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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Welsh, William B., 1924-2015
<b>Title:</b>	William B. Welsh papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078524
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<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 linear feet 9 document boxes 1 half-size document box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection contains the papers of William B. Welsh, who served as a research and legislative assistant to Herbert H. Lehman when he was a New York senator.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); William B. Welsh papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical sketch

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William Brownlee Welsh was born on September 18, 1924 in Munfordville, Kentucky, the son of Mary Cox Welsh and Benjamin Tibbits Welsh. He grew up near Berea, Kentucky and attended Berea College, leaving during his sophomore year to serve in the 66th Infantry during World War II. He returned to college after the war, but took another break from his studies to help create the National Student Organization. He was elected its first president and spent a year in Madison, Wisconsin, struggling in particular with the question of racial integration, which the organization supported after much debate. He finished his senior year at Berea College in 1947.

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## Biographical sketch

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After college, Welsh received a fellowship to the Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, a master's program offered through partnership between the University of Alabama, University of Tennessee, and University of Kentucky. The program gave him the opportunity to sit in on the senate of the Alabama state legislature. After graduating he went to the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University to study for a doctorate, and at the recommendation of a dean he went to work as an assistant to New York senator Herbert Lehman as soon as he finished his degree. He worked closely with Lehman's assistant Julius Edelstein.

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## Biographical sketch

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After Lehman retired, Welsh served as research director for the Democratic National Committee, He then worked as an administrative assistant to Senator Phil Hart and later an assistant to Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

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## Scope and Content

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The papers of William B. Welsh, research and legislative aide to U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman of New York, contain research files on eight subjects; civil rights, housing discrimination, communism, Constitutional amendments, immigration, Joseph McCarthy, the Refugee Relief Act, tidelands, and Vietnam. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, clippings, and research material.

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## Arrangement

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This collection has been arranged into nine series.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of William B. Welsh, 1976.

### **Processing Information**

Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, research material Surveyed Julie Miller 05/--/87.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Material**

Herbert H. Lehman Papers Columbia University Archives, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University

### **Related Material**

[William B. Welsh - Hubert H. Humphrey Vice Presidential Files](#), Minnesota Historical Society

### **Related Material**

[Interview with William "Bill" Welsh by Don Nicoll](#), Bates University

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Oil fields
- Petroleum in submerged lands
- International relief
- Refugees
- Civil rights -- United States
- Emigration and immigration law -- United States
- Communism
- Emigration and immigration
- Constitutional amendments
- Mexico, Gulf of
- McCarthy, Joseph, 1908-1957
- Lehman, Herbert H (Herbert Henry), 1878-1963
- Herbert H. Lehman Collections (Columbia University)
- United States. Congress. Senate

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Civil Rights, 1947-1956

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains information on Lehman's efforts to support civil rights legislation. It includes material on fair employment legislation, reports and correspondence on housing discrimination, and documents on the cases of black soldiers who were denied access to classes at several Southern universities, despite a program that provided the classes for free to soldiers. There is also material on filibusters, a tactic Lehman opposed and hoped to eliminate. It includes letters from those facing discrimination, correspondence between Lehman's office and other government officials, goals and plans for meeting with officials, and press releases.

Title/Description	Instances	
Army Education Segregation-W.B.W. Personal File, 1956	box 1	folder 1
Army and Education I: University of South Carolina, 1949-1956	box 1	folder 2
Army and Education II, undated	box 1	folder 3
Background Material, 1951-1956 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 Folders)	box 2	folder 1-3
Discharge of H.R., undated		

	box 2	folder 4
Economic Coercion, 1952	box 2	folder 5
Election Statistics, 1950-1956	box 2	folder 6
Fair Employment Practices Commission, 1950-1955	box 2	folder 7
Housing Discrimination, 1947-1956	box 2	folder 8

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## Series II: Communism, 1955

### Scope and Contents

Series II contains one folder of clippings and letters from the ACLU written in reaction to the booklet "How to Spot a Communist."

Title/Description	Instances	
"How to Spot a Communist"--General, 1955	box 3	folder 1

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## Series III: Constitutional Amendment, 1940-1956

### Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, fliers, clippings, press releases and other documents on two proposed amendments: the Bricker Amendment, which concerned treaty regulation, and The Lodge-Gossett Amendment, which would have eliminated the Electoral College and replaced it with a proportional electoral vote.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bricker Amendment, 1952-1955 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 Folders)	box 3	folder 2-4
Lodge-Gossett, 1940-1955 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 Folders)	box 3	folder 5
S.J. Res. No. 3 "Relative to the Taking of Private Property," 1953-1954	box 3	folder 6

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## Series IV: Immigration, 1952-1955

### Scope and Contents

Material in this series relates to immigration legislation and problems faced by immigrants. It includes a wide range of documents, such as immigration and crime statistics, clippings and editorials, information



on the effect of the McCarran Act on immigrants, a collection of hate literature (much of it anti-Semitic) accompanied by notes, and letters to Lehman from people who experienced problems applying for visas or with reentering the country and his responses. The series focuses primarily on European immigration, but there are two folders on illegal Mexican immigrants.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Eastland, James O.,--Background Material and Racist Statements, 1956	box 3	folder 7
Amendments in 84th Congress,1955	box 3	folder 8
Bibliography, 1953	box 3	folder 9
Crime Statistics, 1952-1954	box 3	folder 10
Draft Speeches, undated	box 3	folder 11
Editorials, 1953	box 4	folder 1
83rd Congress, 1953	box 4	folder 2
Foreign Press Comments, 1952-1953	box 4	folder 3
General articles, 1952-1953	box 4	folder 4
Hardship Cases, 1953	box 5	folder 1
Hate Literature, 1953	box 5	folder 2
Hate Literature, 1952	box 5	folder 3
Human Interest Background, 1952-1953	box 5	folder 4-5
Justice Department: Deportations, 1953-1955	box 5	folder 6
McCarran Bill: Amendment to S.2550, 1952	box 6	folder 1
McCarran Bill Fact Sheet For Floor Debate, undated	box 6	folder 2
Private Bills, 1953	box 6	folder 3
Publications and Reprints, 1952-1953	box 6	folder 4
Race, 1953	box 6	folder 5
Resolutions and Editorials in Congressional Record, 1953	box 6	folder 6
Statistics, 1953-1954	box 6	folder 7
Illegal Immigrants, 1954	box 7	folder 1
Illegal Immigrants, 1951-1953	box 7	folder 2

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## Series V: Joseph McCarthy, 1950-1954

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains material on Joseph McCarthy and McCarthyism, which Herbert Lehman opposed. It contains research and clippings, reports, press releases, and copies of Lehman's speeches on McCarthy and his charges against him. There is a folder on the McCarthy franking controversy, in which both Lehman and McCarthy accused each other of abusing franking privileges, that includes franked envelopes sent by McCarthy.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Background Material, 1950-1953	box 7	folder 3
Censure, 1950-1954	box 7	folder 4
Charges against made by Lehman, 1950	box 7	folder 5
Lehman Franking Controversy, 1953-1954	box 7	folder 6
Lehman Franking Controversy, 1953-1954	box 8	folder 1
Lehman's Resolution, 1949-1953	box 8	folder 2

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**Series VI: Refugee Relief Act, 1954-1956****Scope and Contents**

This series is primarily concerned with efforts to amend the act and contains bills, correspondence between Lehman and his assistants, reports, visa statistics, lists of immigrants, and descriptions of individual cases.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
General, 1965	box 8	folder 3
Amendments and Hearings I, 1955-1956	box 8	folder 4
Amendments and Hearings II, 1954	box 8	folder 5
Monthly Report of Assurances, 1954-1956	box 8	folder 6
Status of Visa Applications per week, 1955-1956	box 8	folder 7

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**Series VII: Senate Rules, 1950-1954****Scope and Contents**

Series VII holds information the Fair Committee Procedure, a proposal put forth by a group of Senators and members of the House (including Lehman) which would outline an official set of procedures to be used by all committees and subcommittees. It also includes a proposal to change rules on Senate conference reports. It contains correspondence, drafts of resolutions, and notes, among other materials.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
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Fair Procedures I, 1950-1954 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 9	folder 1-2
Senate Conference Reports, 1954	box 9	folder 3

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### Series VIII: Tidelands, 1819-1955

Title/Description	Instances	
Background Material I, 1819-1936	box 9	folder 3
Background Material II: Historical Content, 1838-1936 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 9	folder 4-5
Foreign Waters, undated	box 10	folder 1
General material, 1953-1955 <u>Physical Description</u> : (3 Folders)	box 10	folder 2-4
General Material, 1945-1952	box 10	folder 5

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### Series IX: Vietnam, 1954

#### Scope and Contents

This series is comprised of one folder containing a letter from Francis Williams to Julius Edelstein, in which he discusses his views on government leadership in Asia.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1954	box 10	folder 6

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