



The Historical Records Program, administered by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Archives, is a program where your office papers, records and memorabilia are collected and preserved to document your place in Pennsylvania's legislative history.

To complement the rich printed materials of the House of Representatives, such as the Journals, we are asking Members to consider donating materials such as speeches, photographs and papers relating to prime sponsored pieces of legislation. As a House Member, your personal papers and memorabilia will provide a much more intimate and balanced look on your career as a Member. This is where your political legacy can come to life by showing what helped shape your legislative decisions, documenting the committees you served on and sharing what issues you fought for throughout your career.

We encourage you to deposit your papers, records and memorabilia for permanent archival retention. This program has many benefits for you as the House Archives provides your papers and memorabilia with a controlled environment, secure storage space and staff to oversee their proper handling and use. In addition, the House Archives provides research access to the contents of the collections.



K. Leroy Irvis, Matthew Ryan and James Manderino on the House Floor
From the Papers of Matthew Ryan



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Concerns regarding confidentiality, access, exhibitions and personal privacy can be addressed in the deed of gift.

The Archival Staff is available to assist Members interested in depositing their historically valuable papers and memorabilia and can provide recommendations. For additional assistance, please contact the House Archives.

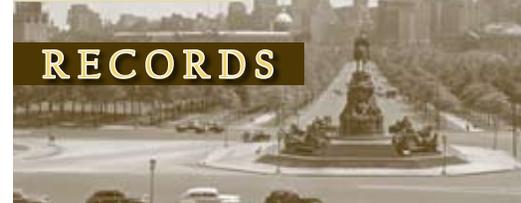


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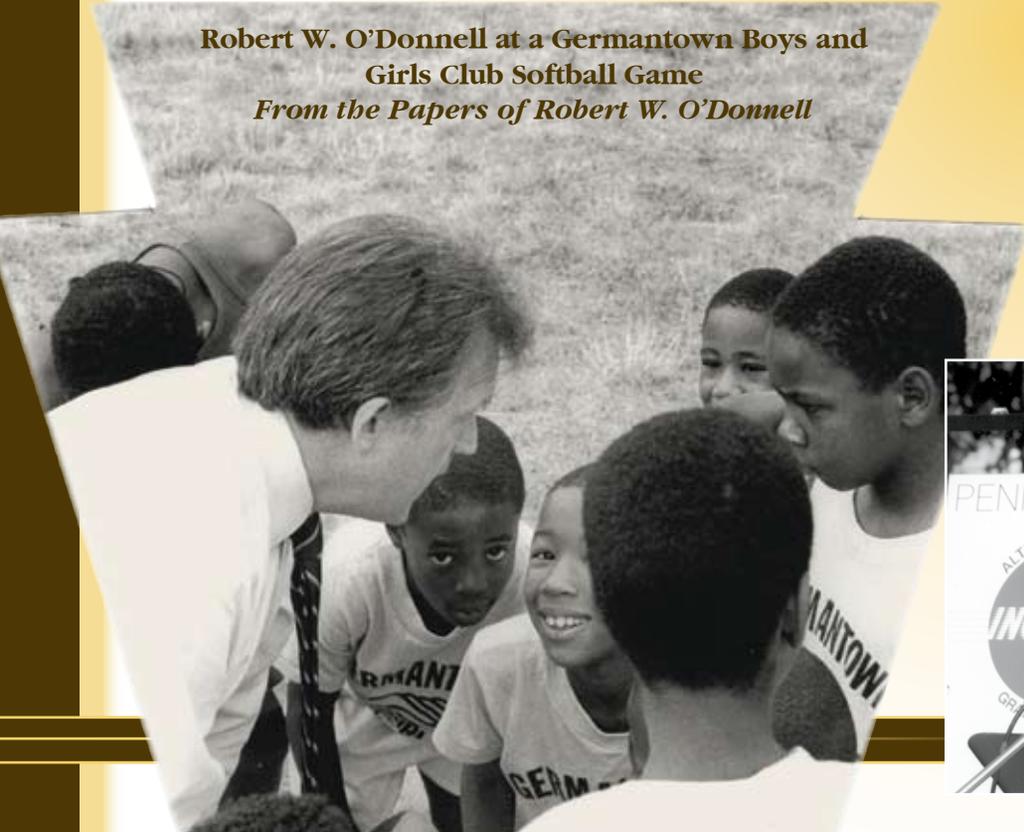
Your papers are an important part of your legislative legacy – they reflect the hard work you have done on behalf of your constituents and will remind your successors of your views, actions, contributions, activities, commitment and accomplishments.

Your papers serve as testimony of your political activities and the leadership you have demonstrated in your party, your caucus, your committee work and as a member of professional organizations.

Your papers are part of the Commonwealth's history – they reflect the important issues addressed during your time of public service and they echo the concerns of your constituents and colleagues.

Your papers are a vital source of information to those who will continue your efforts and mirror your concerns and interactions with external organizations like executive branch agencies, the judiciary, municipal governments, the federal government, lobbyists, the media and your colleagues.

Robert W. O'Donnell at a Germantown Boys and Girls Club Softball Game
From the Papers of Robert W. O'Donnell



Specific Materials the House Archives Would be Interested in:

- Updated resume or biography
- Papers providing information on your legislative issues
- District project files
- Newsletters
- Speeches given
- Photographs documenting your time in the legislature, such as bill signings, campaigning, constituent work, panoramas, special events, committee meetings, etc.
- Memorabilia
- Any items that were used in photographs (bill signing pens, hats, gavels, etc.)
- Campaign materials (signs, bumper stickers, buttons/pins, literature – identify w/ campaign date)
- Audio and video material
- Books for the House Library relating to government, the PA House, PA politics, etc., and any books or articles written by or about you



Ken Brandt, Ed Burns and Rick Cessar at a Committee Meeting
From the Papers of Ed Burns



Ellen Bard Speaking at a Press Conference for the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program
From the Papers of Ellen Bard