

THE CITIZENS FOR MICHIGAN COLLECTION

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Citizens For Michigan was organized in Lansing on June 19, 1959, by a group of about 200 persons. A non-profit organization, it was financed by membership dues and personal contributions. The purpose of Citizens For Michigan was to study Michigan's current and anticipated needs, and to seek desirable changes by working for a new Constitution.

George Romney was the Chairman of Citizens For Michigan, and other important officers were Edward L. Cushman, Vice Chairman, Harold C. McKinney, Jr., Secretary, and J.V. Brady, Treasurer.

This collection is the file of the Executive Director of Citizens For Michigan, an office first held by Ralph W. Conant, and after April, 1960, by Donald M. Oakes.

The papers cover the period from 1959 to 1962.

Important subjects are: Correspondence

Minutes

Reports

Newsclippings

Background studies and other material on Michigan's Constitutional Convention, and the efforts involved in promulgating a new Constitution for Michigan.

Among the correspondents are: The officers mentioned.

Eugene Black

Philip A. Hart

Clare E. Hoffman

John T. Lesinski

Robert S. McNamara

Charles E. Potter

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Description of Series

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The Executive Director's Reference File

- reflects the growth and functioning of the organization. Material here is arranged chronologically.

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Newsclippings

- contains mostly information on Con-Con (the Constitutional Convention), as well as some on the CFM. Material here is roughly arranged by the newspapers (Con-Con), and those on CFM are in chronological order.

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