

William G. Barthold Papers

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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Abstract:

This collection documents the life and accomplishments of the Honorable William G. Barthold (1897-1969): Northampton County Judge, Pennsylvania State Senator, and Lehigh University Class of 1918. Material includes newspaper excerpts from local area publications, certifications and awards, personal correspondence, political advertisements and endorsements, and photographs.

Creator:

William Gregory Barthold, 1897-1969

Title:

William G. Barthold Papers

Inclusive Dates:

1914-1969

Quantity/Extent:

6 cartons, 6 linear feet + 1 flat box (2 linear feet)

Language:

Collection materials are in English.

Repository:

Lehigh University, Linderman Library, Special Collections

Historical / Biographical Note:

William G. Barthold (1897-1969) was, during his lifetime, prominent as both a

legal and political figure for the city of Bethlehem and county of Northampton, Pennsylvania. Since the beginning of his career as Assistant District Attorney in 1928, he took on numerous roles, acting as the Solicitor-Sheriff of Northampton County (1934-1935), the Solicitor of Bethlehem School District (1934-1938), and ultimately as a Judge from 1938 until his retirement after thirty years of service. Among these, he also served as State Senator from 1937-1938.

Before his professional career, Barthold was an accomplished student. He graduated as valedictorian from his Bethlehem High School class in 1914, from Lehigh University in 1918, and from Harvard University, where he received his degree in law, in 1922. Later, in 1948, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Moravian College in acknowledgement of his accomplishments and contributions to the community -especially his successful efforts to lower youth crime in the Bethlehem area.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection is comprised of information, through various mediums, concerning the life and work of William G. Barthold. It contains biographical information, both full newspapers and excerpted clippings from them, political posters and advertisements, photographs of Barthold, his family, and other Lehigh University students, and a large collection of family scrapbooks documenting nearly his entire career. Oversize material such as framed diplomas and certifications are also included. The earliest document in the collection is Barthold's 1914 diploma from Bethlehem High School, and material in the collection runs right up to his death in 1969 with obituaries and condolences to family.

Besides information about Barthold, the collection contains relevant informational booklets and pamphlets about the city of Bethlehem and Northampton County, written and circulated during his time period.

Arrangement of the Collection:

Scrapbook material is arranged chronologically; other material is arranged by subject:

Box I Folders

Series 1: Education

Series 2: Photographs

Series 3: Invitations and Certifications

Series 4: Local Information and Career

Series 5: Political and Senatorial Career

Series 6: Biography

Box II-VII Scrapbooks

Series 7: Local Newspaper Excerpts, Judge Career

Series 8: Miscellaneous; or other Scrapbooks

Oversize Material

Series 9: Framed Photographs, etc.
Series 10: Degrees, Diplomas, and Certifications

Separated Materials:

1919 Lehigh University Epitome Yearbook was added to the existing collection of Epitome Yearbooks
Lehigh University Centennial Convocation book and Asa Packer Centennial Plaque were added to the existing collection of Lehigh Centennial material

RESTRICTIONS

Access Restrictions:

Collection housed remotely. Users need to contact 24 hours in advance.

Use Restrictions:

Collection is open for research.

Copyright Notice:

Please inquire about copyright information.

SUBJECT HEADINGS / INDEXING TERMS

Personal Names:

Barthold, William Gregory, 1897-1969.

Corporate Names:

Lehigh University
Lehigh University. Class of 1918.
Moravian College
Harvard University
Pennsylvania State Bar Association
Pennsylvania. Senate.

Family Names:

Barthold Family

Place Names:

Bethlehem (Pa.)
Northampton County (Pa.)

Subjects:

Judges
Senators--Pennsylvania (State)
Lehigh University--Alumni and Alumnae

Genre and Forms:

Scrapbooks
Photographs
Posters
Newspapers

Occupations:

Judges
Senators
District Attorneys

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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FINDING AID INFORMATION

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INVENTORY / DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box I

Series 1: Education

Folder 1

01.01 Lehigh University, Undergraduate
Student's handbooks, Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity membership, '47 Spring House
Party photograph, 30th Reunion Photo at Linderman Library, Class of 1918 20th
Reunion Photo at Taylor Stadium

Folder 2

01.02 Harvard University, Graduate
35th class reunion, 25th class reunion photograph, Law Club membership, exam
schedule, Harvard Commencement Booklet

Folder 3

01.03 Moravian College, Honorary degree
1948 Alumni Bulletin, Bethlehem Globe-Times clippings recognizing rewarding
of Honorary Degree & photographs from newspaper, commencement program &

exercises, personal letters of congratulations

Series 2: Miscellaneous Photographs

Folder 4

01.04.01 Portraits

Eight portrait photographs of William G. Barthold at various ages

01.04.02 Other Photographs

Group photographs, family photographs, images from Pennsylvania State Senate inauguration

Series 3: Invitations and Certifications

Folder 5

01.05 Certifications for legal work, letters of thank you / acknowledgements from local organizations, honorary membership documents, invitations to banquets and anniversary gatherings (Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, etc.)

Series 4: Local Information and Career

Folder 6

01.06.01 Elections

Sample ballot instructions, Citizens Committee recommendation to elect Barthold

01.06.02 Other information

Various other newspaper excerpts and clippings related to the local (Bethlehem and Northampton County) career of Barthold as a legal figure

Folder 7

01.07.01 Northampton County General

Newspaper clippings (1950s), local political cartoons, "Buying an Election" Expense Account, Old Northampton County informational booklet

01.07.02 City of Bethlehem General

Historic Bethlehem tourist guide, Bethlehem Globe Times clippings, Facts and Figures about Bethlehem Pennsylvania (1950 census)

Series 5: Political and Senatorial Career

Folder 8

01.08 Personal letters from supporters, Inauguration photograph, committee endorsements and recommendations, 1937 Penn. State Senate members diagram, letters and memoranda from the United State Senate

Series 6: Biography

Folder 9

01.09.01 Early Biography

Documents containing general and/or statistical information about Barthold

01.09.02 Obituary

Newspaper clippings, personal letters, memorial services

Series 7: Local Newspaper Clippings; Career as Judge

Box 2:

2.1. Scrapbook 1; Feb. 1937-1938

2.2. Scrapbook 2; Dec. 1938- Sep. 1939

2.3. Scrapbook 3; Sep. 1940- Sep. 1941

Box 3:

3.4. Scrapbook 4; Sep. 1941- Sep. 1942

3.5. Scrapbook 5; Sep. 1942- Sep. 1943

3.6. Scrapbook 6; Feb.- Dec. 1946

Box 4:

4.7. Scrapbook 7; Jan.- Dec. 1947

4.8. Scrapbook 8; 1948

4.9. Scrapbook 9; 1949 Judicial Campaign; Sep. Primaries, Nov. General

Box 5:

5.10. Scrapbook 10; 1950

5.11. Scrapbook 11; 1951

5.12. Scrapbook 12; 1952

Box 6:

6.13. Scrapbook 13; 1958-1960

Series 8: Miscellaneous; or other Scrapbooks

6.14. Miscellaneous clippings; 1930-40s, 1949

6.15. Miscellaneous clippings; 1940-50s

? Miscellaneous clippings; 1958-1960

6.16. 70th Birthday and retirement, with photographs; 1967-1969

Box 7:

7.17. Death and Obituary Scrapbook; 1969

Series 10 Other material

7.18. American Flag

7.19. Smoking Pipe in a Leather Case

Oversize Material (in Map Case Folder)

Series 9: Degrees, Diplomas, and Certifications

9.1.1. [Photograph] Barthold Sworn into Pennsylvania State Senate, 1937

- 9.1.2 Lehigh University Bachelor of Arts Diploma, 1918
- 9.1.3 Harvard University Diploma, 1922
- 9.1.4 Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Certification: Attorney and Counsellor, 1923
- 9.1.5 Moravian College Honorary Doctorate, 1948
- 9.1.6. Bethlehem High School Diploma, 1914
- 9.1.7. Marriage Certificate, 1925
- 9.1.8. United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission Certificate, 1937
- 9.1.9. Pennsylvania Constitution Commemoration Committee Certificate, 1937
- 9.1.10. District Attorney campaign poster, circa 1937
- 9.1.11. Supreme Court of United States Certification: Attorney and Counsellor, 1948