in Series IV. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order, and until 1934 there is little that relates to politics. Letters in 1913 from his father date from Simpson's freshman year at Yale, while the 1925 files contain messages of congratulation on his engagement.

The files become more voluminous after Simpson's appointment as county chairman of the Republican Committee of New York County in September, 1935. Though the files do contain some exchanges with other Republican Party leaders such as Alfred Landon, Charles Dewey Hilles, Amos Pinchot, and Stanley M. Isaacs, which contain discussions of campaign strategy or policy matters, congratulatory messages from acquaintances and the general public form the bulk of the series. In 1937 there are letters of opinion concerning Republican support for the reelection of Fiorello LaGuardia, and 1938 letters contain voters' views of the candidacy of John O'Connor for Congress. In the 1939 files there are letters concerning organizational work for primaries and the efforts to unseat Simpson as Republican county committeeman. Strife within the party is further reflected in the correspondence of April, 1940, when Simpson faced an attempt to force him off the Republican National Committee. The files later in 1940 bulk large with letters concerning Wilkie's nomination and campaign for president, Simpson's own nomination and successful campaign for Congress, and the flattering portrait of Simpson published in Life magazine.

The files include letters from close personal friends, such as Norman Bel Geddes, Maurice Leon, and Lyttleton Gould concerning many topics. The series concludes with several folders of correspondence with Dorothy Dudley Harvey and a file of letters concerning candidates for admittance to the bar. Simpson served as the legal advisor to Harvey, an author, and her husband. Papers concerning this professional relationship are found in Series IV. The correspondence in this series is strictly personal, is much larger than that with any of Simpson's other correspondents, and reflects their long and close relationship.

b. 1, f. 1-27	1913 Sep, 1920-1928, 1930-1937	1913 Sep, 1920-1928, 1930-1937
b. 2, f. 28-53	1937 October - December 22	1937 October - December 22
b. 3, f. 54-79	1937 December 23 - 1939 August	1937 December 23 - 1939 August
b. 4, f. 80-109	1939 September - 1940 August	1939 September - 1940 August
b. 5, f. 110-134	1940 September - October	1940 September - October
b. 6, f. 135-163	1940 November - December 7	1940 November - December 7
b. 7, f. 164-175	1940 December 10 - 1941 Jan, undated	1940 December 10 - 1941 Jan, undated
b. 8, f. 176-179	Harvey, Dorothy Dudley	1930-1940, undated
b. 8, f. 180	Recommendations to the bar	1932-1938

## Series II: Political Papers and Congressional Files, 1934-1941

This series consists of notes, drafts of policy papers, financial papers, election statistics, campaign literature and other printed ephemera, press releases, and newspaper stories, which relate to Kenneth Simpson's involvement in New York City Republican Party politics, national presidential campaigns, and his own campaign for congress in 1940. The files also include constituent correspondence and notes relating to legislation generated during Simpson's brief tenure in the House of Representatives. The scrapbooks in Series VI cover similar topics.

The political papers are organized chronologically and the earliest date from 1934 when Simpson served on a committee investigating taxicab service. The files for the mayoral campaign of 1937 contain many statements by Simpson as he attempted to secure Republican Party endorsement for Fiorello LaGuardia for mayor. The most numerous files are those for 1940, covering Simpson's split with Thomas Dewey, his support for Wendell Wilkie for the presidential nomination, and his campaign for the 17th Congressional District seat.

The series concludes with congressional files from Simpson's three weeks in Washington. Most of the constituent mail concerns "Lend-Lease" legislation, H.R. 1776, providing aid to Great Britain. Simpson favored passage of some form of this bill, but his constituent mail provides a view of the opposition's arguments as well as the broader scope sought by many supporters.

### Political Papers

See also: [Series IV. Scrapbooks](#)

b. 9, f. 1 - 3	1934 [Mayor's Committee on Taxicab Survey] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	
	1936	1936
b. 9, f. 4	General	
b. 9, f. 5	Presidential campaign	
	1937	1937
b. 9, f. 6	General New York mayoral campaign	
b. 9, f. 7	General	
b. 9, f. 8	Simpson statements and press releases	
	1938	1938
b. 9, f. 9	General See also: Oversize, folder 2-3	
b. 37, f. 1	Oversize	
b. 9, f. 10	Analysis of vote for assemblyman A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	

## Political Papers &gt; 1938 (continued)

b. 9, f. 11	Analysis of vote for governor
b. 10, f. 12	New York Sixteenth Congressional District campaign
	1939
b. 10, f. 13 - 14	General
b. 37, f. 1	Oversize
b. 10, f. 15 - 16	Primary
	1940
b. 10, f. 17	General
b. 10, f. 18	New York Fourteenth Congressional District special election
b. 10, f. 19 - 20	New York Seventeenth Congressional District election
b. 37, f. 2-3	Oversize
	Republican presidential nomination
b. 10, f. 21	General A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.
b. 10, f. 22	Convention petitions for members of the Committee on Resolutions
b. 10, f. 23	Dewey campaign materials
b. 37, f. 4	Oversize
	Simpson split with Dewey
b. 10, f. 24	General A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.
b. 37, f. 5	Oversize
b. 11, f. 25	Scrapbook of clippings from the <i>Newark Star Ledger</i> concerning the campaign to win New Jersey for Wendell Wilkie [compiled by Morris Mogelever]
b. 12, f. 26	Republican presidential campaign
b. 12, f. 27 - 28	undated
	Congressional Files, 1941
b. 12, f. 29	Applicants for employment
	Constituent mail



Congressional Files, 1941 > Constituent mail (continued)

b. 12, f. 30	General
b. 12, f. 31	Dies Committee
	H.R. 1776
	Against
b. 12, f. 32 - 35	A-M
b. 13, f. 36 - 37	N-Z, unidentified
b. 13, f. 38 - 40	For
b. 13, f. 41 - 42	Petitions for and against
b. 13, f. 43	Requests
b. 13, f. 44	St. Lawrence Seaway
b. 13, f. 45	Form letters
b. 13, f. 46	Legislation introduced [H.R. 2095]

**Series III: Writings, 1936-1941**

This series is composed of speeches and statements given by Simpson during the course of various political campaigns. The largest portion of these date from Simpson's own campaign for election in 1940. The materials are arranged in chronological order.

b. 14, f. 1	1936 English	1936
b. 14, f. 2	1937 English	1937
b. 14, f. 3	1938 English	
b. 14, f. 4	1939 English	
b. 14, f. 5 - 9	1940 English See also: Historical Sound Recordings, Yale University Library for audio transcription of KFS's remarks at the Wilkie rally of November 2, 1940, in New York City.	1940
b. 14, f. 10	1941 English	1941
b. 14, f. 11 - 12	undated	undated

## Series IV: Case and Client Files, 1923-1941

This series includes notes, letters, drafts for briefs, published material, and other types of papers relating to Kenneth Simpson's legal practice. Though there are files for cases or clients Simpson represented in each of his positions and partnerships including his work with the United States district attorney's office, the files do not appear to be comprehensive, and it is not clear what portion of Simpson's case load is represented. The files are arranged in alphabetical order by case or client name.

Most of the files document fairly routine legal matters such as wills, divorces, estate settlements, receiverships, actions for rent, and the like. Among the files one finds the names of many prominent cultural figures whom Simpson advised or represented including Edmund Wilson, Dorothy Dudley Harvey, Evangeline Stokowska, Mary Mayo, Alexander Kerensky, Gilbert Seldes, and Pierre Matisse. Files of Andrew Somers relate to Simpson's work as counsel to the congressman during the proceedings instituted to impeach U. S. District Judge Grover Moscowitz. There are also several files for Flo Renyx, a Republican Party activist, concerning her role as a receiver in several cases. Many other files relate to Simpson's own participation as a receiver or court appointed special guardian.

b. 15, f. 1	American Patents Development Corporation [Ash Reclaiming Machinery Corporation]	1928
b. 15, f. 2 - 5	Armone, Steve	1934-1937
b. 15, f. 6	Batti, Jacques Albert Duteil	1935-1936
b. 15, f. 7	Beekman estate	1935-1936
b. 15, f. 8	Berkowitz, Hyman	1926-1927
b. 15, f. 9	Blackmer, H. M.	1927-1928
b. 16, f. 10	Bodmer, Carol	1928
b. 16, f. 11 - 12	Brewster, Henry D. and Mary E. estates	1937
b. 16, f. 13	Brown, Leon	1929
b. 16, f. 14	Buck, Richard C.	1923
b. 16, f. 15 - 16	Central Hanover Bank vs. Williams [Oliver Cromwell Hotel]	1935-1936
b. 16, f. 17	City Bank Farmers Trust Company vs. Alice Chapin Evans, et al.	1937-1938
b. 16, f. 18	Clayburgh, Alma	1936-1937
b. 16, f. 19	Colgate, Gilbert, Jr.	1928-1930
b. 16, f. 20	Condé Nast Publications, Inc.	1935-1936
b. 16, f. 21 - 22	Coty estate	1934-1937
b. 17, f. 23 - 29	Coty estate	1934-1937
b. 18, f. 30 - 38	Coty estate	1934-1937
b. 19, f. 39 - 40	Coty estate	1934-1937
b. 19, f. 41	Daly Daniel F.	1924

b. 19, f. 42	DeWolfe, Jacques	1933-1934
b. 19, f. 43 - 45	Dodd, John M. estate	1937
b. 19, f. 46	Dollar Savings Bank vs. Ruggerio [KFS referee]	1936
b. 19, f. 47	Dumont, Henry	1928
b. 19, f. 48	Duncan, Henry	1930-1933
b. 20, f. 49 - 50	Duncan, Henry	1930-1933
b. 20, f. 51 - 52	Esposito, Ferdinando	1923-1925
b. 20, f. 53	Farrand, Mary Stevens estate	Circa 1936 - 1938
b. 20, f. 54	Fay, Bernard	1929-1936
b. 20, f. 55	Fischman, Barnett	1933-1936
b. 20, f. 56	Fisher, Moe J. estate	1933-1936
b. 20, f. 57	Fowler, Mabel C.	1933-1935
b. 20, f. 58	Franklin Plan Corporation	1933-1935, 1941
b. 21, f. 59	Friedman, Bernard J.	1929-1930
b. 21, f. 60	Freleigh, Virginia [client of William Meekins]	1928
b. 21, f. 61	Gates, Artemus L. and Wallace Hoggson	1923-1924
b. 21, f. 62	Gen Pharmacy, Inc., et al.	1930
b. 21, f. 63	Gordon, George E. estate	1938
b. 21, f. 64	Hahn vs. Duveen [client of Michel Brault]	1936-1937
b. 21, f. 65 - 66	Hamersley, John W. estate	1934-1941
b. 21, f. 67	Harvey, Dorothy Dudley	1932
b. 21, f. 68	Harvey, Dorothy Dudley and Henry B.	1934-1938
b. 21, f. 69 - 70	Harvey, Henry B.	1927-1934
b. 22, f. 71 - 73	Harvey, Henry B.	1927-1934
b. 22, f. 74	Hatmaker, Consuele	1930
b. 22, f. 75	Haubrick, Frank	1928
b. 22, f. 76	Heller, Ernestine	1928
b. 22, f. 77	Hellstern & Co. [client of Michel Brault]	1936
b. 22, f. 78 - 83	Johnson, Albert	1927-1930
b. 23, f. 84 - 85	Johnson, Albert	1927-1930

b. 23, f. 86	Keech, Gilbert W., Jr.	1938
b. 23, f. 87	Kennard, R. Parry	1935-1938
b. 23, f. 88	Kerensky, Alexander	1934-1939
b. 23, f. 89	Klein, Erika [friend of Evangeline Stokowska]	1935
b. 23, f. 90 - 93	Law, Robert M.	1937-1938
b. 24, f. 94	Levy, Mansfield	1927
b. 24, f. 95	Lewis, Albert Nelson	1936-1937
b. 24, f. 96	MacFarlane, Edna Falls Ballagh	1924-1926, 1936
b. 24, f. 97	MacLeish, Charlotte E. D. estate	1936
b. 24, f. 98	Manville, Louis Arline	1930-1935
b. 24, f. 99 - 102	Marshall, Arthur A.	1927-1931
b. 24, f. 103 - 104	Marshall, Arthur A. [re Bernard Schlenger]	1928-1931
b. 24, f. 105	Matisse, Pierre	1936-1938
b. 24, f. 106	Mayo, Margaret	1936-1937
b. 25, f. 107	McGuire, William G.	1932-1934
b. 25, f. 108 - 110	McLellan Stores Company	1934-1936
b. 25, f. 111	Meshel, David	1930
b. 25, f. 112 - 113	Morin S. Hare & Co.	1923-1924
b. 25, f. 114	Motion Picture Corporation of America [John H. Green]	1936-1939
b. 25, f. 115	Murvihill, Mabel	1933-1935
b. 25, f. 116	Nathan, Anna vs. Taps Medicine Co., Inc. [KFS receiver]	1929-1935
b. 25, f. 117	National City Bank of New York et al. vs. Charles D. Waggoner et al.	1931-1935
b. 26, f. 118 - 121	National City Bank of New York et al. vs. Charles D. Waggoner et al.	1931-1935
b. 26, f. 122	New York Title & Mortgage Co. vs. 1576 Taylor Ave.	1934-1937
b. 26, f. 123 - 124	Onward Construction Co. [Ansonia Hotel]	1933-1935
b. 26, f. 125	150 East Fifty-Fourth Street Corporation	1930
b. 26, f. 126	Oppenheimer, Leo	1932
b. 26, f. 127 - 130	Parkhurst, Helen	1932-1934
b. 27, f. 131 - 132	Peck, Samuel estate	1936-1937
b. 27, f. 133	Phillips H. Lord, Inc.	1935

b. 27, f. 134	Plimpton, Helen Sheppard	1932
b. 27, f. 135	Porter, Mrs. George F.	1927-1929
b. 27, f. 136	Porter, Nathan S. and Caroline C. A. [Bowery Savings Bank vs. Loburn Realty Corporation, et al.]	1933-1934
b. 27, f. 137	Reed, Louis S.	1934
b. 27, f. 138 - 142	Renyx, Flo [receiverships]	1933-1936
b. 28, f. 143 - 146	Renyx, Flo [receiverships]	1933-1936
b. 28, f. 147	Roscoe, Carolynne, Chitwood	1928-1933
b. 28, f. 148	Rosenzweig, Oscar	1928-1929
b. 28, f. 149	Roux, Gaston estate [client of Michel Brault]	1936
b. 28, f. 150 - 153	Rowntree, Carlisle	1927-1928
b. 28, f. 154	S. R. Dresser Manufacturing Co. [H. N. Mallon]	1937
b. 28, f. 155 - 156	Saxe Somogyi Co., Inc. vs. New York Men's Association	1934
b. 29, f. 157	Schlesinger & Company	1930
b. 29, f. 158	Seldes, Gilbert	1937-1938
b. 29, f. 159	Shepard, Frank P.	1923
b. 29, f. 160	Silvergate, Jack	1929-1930
b. 29, f. 161	Smith, Isidor R. estate	1938
b. 29, f. 162	Smith, Snell	1930
b. 29, f. 163 - 168	Somers, Andrew L. [re Grover M. Moscowitz]	1929-1932
b. 29, f. 169 - 170	Steinert, Alexander Lang	1936-1941
b. 30, f. 171	Stephenson, Hubert	1926-1927
b. 30, f. 172	Stewart, Donald Ogden	1929-1933
b. 30, f. 173 - 175	Stilwell, Jaynes & Co.	1927-1928
b. 30, f. 176	Stokowska, Evangeline	1929-1930
b. 30, f. 177	Strachey, Esther Murphy	1932-1933
b. 30, f. 178 - 180	Turbine Equipment Company	1924-1929
b. 31, f. 181 - 183	Turbine Equipment Company	1924-1929
b. 31, f. 184	Van Nostrand, Louise B.	1935-1936
b. 31, f. 185	Volga Kama Commercial Bank	1936-1939
b. 31, f. 186	Wallace, Grace estate	1935

b. 31, f. 187 - 190	Watkins, Beulah	1932-1937
b. 32, f. 191 - 192	Wertheim, Ruth [later Ruth Wertheim Smollens]	1934-1939
b. 32, f. 193	Williams, Frank Starr	1923-1924
b. 32, f. 194	Wilson, Edmund	1938
b. 32, f. 195	Wilson, Mary Blair	1929-1930, 1938
b. 32, f. 196	Woosley, Myrtle Forney	1930
b. 32, f. 197	Zeppa, Francesco	1930-1937
b. 32, f. 198	Miscellaneous	1927-1938
b. 32, f. 199 - 200	Unidentified	Circa 1930-1937

## Series V: Personal Papers and Photographs, 1900-1983

This series is composed of papers which relate to Kenneth Simpson's day to day activities. They are more general in nature than the political papers and case and client files contained in the previous series. The few legal files in the series concern personal matters of Simpson and his family. Materials in the series are arranged by record type and are listed in alphabetical order. The largest categories of records are the financial papers and memorabilia. The financial papers include account books, check counterfoils and other records of the Simpsons' investments and household expenses. Included in the folders of memorabilia are programs and other types of printed ephemera from social, political, and cultural events attended by Simpson including the 1939 New York World's Fair and the Republican National Convention in 1940.

The series also includes papers of other family members and, to a limited extent, documents Helen Simpson's activities, particularly after her husband's death. In her files there is a small amount of personal correspondence including a letter of condolence from President Roosevelt and a few letters from Alice B. Toklas. Photographs, which are at the end of the series, include pictures of Simpson and his family, as well as Simpson at various political and civic events.

b. 33, f. 1	Address book and guest list	undated
b. 33, f. 2	Appointment books	1940
b. 33, f. 3 - 4	Articles about Kenneth Simpson and other biographical information	1937-1946, undated
Family papers		
b. 33, f. 5	Hamlin, Sarah H. J. Simpson estate	1930-1931
b. 33, f. 6	Porter, Caroline K. C. estate	undated
Simpson, Helen		
b. 33, f. 7	General	1941-1951
b. 33, f. 8	Coordinating Committee for Democratic Action	1941
b. 33, f. 9	Simpson, William K. [father]	1914, 1916
b. 33, f. 10	Simpson children	1946-1948, 1983
Financial papers		
b. 33, f. 11	General	Circa 1936-1940
b. 33, f. 12	Account book of expenses	1937-1938
b. 33, f. 13	Account book for investments	1938-1939
b. 33, f. 14	Check counterfoils	1925-1926
b. 34, f. 15 - 18	Check counterfoils	1931-1937
Legal papers		
b. 34, f. 19	Barnes, Richardson, and Halstead	1931, 1933-1935
b. 34, f. 20	Hunt, Hill, and Betts	1934-1939



## Legal papers (continued)

b. 34, f. 21	Loburn Realty Corporation vs. Simpson	1932-1933
Memorabilia		
b. 34, f. 22 - 24	General	1900, 1920s- 1940, undated
b. 37, f. 6	Oversize	1922
b. 35, f. 25 - 29	Friendly Sons of St. Patrick	1936-1940
b. 35, f. 30	Gridiron Club	1936-1940
b. 35, f. 31	Inner Circle	1937-1940
b. 35, f. 32	Legislative Correspondents Association	1936-1940
b. 35, f. 33	New York World's Fair	1939
b. 35, f. 34	Presidential inauguration	1941
b. 36, f. 35	Republican Party	1936-1940
b. 36, f. 36	Skull and Bones	1916-1922, 1938
b. 37, f. 6	St. James Church	
Photographs		
b. 37, f. 6	1934	1934
b. 36, f. 37	1936-1937 <a href="#">Photographs, 1936-1937</a>	1936-1937
b. 36, f. 38	1938-1939 <a href="#">Photographs, 1938-1939</a>	1938-1939
b. 36, f. 39	1940 <a href="#">Photographs, 1940</a>	1940
b. 36, f. 40	undated <a href="#">Photographs, undated</a>	undated
b. 36, f. 41	Colleagues and friends	1927, undated
b. 36, f. 42	<a href="#">Family</a>	1936-1939, undated
b. 36, f. 43	Portraits	1937, undated
b. 37, f. 6	Oversize	1934-1940

## Series VI: Scrapbooks, 1925-1941

The nine scrapbooks of newspaper clippings in this series provide very thorough coverage of Simpson's role in New York politics from 1937-1940. They focus on the "Fusion" candidates in the New York City mayoral election of 1937, Fiorello LaGuardia and Thomas Dewey, the growing power struggle within the New York State Republican Party, and Simpson's split with the party's majority over Dewey's candidacy for the presidential nomination in 1940. The scrapbooks also document the Wilkie campaign and Simpson's own election to Congress in 1940. The original scrapbooks were microfilmed in 1981 and 2002 and the fragile originals discarded.

1. "The New York Mayoral Elections, 1937"	1937
Mayoral candidates were: incumbent Fiorello La Guardia, United States Senator Royal Copeland and Jeremiah Mahoney. Thomas Dewey elected as District Attorney. Simpson's role in support of La Guardia's nomination by the Republican Party.	
2. "The New York Mayoral Elections, 1937"	1935 October - 1937 June
Divisions in the New York State Republican Party. Contest for 1936 Presidential nomination of Republican candidate within New York State.	
3. "The 1937 Elections and Dewey's First Successful Entry into Politics"	1937 July - August
New York Mayoral contest, 1937. La Guardia seeks Republican nomination. Thomas Dewey, Special Prosecutor, sought as "Fusion Candidate" for District Attorney, receives Republican nomination.	
4. "Power Struggles with Dewey in New York State Republican Party, 1938-1940"	1938 November - 1940 March
Internal struggle within the New York State Republican Party. Dewey promoted as Republican candidate for President, 1940 election.	
5. "National Republican Resurgence, 1938-1940"	1938 September - 1940 March
Various editorials concerning the role of Kenneth Simpson in the Republican Party and the Party itself. Struggle within the Party between the "liberals" and the "Old Guard."	
6. "Power Struggles for Republican Nomination for President for 1940"	1940 April - July
Rift in New York State Republican Party. Simpson's split with Dewey. Wendell Wilkie receives Presidential nomination; supported by Simpson.	
7. "Republican Politics of 1940"	1940 April - October
Controversy within the New York State Republican Party; mounting opposition to Dewey.	
8. "Simpson's Last Days as New York State Republican Chairman"	1940 October - December
9. "Simpson's Election to Congress of 1941"	1940 October - 1941 February
Campaign coverage; Simpson wins election to Congress as Representative from 17th Congressional District, New York. Wendell Wilkie the Republican Presidential candidate; Bruce Barton the candidate for Senator from New York.	
10. Untitled	1925-1938
11. Untitled	1936 January-1937 October
12. Untitled	1937 October-1938 November

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Law  
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### **Geographic Names**

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government --  
1898-1951  
New York (State) -- Politics and government --  
1865-1950  
United States -- Politics and government

### **Occupations**

Politicians

### **Names**

Barton, Bruce, 1886-1967  
Dewey, Thomas E. (Thomas Edmund),  
1902-1971  
Dudley, Dorothy, 1884-  
Geddes, Norman Bel, 1893-1958  
Hilles, Charles Dewey, 1867-1949  
Isaacs, Stanley M. (Stanley Myer), 1882-1962  
Kerensky, Aleksandr Fyodorovich, 1881-1970  
La Guardia, Fiorello H. (Fiorello Henry),  
1882-1947  
Landon, Alfred M. (Alfred Mossman), 1887-1987  
Léon, Maurice, 1880-  
Matisse, Pierre, 1900-1989  
Pinchot, Amos, 1873-1944  
Simpson, Kenneth F. (Kenneth Farrand),  
1895-1941  
Toklas, Alice B., 1877-1967

### **Corporate Body**

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )