



Inventory to the Local and State Government Papers of Robert A. Roe

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Roe, Robert A. (1924-2014)
Title: Local and State Government Papers of Robert A. Roe.
Dates: 1958-1970.
Quantity: 22 cubic feet
Abstract: Papers reflecting Robert A. Roe's career in local and state government. Included within the papers are speeches, news releases, engagements, state contracts and photographs. Also included are tapes, reels and plaques that primarily reflect Roe's years as N.J. Commissioner of Conservation and Economic Development.

Collection No.:
Language: English.
Repository: William Paterson University

Biographical Chronology

Date	Event
1924	Born February 28 in Wayne New Jersey.
1940's	Educated at Oregon State University and Washington State University, majoring in engineering and political science.
1942	Served with Army Infantry communications and reconnaissance forces in the European Theatre. He received the Bronze Star Medal for exemplary service in ground combat action during World War II.
1955	Served as Committeeman of Wayne Township.
1956	Elected Mayor of Wayne Township, serving until 1961.
1959	Served as Passaic County Freeholder until 1963 and as the Freeholder Director in 1962 and 1963.
1963	Appointed as the Commissioner of Conservation and Economic Development, Cabinet Officer position, until his resignation in 1969.
1969	After the resignation of Congressman Charles S. Joelson, Robert A. Roe was elected as Democrat to the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election to represent the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey.
1977	Made an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor.
1987	Served as Chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology until 1991.
1991	Served as Chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation until 1993.
1993	Retired from the House of Representatives after serving 24 years.
1994	Worked as a private consultant in Wayne Township
2014	Roe dies on July 15 in Rockaway Township, New Jersey

Scope and Content Note

The Local and State Government papers of Robert A. Roe, comprise 22 cubic feet of documents and photographs. The documents span the early political career of Roe from his days as a committeeman in Wayne Township to his Congressional

nomination and appointment by Governor Hughes in 1969. The papers specifically document his work as MAYOR OF WAYNE and SPEECHES AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in addition to numerous case files, engagements, news releases and position papers as head of the CED. The bulk of the documents in the Roe collection are his work as head of the CED. File folders consisting of GREEN ACRES, SKYLANDS, SHEPHERDS LAKE, VERNON VALLEY/GREAT GORGE and LIBERTY PARK document specific facets of Roe's work for the CED.

The collection of photographs range from Robert Roe's early career in the 1960's as Passaic County Freeholder to his last year as Congressman in 1992. Most of the photographs are professional 8x10 black and white. They chronicle the important events in the career of Robert Roe, for example: NASA COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE, NEW JERSEY GOVERNORS CONFERENCE ON BEAUTY in 1966, The 1966 INTERNATIONAL NEW JERSEY TRADE MISSION, RAR RUN FOR GOVERNOR and FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Roe's numerous plaques were removed from their backings, placed in a folder labeled PLAQUES, and are now contained in Photographs Box 1, folder 1. The remaining plaques were either discarded as irrelevant, or have been stored in boxes. The posters are various pieces of artwork, oversized photographs or campaign materials relating to the 40 year career of Robert Roe.

Arrangement Note

The arrangement of the Robert A. Roe collection was primarily established through the Congressman's office. With a few exceptions, the box and folder listings are exactly as written and organized by the Congressman's staff. The photographs all have been labeled according to content; there were no folder headings in the original boxes.

Container List

Photographs, Plaques & Certificates

Box	Folder
1	1) Plaques 2) Certificates, 1960-1992 3) New Jersey Governors Conference on Beauty - 1966 4) Photographs, Building of the Roe Federal Building, 10/1989 - 2/1990 5) Various Photographs, 1970s (a) 6) Various Photographs, 1970s (b) 7) Various Photographs, 1970s (c)

Photographs & Documents/Itineraries

Box	Folder
2	1) Photographs, Famous People 2) Photographs, Presidential Photographs 3) Photographs, Various Photographs, 1967-1968 4) Photographs, International New Jersey Trade Mission, 1966 (a) 5) Photographs, International New Jersey Trade Mission, 1966 (b) 6) Photographs, International New Jersey Trade Mission, 1966 (c) 7) Photographs, International New Jersey Trade Mission, 1966 (d) 8) Documents & Itinerary, International New Jersey Trade Mission, 1966 9) Photographs, 1960s (a) 10) Photographs, 1960s (b) 11) Photographs, 1960s (c) 12) Photographs, 1960s (d) 13) Photographs, 1960s (e) 14) Photographs, 1960s (f) 15) Photographs, Various Photographs 16) Photos, Office of the Comsr, N.J. Dpt. of Conservation and Economic Devpmt, 1967 (a) 17) Photos, Office of the Comsr, N.J. Dpt. of Conservation and Economic Devpmt, 1967 (b) 18) Photos, Office of the Comsr, N.J. Dpt. of Conservation and Economic Devpmt, 1969

Box	<u>Folder</u>
3	1 Congressman Roe's run for Governor 2 Various photographs, 1970-1992a 3 Various photographs, 1970-1992b 4 Various photographs, 1970-1992c 5 Various photographs, 1970-1992d 6 Various photographs, 1970-1992e 7 Various photographs, 1970-1992f 8 Various photographs, 1970-1992g 9 Congressman Roe's run for Governor, 1977 8x10 color 10 NASA photographs 11 NASA Columbia Shuttle

- 12 Congressman Roe's re-election campaign, 1970's 3x5
- 13 Various photographs, 1970-1980's
- 14 Various photographs, 1976-1992
- 15 Various photographs, 1976-1980's

Photographs

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- Folder
- 1) Various Photographs, 1988-1992
 - 2) Various Photographs, 1970's-1980's (a)
 - 3) Various Photographs, 1970's-1980's (b)
 - 4) Various Photographs, 1970's-1980's (c)
 - 5) Various Photographs, 1976
 - 6) Various Photographs, 1970s (a)
 - 7) Various Photographs, 1970s (b)
 - 8) New Jersey Manufacturers Association, 1972
 - 9) Various Photographs, 1970-1976
 - 10) Congressman Roe's run for Governor, 1977
 - 11) Congressman Roe's China visit, 1990's
 - 12) Ceremonial Unveiling of the Portrait of Honorable Congressman Roe, 1992
 - 13) Westmont Country Club, 1989
 - 14) Roe Federal Building, 1989-1992
 - 15) NASA Report on the Study of the U.S. High Energy Physics Program, 1975-1985 (a)
 - 16) NASA Report on the Study of the U.S. High Energy Physics Program, 1975-1985 (b)

Personal

Box
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- Folder
- 1 1965-1969
 - 2 1967-1968
 - 3 1968
 - 4 1963-1964
 - 5 1968-1969
 - 6 1963-1966
 - 7 Calendars, 1963-1966, 1968
 - 8 Presidential Campaign, 1968
 - 9 1968

Speech Material, Statements & Publications 1964-68

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- Folder
- 1) Statements – 1966 (a)
 - 2) Statements – 1966 (b)
 - 3) Speech Material – 1966
 - 4) Speech Material – 1965 (a)
 - 5) Speech Material – 1965 (b)
 - 6) Speech Material – 1968
 - 7) Speech Material, May - December – 1967

- 8) Speech Material, 1964 – 1967
- 9) Speech Material, 1967 – 1969
- 10) New Jersey Publications, 1966 – 1968

Speaking Engagements, Reports, News Releases, 1963-1969

Box	Folder
7	1 Engagements, 1964-1965
	2 Engagements, 1965
	3 Engagements, 1968
	4 Engagements, 1969
	5 Green Acres, News Releases
	6 New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development (NJCED) News Releases, 1963
	7 NJCED, News Releases, 1964
	8 NJCED, News Releases, 1967a
	9 NJCED, News Releases, 1967b
	10 NJCED, News Releases, 1968a
	11 NJCED, News Releases, 1968b
	12 NJCED, News Releases, 1968c
	13 NJCED, News Releases, 1968d
	14 NJCED, News Releases, 1966a
	15 NJCED, News Releases, 1966b
	16 NJCED, Reports, 1963
	17 NJCED, Reports, 1964

Speech Material, Statements, Speaking Engagements, 1966-1968

Box	Folder
8	1 Speech Material and Statements, 1966a
	2 Speech Material and Statements, 1966b
	3 Speech Material and Statements, 1966c
	4 Statements, 1967
	5 Engagements, January – March 1967
	6 Engagements, April – May 1967
	7 Engagements, June – August 1967
	8 Engagements, September 1967

- 9 Engagements, October 1967
- 10 Engagements, November – December 1967 Engagements, January – February 1968

Speech Material, Statements & Publications 1963-65

- Box 9 Folder
 - 1) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material & Statements, 1965 (a)
 - 2) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material & Statements, 1965 (b)
 - 3) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material & Statements, 1965 (c)
 - 4) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material, Statements & Publications, 1964 (a)
 - 5) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material, Statements & Publications, 1964 (b)
 - 6) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material, Statements & Publications, 1964 (c)
 - 7) Commissioner Rowe Speech Material, Statements & Publications, 1963-1964
 - 8) Report on Housing and Urban Development in New Jersey, 1964
 - 9) Commissioner Rowe Publications, 1963 – 1964
 - 10) Commissioner Rowe Publications, 1964
 - 11) Commissioner Rowe Publications, 1964 – 1965
 - 12) Commissioner Rowe Publications, 1965

News Releases, International Trade Mission, Great Gorge, Democratic National Convention, Campaign for Governor 1969, 1964-1969

- Box 10 Folder
 - 1 NJCED, News Releases, 1969a
 - 2 NJCED, News Releases, 1969b
 - 3 NJCED, News Releases, 1969c
 - 4 NJCED, News Releases, 1969d
 - 5 International Trade Mission, 1966a
 - 6 International Trade Mission, 1966b
 - 7 Great Gorge, Maps and Blueprints, 1967
 - 8 Great Gorge, 1967a
 - 9 Great Gorge, 1967b
 - 10 Democratic National Convention, Atlantic City, 1964
 - 11 Campaign for Governor, 1969a
 - 12 Campaign for Governor, 1969b

Speaking Engagements, Schedules, 1965-1966

- Box 11 Folder
 - 1 Engagements, January – July 1965
 - 2 Engagements, May 1965
 - 3 Engagements, October 1965
 - 4 Engagements, November – December 1965

- 5 Engagements, January – February 1966
- 6 Engagements, March – April 1966
- 7 Engagements, May 1966
- 8 Engagements, June 1966
- 9 Engagements, July – August 1966
- 10 Engagements, September 1966
- 11 Engagements, October 1966
- 12 Engagements, November 1966
- 13 Engagements, December 1966

College, 1962 – 1969

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| Box | Folder | |
| 12 | 1 | NJCED, 1966 – 1969 |
| | 2 | International Trade Mission, 1964-1967 |
| | 3 | Tri – State Transportation Commission, 1966a |
| | 4 | Tri – State Transportation Commission, 1966b |
| | 5 | Tri – State Transportation Commission, 1964-1967a |
| | 6 | Tri – State Transportation Commission, 1964-1967b |
| | 7 | Water Crab Island Dam, 1968-1969 |
| | 8 | South Brand Pumping Station Contract, 1963-1966a |
| | 9 | South Brand Pumping Station Contract, 1963-1966b |
| | 10 | Water Reservoir Acquisition, 1969 |
| | 11 | Waivers of Advertising, July 1963-June 1965 |
| | 12 | Veterans Service Counsel, 1962-1968 |
| | 13 | Vernon Valley Blue Prints |
| | 14 | Vernon Valley |
| | 15 | Uranium Enrichment Facility |
| | 16 | Underground Power lines, 1968 |
| | 17 | Water Miscellaneous, 1965-1968a |
| | 18 | Water Miscellaneous, 1965-1968b |

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| Box | Folder | |
| 13 | 1 | Pre 1950 Documents |
| | 2 | Wayne Documents, 1950-1959a |
| | 3 | Wayne Documents, 1950-1959b |
| | 4 | Wayne Documents, 1950-1959c |
| | 5 | Wayne Documents, 1950-1959d |
| | 6 | Wayne Documents, 1950-1959e |
| | 7 | Wayne Documents, 1950-1959f |

- 8 Wayne Election, 1954
- 9 Lawsuit against Robert Roe, Land Deal, 1969
- 10 Sewage Disposal, 1967-1968
- 11 Wayne Election, 1956
- 12 Water Commissioner, 1961-1965
- 13 Wayne Documents, 1958
- 14 Wayne Documents, 1957
- 15 Board of Freeholders, Elections, 1959
- 16 Board of Freeholders, Elections, 1962-1963

State Contracts & Statements

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| Box
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| | 1) State Contracts 1963-1969 |
| | 2) State Contracts 1964-1969 (A) |
| | 3) State Contracts 1964-1969 (B) |
| | 4) State Contracts 1964-1969 (C) |
| | 5) State Contracts 1964-1969 (D) |
| | 6) State Contracts 1964-1969 (E) |
| | 7) Statements 1968-1969 |

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| Box
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| | 1 Skylands |
| | 2 Skylands Photographs |
| | 3 Sandy Hook State Park |
| | 4 Round Water, Spruce Run |
| | 5 N City of Newark, Water |
| | 6 Water Drought |
| | 7 NJ Dist Water Supply Commission (a) |
| | 8 NJDWSC (b) |
| | 9 NJDWSC (c) |
| | 10 NJDWSC (d) |
| | 11 Manasquan Reservoir |
| | 12 Atlantic City Marinas, Democratic Convention, 1964 |
| | 13 World Trade Center |
| | 14 Morven, Princeton |
| | 15 Motion Picture Industry, "Tom Swift" w/ Gene Kelly |
| | 16 Navigation, Riparian Lands Moratorium |

- 16 1 Liberty Park (a)
- 2 Liberty Park (b)
- 3 Liberty Park (c)
- 4 Liberty Park (d)
- 5 Liberty Park (e)
- 6 The Port of NY Authority Possible Site for a New Major Airport
 Studies, 1965
- 7 Jetport (a)
- 8 Jetport (b)
- 9 Jetport (c)
- 10 Spruce Run Round Valley Project, 1966-1967
- 11 Master Water Plan (a)
- 12 Master Water Plan (b)
- 13 Green Acres

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| Box
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| | 1) Application for Grant to Acquire Open-Space Land at Thunder Mountain, 1963 |
| | 2) New Jersey Publications, 1964 |
| | 3) Green Acres Thunder Mountain, 1965 |
| | 4) Private Hearing to Investigate Acquisitions of Land by the State of New Jersey, 1964-65 |
| | 5) Private Hearing to Investigate Acquisitions of Land by the State of New Jersey, 1965 |
| | 6) Public Hearing to Investigate Acquisitions of Land by the State of New Jersey, 1965 (a) |
| | 7) Public Hearing to Investigate Acquisitions of Land by the State of New Jersey, 1965 (b) |
| | 8) Public Hearing to Investigate Acquisitions of Land by the State of New Jersey, 1965 (c) |
| | 9) Shelton College (a) |
| | 10) Shelton College (b) |
| | 11) Shepherd Lake, 1965 |
| | 12) Shepherd Lake Assembly Committee |
| | 13) Shepherd Lake Contracts |
| | 14) Shepherd Lake Reports and Contracts |

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| Box
18 | 1 Report on Conservation and Economic Development, May 1963 –
Present (1967) a |
| | 2 Report on Conservation and Economic Development, May 1963-
Present (1967) b |
| | 3 Drumthwacket |
| | 4 Conservation Environmental Renewal Program (CERP) |
| | 5 Tocks Island |
| | 6 Sunfish Pond (a) |
| | 7 Sunfish Pond (b) |
| | 8 Bear swamp Lake |
| | 9 Statehouse Commission (a) |
| | 10 Statehouse Commission (b) |

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19	1	Research Center Blue Prints, 1956
	2	Political File, 1958
	3	Ordinances, 1958
	4	Wayne Township Municipal Building, 1956-1960
	5	Sheffield Hills
	6	Wayne Township Committee Minutes, 1958 a
	7	Wayne Township Committee Minutes, 1958 b
	8	New Wayne Town Hall, 1958
	9	Proclamation, 1958-59
	10	Wayne Urban Renewal, 1957-59
	11	Golden Age Circle, 1958
	12	Passaic County Planning Board, 1958
	13	Newspaper Clippings, 1959
	14	Legislature Bulletins, 1959
	15	Wayne Industry, 1961
	16	Planning Board, 1959
	17	Report on Wayne Central Library, 1959
	18	County File and Administration, 1960
	19	Legislative Bulletins, 1960
	20	Welfare Information, 1060
	21	Prosecutors Report, 1960
	22	County Auditor, 1960
	23	Transportation, 1960
	24	Urban Renewal, 1961
	25	Passaic River Basin Flood Control Study, 1961
	26	Passaic County Park Commission/Valley Road, 1962
	27	Cape Hope, 1963
	28	Bond Issue, State, 1963
	29	Speeches, 1963
	30	Political Information, 1963
	31	Budget, 1963
	32	Planning Board Report, 1963
	33	Political Release, 1963
	34	Freeholder Newsletter, 1963
	35	Passaic County Park Commission Audit Report, 1963

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- 37 Passaic River Basin Flood Control Study, 1961
- 38 Passaic County Park Commission/Valley Road, 1962
- 39 Cape Hope, 1963
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- 41 Speeches, 1963
- 42 Political Information, 1963
- 43 Budget, 1963
- 44 Planning Board Report, 1963
- 45 Political Release, 1963
- 46 Freeholder Newsletter, 1963
- 47 Passaic County Park Commission Audit Report, 1963

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| 20 | 1 | Wayne Political Information, 1964 a |
| | 2 | Financial, 1964 |
| | 3 | Audit Report, 1964 |
| | 4 | Community Council, Passaic County, 1964 |
| | 5 | Passaic County Park Commission, 1964 |
| | 6 | Passaic County Jail, 1964 |
| | 7 | Children's Shelter, 1964 |
| | 8 | Wayne General Information, 1963 |
| | 9 | Freeholder Newsletter, 1964 |
| | 10 | Preakness Hospital, 1964 |
| | 11 | Area Redevelopment Commission, 1964 |
| | 12 | Wayne Voter Registration, 1964 |
| | 13 | Wayne Political Information, 1964 b |
| | 14 | County of Passaic Audit Report, 1964 |
| | 15 | New Courthouse Information, 1967 |
| | 16 | Road Department, 1967 |
| | 17 | Passaic County Park Commission, 1968 |
| | 18 | Road Projects, 1969 |
| | 19 | Government Nominations, News Releases |
| | 20 | Preakness Hospital, 1969 |
| | 21 | New Courthouse Correspondence, 1969 |
| | 22 | Wayne Politics, 1969 |
| | 23 | NJ related Newsletters, 1969 |
| | 24 | RAR Statements on a Comprehensive Water Supply Policy and Program to Meet the Long Range Needs of NJ |

- 25 Special Meeting of Passaic County Democratic Committee, 1969
- 26 Wayne Township Master Plan, 1968
- 27 RAR Congressional Information, 1969
- 28 RAR Congressional Nomination, 1969
- 29 County Mental Health Board, 1969

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- Box 21
 - 1) Passaic County Community College (Original Sheets Study) – 1967
 - 2) Robert A. Roe Campaign Social Programs
 - 3) Passaic County Technical Vocational High School - 1969
 - 4) Angela De Rosa Camp Hope Study Commission
 - 5) Passaic County Camp Hope Correspondence – 1969 (a)
 - 6) Passaic County Camp Hope Correspondence – 1969 (b)
 - 7) Passaic County Camp Hope Correspondence – 1969 (c)
 - 8) Passaic County Budget – 1969
 - 9) Passaic County Budget Requests – 1969 (a)
 - 10) Passaic County Budget Requests – 1969 (b)
 - 11) Passaic County Budget Requests – 1970
 - 12) Meyner Campaign Info – 1969
 - 13) Passaic County Park Commission – 1969
 - 14) Organizational Mtngs (not just county mtngs) in Passaic County – 1969
 - 15) Passaic County Salary Adjustments – 1969
 - 16) Borough of East Rutherford vs. the State of New Jersey – 1970
 - 17) Command Controls Case – 1970
 - 18) Passaic County Incoming-Outgoing Correspondence – 1969
 - 19) Flood Control – 1970
 - 20) Lower Passaic Valley Solid Wastes Management – 1970
 - 21) Diocese of Paterson Special Education Programs – 1970
 - 22) Veterans Administration – 1969
 - 23) Passaic (City) Housing Program – 1970
 - 24) Jackson Avenue Bridge (G. Mason – Engineer) – 1970
 - 25) Memos to Other Parties Regarding Congressional Legislation – 1970
 - 26) James W. Roe County Commission Meeting – June 9, 1969 – 1969
 - 27) Passaic County Planning Board Correspondence – 1969
 - 28) Zinkin, Arthur (The Z File) – 1969
 - 29) Postal Strike – 1970 County
 - 30) Robert A. Roe County Correspondence – 1969
 - 31) Angela De Rosa – Passaic County Correspondence – 1968 (a)
 - 32) Angela De Rosa – Passaic County Correspondence – 1968 (b)
 - 33) Passaic Community College – 1968
 - 34) Internal Revenue Service – 1970
 - 35) Prospect Park Postal Listing – 1970
 - 36) New Jersey Gubernatorial Election – 1969
 - 37) New Jersey Legislative News (Newsletter) – 1970
 - 38) Eastern Airlines

Case Files

- Box 22
 - Folder
 - 1) League of Women Voters, 1969-1970
 - 2) HR 486 Concurrent Resolution in Regards to Arab-Israel Crisis, 1/26/1970

- 3) Correspondence, 1970
- 4) HR 19877 New York Harbor Waterfront Clean-Up Project, 1970
- 5) Appointments, January-March 1970
- 6) Appointments, April-June 1970
- 7) Legislation 1970 "A Digest", 1970
- 8) Position Papers, 1970
- 9) Wayne Little League Program, 1970
- 10) 92nd Congress – Congressional Record Tear Sheets, 1971
- 11) 92nd Congress – Summary of Bills Introduced, 1971
- 12) News Release Clippings, 1971
- 13) News Releases, 1971