

Inventory to the John T. Schneider Papers

Schneider, John T., 1945-2001

John T. Schneider Papers, 1953-2001

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OVERVIEW

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BIOGRAPHY

John T. Schneider was born June 29, 1945 at Fargo, N.D. to Mary and Edward Schneider. He graduated from Fargo Central High School in 1963. After graduating from NDSU in 1967 he entered the Peace Corps and served at Jalalabad, Afghanistan. He entered UND law school in 1969 following his return from Afghanistan. In 1970 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was assigned to Puerto Rico, Mediterranean and Japan. After his discharge in 1973 he returned to law school and graduated in 1975.

John Schneider started his legal career in Fargo with the Lashkowitz Law Offices. He specialized in labor law and represented various organized workers' organizations. In 1978 he and Ron Hilden formed the

Schneider and Hilden Law office. In 1979 his brother joined the firm and the name was changed to Schneider, Hilden and Schneider. After Hilden left the firm and brother Mark joined the newly named firm of Schneider, Schneider and Schneider Law Offices.

In 1982 he was elected from Fargo District 21 to the North Dakota House of Representatives and served to 1992. He was elected House Democrat Leader in 1989 and 1991. In 1993 he was appointed U.S. Attorney for the District of North Dakota and served to 2000. He died March 9, 2001 of a brain tumor

John Schneider married Lois McKennett of Bowman, N.D. in 1971. They had met as students at NDSU in 1964. They had two sons, Jasper and Rocky.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **John Schneider Inventory** is primarily organized into three main aspects of John's life: his political career, his legal career, and the last years of his life. There are also other items, like memorabilia, from earlier times of his life. The inventory of John Schneider's papers is broken down at the folder level. Some of the folders have been further organized and explained at the item level and are listed under the folder title. Additions to this collection are expected.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder Content

1/1 Inventory

- Congratulation letters and cards on appointment to U.S. attorney, 1993
- Appointment to U.S. attorney newspaper clippings, 1993
- Congressional correspondence, 1994
 - Letter from Senator Conrad on HR 3355 (Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act)
 - Letter from Congressman Pomeroy on a report of violence in North Dakota
- Appointment books, 1994-1995, 1997
- Legal Correspondence, 1993-2000
- Meeting and conference pamphlets/notices, 1989-2001
- Pictures
- Publications, 1994-1999
- "ND Legislative Assembly History: It's About Time," 1993
- Court cases, 1994, 2000
 - Chad LaVallie v. U.S.
 - Paul Wiley v. Daniel Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture

- President Bill Clinton
 - Christmas cards, 1993-1995
 - Invitation to the inauguration for Bill Clinton, 1997
- Vice President Al Gore
 - Christmas cards, 1994-1995
- Senator Burdick, 1983-1986
 - Pamphlet, re-elect notice, re-elect newspaper, and letters from Senator Burdick to John
 - “A Tribute to Senator Quentin Burdick” pamphlet (2 copies)
- Swearing-in ceremony pamphlet and invitation, 1993
- Questionnaire for U.S. Attorney applicants, 1993
 - 2 questionnaires filled out by John
- John’s Thoughts
 - Letter expressing John’s interest in being appointed to the Federal Branch for the District of North Dakota (outlines his career)
- Legislative Memorabilia, 1982-1991
 - Elect and re-elect notices, House Bill, etc.
- Memorabilia, 1953-2000
 - Business cards, progress report (1953-1954), graduation pamphlet for Fargo Central High School (1963)
 - Licenses to practice law and name tags
 - Resume
 - Letter notifying John he has been selected to receive the Ruth Meiers Award
 - Hospital Summary
 - Confirmation and baptism records
 - NDSU Bachelor of Arts degree, 1967
 - Certificate of Appreciation for service in the armed forces of the U.S.
 - Advocacy Excellence Award, 1985
- Legislative newspaper clippings, 1982-1992
- Legislative correspondence
 - Many letters and cards from a variety of people. Most of them thank John for his support or congratulate him for getting elected
- Newspaper clippings, 2000-2001
 - Articles regarding John’s cancer and resignation
- Medical records, 2000
 - Consultation report, appointment summaries, health history information, medications, etc.
- Newspaper clippings – legal, 1993-1998
 - Articles regarding court cases
- Funeral, 2001

- Obituary, newspaper clipping, military record, death certificate, letters
- Janet Reno, 1993
 - Newspaper clippings and articles
- Financial records, 1994-2001
- UND
 - Winter commencement, 1975
 - Letters, 1975
 - Academic record