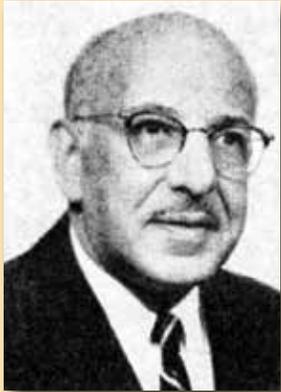




Doctors and Nurses in the House

Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives have come from a wide variety of educational and occupational backgrounds. The expertise these professionals bring to the table allows for valuable input on potential legislation related to their fields. In this issue, we are highlighting medical professionals who utilized their knowledge and skills for not only saving lives, but also public service.



George J. Sarraf,
Allegheny County,
1935-1956

Dr. Sarraf graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and began his career as a physician. In his youth, Sarraf served in WWI as a private in the Army. During WWII, he again answered the call to serve, this time as a major

in the Army Medical Corps, working as a surgeon. When Sarraf was reelected for his 6th term in office in 1944, he was never sworn-in for the session, and remained at Camp Hood, Texas, until 1946. In his absence, he stayed in touch with his fellow Members writing, "I sure miss being down there with you." The House sent him their well-wishes in return and offered a congratulatory resolution saying, "It is great to get this message from one of us who has voluntarily chosen to use his professional skill for the benefit of sick and injured boys in the service when he could easily have been safely here with us."

While in office, Sarraf served on a Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Health Laws for the 1947-1948 session, putting his medical knowledge to use. He served in the Pennsylvania State Senate from 1956 until his death in 1966.

*Right: 1922 Owl yearbook photograph;
Yearbook of the University of Pittsburgh*



Lourene W. George
Cumberland
County, 1963-1970

George graduated from the Germantown Dispensary and Hospital School of Nursing. She began her career as a nurse at the Carlisle

Hospital in Cumberland County. George worked as a surgical nurse, and later as a nurse anesthetist. She also served a term as president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Following the death of her husband, Arthur, who served as a Representative from 1942 until his death in 1962, George replaced him on the November ballot. Legislatively, George often focused on issues of education and public health and welfare. She was a prime sponsor of Act 157 of 1965, which amended the Public Assistance Law to include provisions for in-home patient care in some cases.

*Right: The Sentinel,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1968*

*Representative George cuts the ribbon on new safety
patrol boats for the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.*



Doctors and Nurses in the House Continued...

John C. Cavender, Susquehanna County, 1963-1966



Dr. Cavender graduated from Jefferson Medical College (now Sidney Kimmel Medical College), earning his medical degree in 1944. Upon graduation, Cavender was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps. He was discharged as a major in 1947 and returned to

Susquehanna County to set up his medical practice. Following his time in the service, Cavender was very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He was elected the Pennsylvania State Surgeon of the VFW in 1954 and 1955, and elected National Surgeon General of the VFW in 1960.

While in office, Cavender was instrumental in numerous legislative efforts utilizing his medical expertise. He championed funding for medical schools and aid to care for wounded veterans. He also sponsored legislation calling for physicians to be required to report suspected child abuse, and protection for cancer patients from false claims of cures by “quack” medical practitioners.

In addition to his military career and public service, Cavender had a love of fun and adventure. He raced stock cars and held a pilots license for many years. During a 1953 trip to Cuba with friends, he was taken into custody by Cuban Secret Police and questioned for hours about “revolutionary plots.” Luckily, the men were released and resumed their travels without any further trouble.

Medic Jailed in Cuba

Above: Headline from The Tribune, Scranton, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1953.

Rose Toll, Philadelphia County, 1971-1976

Rose Toll graduated from Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing in 1932. Following her studies, Toll worked for a year as a nurse on a steamship that hosted vacation cruises on the Great Lakes. She was then employed as an obstetrical nurse at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Her husband, Herman, served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1951 to 1958, and was a member of the United States Congress from 1959 to 1966. Toll became involved in politics through her husband's campaigns and work as a legislator. She took on a more active role in her husband's campaign efforts in 1964 after he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. During the following session, she was often by his side taking care of him in Washington, even on the House Floor.



William C. Miller, Bedford County, 1899-1902

Dr. Miller earned his medical degree from New York Medical College in New York City in 1888. He served as a major in the Medical Corps, United States Army, during World War I. Following his time in the service, he worked as a surgeon for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Miller served two terms in the House, and then served in the Pennsylvania State Senate from 1903 to 1910.

While in office, Miller supported the legislation that created the State Department of Health, which was officially created in 1905. After he left office, he was

appointed special medical inspector of the department, and in 1914 he became the head of the department's public health education division. Miller traveled the state lecturing on health concerns of the day, including tuberculosis and disease spread by flies. He took special interest in the health of children. Miller advocated for regular checkups, and spoke to teachers about classroom cleanliness and the need for proper supplies such as desks that fit students properly for their size.



A Peak into Our Collections: The Papers of Kathy M. Manderino, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties, 1993-2010



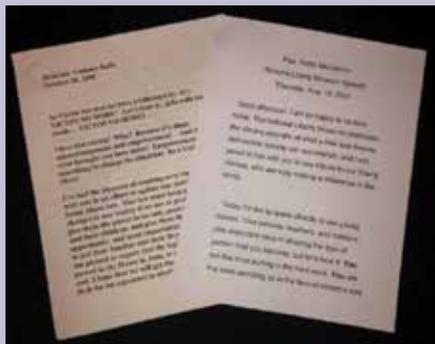
The Personal Papers of former Representatives are perhaps the most interesting records we maintain in the House Archives. The collections include materials such as campaign memorabilia, legislative work files, speeches, event files, district files,

donations from former Members every day. These collections are highly valuable to researchers because they provide a legacy of the work of the individual Representative, as well as highlight the accomplishments of the entire Pennsylvania House of Representatives on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Following her time in office, Kathy M. Manderino donated to the House Archives many files associated with her legislative work and the research and analyses of those bills. She recently donated again; this time the materials included campaign items, awards, scrapbooks, and photographs, as well as materials related to her father, the late James J. Manderino, who was serving as Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives at the time of his death in 1989. Featured here are some of the highlights of her collection.

books, audio, video, and photographs. They show the interests and key causes Representatives championed, as well as the research and work required for successful legislation.

The House Archives has over 200 personal papers collections — and is seeking new

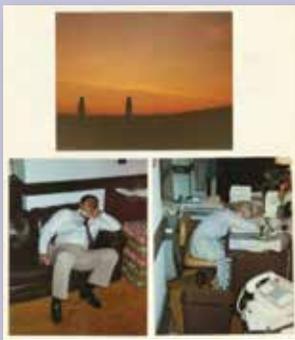


Left: Speeches Kathy Manderino made while serving as a State Representative.

Right: This is a sampling of scrapbook materials and other miscellaneous items that are valuable to researchers when looking at what Members did, as well as what issues were important to them.



Right: A scrapbook page entitled "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Budget Sunrise, June 1981." These kinds of materials are some of our favorites because they provide valuable insight into the lives of legislators and their staff while here in Harrisburg — plus they are fun!



Above: A collection of pins and materials from Democratic National Conventions, a United Steelworkers Conference, and American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations conference.



James J. Manderino, Westmoreland County, 1967-1989. Manderino served as Whip and Floor Leader prior to his election as Speaker in 1989.



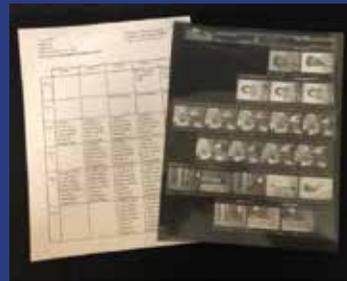
Left: Voting machine from House Floor used by James J. Manderino while he was Whip.

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Digital Archives: Continuing to Make House History Easily Accessible

The House Archives is excited to announce the beginning of our digital archives program! What is a digital archive? A digital archive is similar to a physical archive in that it aids in preservation and access of historical documents. Uniquely, it provides access to historical documents via an online database, making objects widely and quickly accessible. Through digitization, we will be able to preserve rare mediums like brittle documents and photos, and floppy disks and cassettes. We will be providing online access to digitized materials from our current and future collections, and eventually access to born-digital objects, or objects created on a computer, like PDFs and Word documents.

As you can imagine, this process is complex and requires planning. Part of the House Archives' short-term goals that will have lasting effect is creating policy documents. These documents will guide our collection development, help to prioritize which order items are digitized, and create a preservation plan to ensure continued access to these digital items for years to come. Another short-term goal is understanding the amount of items to be digitized. There are boxes of cassettes, VHS tapes, betatapes, photographs, committee documents, and much more! The House Archives' end goals are large, but obtainable, and we are dedicated to providing lasting access.



Images: VHS, betatapes, cassettes, and film negatives that are in our collections. These materials are currently hard to utilize and make available for researchers. We are working to change that and will keep you updated!

Attention! We need your help!

In our last issue, we introduced a new project where we hope to highlight each county in the State through exhibits. For these exhibits, we pull from our existing collections donated by former Members. However, we have discovered that there are a few counties for which we have virtually no materials. These counties include: Cambria, Cameron, Lawrence, and McKean. If you were a Member from one of these counties, please consider donating so we can better tell the history of all the people in the Commonwealth.

“Wish List Items”

Photographs, campaign materials, memorabilia, paper records, and even personal effects of Members from Cambria, Cameron, Lawrence, and McKean Counties.