

# John W. Haigis Sr. Papers

1903-1974 (*Bulk: 1903-1936*)

12 boxes (6 linear ft.)

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Western Massachusetts political leader, publisher, and banker (1881-1960), Trustee of the University of Massachusetts (1940-1956), and founder, editor and publisher of the Greenfield Recorder newspaper (1912-1928); political positions included State Representative (1909-1913), State Senator (1913-1915, 1923-1927), and State Treasurer (1929-1930); in 1934, was Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and in 1936, candidate for Governor. Includes scrapbooks (1903-1936), chiefly of clippings, together with speeches (1936), posters, badges, campaign material, and photographs, mainly from Haigis's unsuccessful campaigns for lieutenant governor (1934) and governor (1936); and tape of an interview (1974) with Leverett Saltonstall about Haigis, conducted by Craig Wallwork.

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## Background on John W. Haigis

Western Massachusetts political leader, publisher, and banker John W. Haigis Senior (1881-1960), a Trustee of the University of Massachusetts 1940-1956, was the founder, editor, and publisher of the Greenfield Recorder, 1912-1928; founder of radio station WHAI, Greenfield, 1938; Director and President of the Franklin County Trust Co.; President of Massachusetts Trust Company Association; and Treasurer and Trustee of Deerfield Academy. In his political career he was successively Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessor, and Water Commissioner for the town of Montague, 1903-1908; State Representative, 1909-1913; State Senator, 1913-1915 and 1923-1927; and State Treasurer, 1929-1930. He was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1934 and for Governor in 1936 when Alf M. Landon was the

Republican candidate for President of the United States.

## Scope of collection

The papers include over 90 metal 12 inch phonograph records, notes, and transcripts of speeches in the campaigns; posters, badges, and other campaign paraphernalia, principally from the 1934 and 1936 campaigns; and the tape of an interview about Haigis between U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall and Craig Wallwork in 1974; scrapbooks, principally clippings, 1903-1936; and photographs.

## Collection inventory

Biographical materials; Elections and campaigns of 1934 and 1936: campaign buttons, speeches, clippings, and posters.

Box 1

Speech notes and drafts	1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highways</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boston Ward Rally</li></ul>	1936, n.d.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fireside radio talk</li></ul>	1936, n.d.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speech for Taunton</li></ul>	Nov. 2, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Street Forum</li></ul>	Oct. 28, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Security and Old Age Pensions, at Randolph</li></ul>	Oct. 23, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington Street Rally</li></ul>	Oct. 22, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radio and rallies</li></ul>	Oct. 21, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radio address, WNAC</li></ul>	Oct. 21, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience, Skill, and Morality in Government of Massachusetts Recording of speech present in collection.</li></ul>	Oct. 19, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radio speech</li></ul>	Oct. 16, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radio speech, WBZ Recording of speech present in collection.</li></ul>	Oct. 8, 1936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawrence and Lowell speech Recording of speech present in collection.</li></ul>	Oct. 1, 1936

Photographs	Box 2
Scrapbook: 1926-1936	Box 3
Scrapbook: Haigis for Governor Club	Box 4
Scrapbook: 1936 campaign	Box 5-10
Scrapbook: Buddie's scrapbook, 1915-1928	Box 11
Phonograph records of speeches (stored in box of recordings from ms collections on oversize shelves)	OS 12
Interview about Haigis with U.S. Senator L. Saltonstall	Jan. 15, 1974
Station WBZ	Nov. 2, 1936
Station WBZ	Nov. 1, 1936
American Program. Station WCOP	Nov. 1, 1936
Boston Garden Rally. Station WBZ	Oct. 31, 1936
Wages and Unemployment. Station WNAC	Oct. 30, 1936
John Shea. Station WAAB	Oct. 30, 1936
Graft and Corruption in Massachusetts. Station WAAB	Oct. 29, 1936
Support the National Ticket. Station WNAC	Oct. 28, 1936
Springfield Rally. Station WBZ	Oct. 26, 1936
Lynn Rally. Station WBZ	Oct. 24, 1936
Franco-American Rally. Station WBZ	Oct. 21, 1936
Restore Honest Government in Massachusetts. Station WNAC	Oct. 19, 1936
Typed notes for speech available in collection.	
John Shea - Speaker. Station WNAC	Oct. 14, 1936
State Treasurer Corrupt - Dolan Security Trust. Station WBZ	Oct. 8, 1936
Typed notes for speech available in collection.	
Hurley Speaks of Vague Generalities. Station WBZ	Oct. 1, 1936
Typed notes for speech available in collection.	
Democrats Falsely Attack Haigis Labor Record. Station WBZ	Sept. 24, 1936
Victory Dinner - Hotel Bradford. Station WBZ	Sept. 17, 1936
Governor James Curley. Station WNAC	Sept. 14, 1936
Hon. Joseph Warner - Speaker. Station WBZ	Sept. 3, 1936
Hon. H. Parsons. Station WBZ	Aug. 27, 1936

Mr. Williams interviewing Mr. Haigis - Honesty of Purpose. Station WBZ	Aug. 20, 1936	
Parker House Luncheon - Washburn and Haigis - Roosevelt Club. Station WBZ	Aug. 12, 1936	
Polling of the Delegates at the Convention. Station WAAB	June 19, 1936	
Nominating speeches. Station WAAB	June 19, 1936	
Nominating speeches - E. Sutherland. Station WAAB	June 19, 1936	
Hon. Henry Webster. Station WAAB	June 19, 1936	
Station WAAB	June 19, 1936	
Haigis Speaking to the Delegates Pre-Convention. Station WBZ	June 7, 1936	
Young Republican Club. Station WBZ	May 24, 1936	
New England Young Republican Convention. Station WAAB	May 22, 1936	
Station WBZ	May 17, 1936	
Sincere and Effective Leadership. Station WBZ	May 10, 1936	
The Party Must Nominate a Ticket Which Can Win. Station WBZ	May 3, 1936	
Station WBZ	Apr. 19, 1936	
"Mispronunciation"	Oct. 8, 1936	Small disc records
Parts 5 & 4, Kasper & Gordon	Oct. 16, 1936	Plastic disc
Part 1, Kasper & Gordon	Oct. 15, 1936	Plastic disc
Irving Conn Show	n.d.	Plastic disc

## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Language:

English

### Provenance

Acquired from: Mrs. Haigis, John Haigis Jr., Charles Winslow, and Craig Wallwork, 1973-1974.

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- Campaign speeches--Massachusetts.
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- Political candidates--Massachusetts--History--20th century--Sources.

### Names

- Haigis, John W., 1881-1960--Archives.

- Haigis, John W., 1881-1960--Political activity.
- Republican Party (Mass.)--History--20th century--Sources.
- Saltonstall, Leverett, 1892-
- Wallwork, Craig.

### Genre terms

- Phonograph records.
- Photographs.
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- Scrapbooks.

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