

SEATON, FRED A.: Papers  
Correspondence Series  
Personal Correspondence Subseries

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Correspondence Series of the Fred Seaton papers is made up of the following subseries: (1) Personal Correspondence, (2) Routine Correspondence, and (3) Post-Campaign Correspondence, 1952-54. With the exception of the last subseries, the time span of the material in each of the subseries overlaps Seaton's various offices.

The Personal Correspondence subseries dates from 1953 to 1961, although the bulk of the correspondence is from the Interior Department period, 1956-61. Despite the title, this subseries contains material of an official as well as a personal nature. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.\* (Exceptions to this are folders of biographies, birthday congratulations, and condolences.) Correspondents include friends and acquaintances (many from Nebraska, Hastings in particular), Republican Party leaders, federal and state government officials, publishers and journalists, conservation and reclamation leaders, and the general public. The subject matter in this subseries is wide-ranging but the following are some of the more prominent topics: Indian affairs, reclamation politics, Alaskan statehood, conservation, national parks, and monuments, oil policy, U.S. territories, Hawaiian statehood, fish and wildlife policies, Defense Department procurement, patronage and endorsements, public power, and the newspaper business. This subseries contains more than 25,000 pages (34 archives boxes.)

The Routine Correspondence subseries consists of three archives box (about 2,500 pages) from the period 1954 to 1960. Included are requests for photographs, autographs, matchbook, etc, get-well wishes, and Christmas greetings.

The Post-Campaign Correspondence subseries, 1952-54, was generated during the time between the 1952 campaign and the time Seaton went to Washington to join the Eisenhower Administration as Assistant Secretary of Defense. The subject matter centers around his associations with the Eisenhower Administration although he had not yet accepted a post in it. Predominant are letters from Seaton congratulating newly-appointed government officials, and patronage letters requesting Seaton's aid in securing positions with the Administration. This subseries consists of about 1,600 pages (2 archives boxes.)

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