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The Papers of Hazel A. Talley Evans



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Introduction to the Collection

The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library acquired the papers of Hazel A. Talley Evans (16 August 1931-10 December 1997) in December 2001 from Robert Winfield “Bob” Evans (1924-2005), her second husband. The correspondence, campaign materials, political ephemera, precinct research, and various subject files in this collection document the important role that she played in shaping state and local politics as a behind-the-scenes organizer. She loyally supported Democratic Party candidates from the 1950s through the late 1980s and occasionally supported Republicans in later years.

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Provenance of the Papers of Hazel Talley Evans

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Scope and Contents

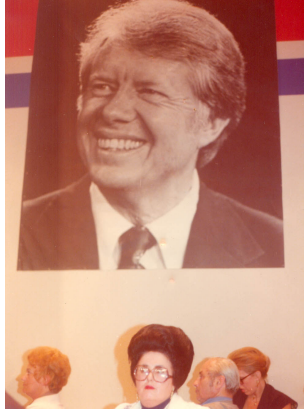
The materials in this collection occupy seventeen acid-free document boxes, three large boxes, one small display case, and shelf space totaling twenty-one linear feet. Books represent four linear feet of shelf space, while manuscripts, photographs, and ephemera constitute the bulk of the collection (seventeen linear feet).



Hazel Talley shaking John F. Kennedy's hand in Palm Beach, November 1963, just nine days before JFK's assassination in Dallas.



Democratic National Convention
Chicago, 1968



At a Jimmy Carter Fundraiser
circa 1976



With Peter Rudy Wallace
Tallahassee, 1989

Biographical Note: Hazel A. Talley Evans

“When you run on a party ticket, support the party. To do otherwise is political sin. I have no tolerance for political opportunists or back sliding Democrats.”

–Hazel T. Evans, 1969

A dynamic Democratic leader both in local and national politics from the late 1950s through the 1990s, Hazel A. Talley Evans was a deeply accomplished individual. Though she rarely occupied the foreground of political endeavors, she consistently played important, significant, and pivotal background roles in the Democratic Party. From arranging substantial Democratic National Committee (of Florida) fundraising dinners to serving as chair of the 1981 State Democratic Convention Site Selection Committee, Hazel Talley Evans frequently took on a leadership role in political affairs.

A native of Georgia, Hazel Atkinson was born in on 16 August 1931 into a family that owned a textile machinery company in Atlanta. She attended Washington Seminary, a girls-only school on Atlanta’s Peachtree Street. As a young child, Hazel was the youngest member of her Girl Scout troop and presented a big bouquet of red roses to Eleanor Roosevelt during the First Lady’s visit to Atlanta. She also learned about politics from her uncle, Lawrence W. “Chip” Robert Jr., who served as President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s undersecretary of the Treasury and attended Democratic National Conventions from Woodrow Wilson’s campaign in 1912 through the early 1970s. In a March 1969 interview, she told a reporter that she “grew up in Atlanta savoring the excitement of politics . . . [where] . . . the most direct influence on [her] political philosophies in [her] younger days was ‘Chip.’” Hazel left Atlanta to attend Marjorie Webster Junior College and was presented as a debutante at Chattanooga’s 1950 Cotton Ball.

Despite her old-school southern upbringing, Hazel hardly fit the mold of traditional domesticity. After completing her studies, she married Walter Talley and moved with him to Florida to work on the 1952 gubernatorial campaign of Dan McCarty. They enjoyed seeing McCarty win the election and looked forward to his reform platform, but were stunned when the governor suffered a heart attack shortly after taking office that left him incapacitated. Through McCarty perished in September 1953, Hazel took to heart McCarty’s unrealized plans for reform as she chose to become more active in the realm of politics. After a brief stay in Fort Pierce, Hazel and her husband relocated to Bradenton.

Her contributions to the Democratic Party and Florida politics and government hardly went unnoticed. This collection includes a sizable amount of correspondence and “thank you” letters from rising politicians (such as William Jefferson “Bill” Clinton during the early 1990s) to established local, state, and national leaders (such as frequent notes and letters from James Earl “Jimmy” Carter during his tenure in the White House, 1977-1981). Archival materials document her notable political sway among Democrats through a plethora of campaign announcements and personal letters requesting her political (as well as financial) support. Those who attained office in part through her political maneuvering illustrated their respect for Evans by inviting her to a number of elite events, inaugural ceremonies, and meetings at the White House.

In addition to her significant role in local and national Democratic Party politics, Hazel Talley Evans also maintained influential positions that supported the growth of women and young adults in the Democratic Party organization. A charter member of the Manatee County Democratic Womans Club in 1956-1957, she served as that organization’s First Vice President. From 1957 through 1960, she led the Manatee club as its president for three consecutive terms. Between 1958 and 1964, she also devoted her service to the Manatee County Democratic Executive Committee, acting as treasurer in 1962 and vice chair between 1962 and 1964. An active member of the Manatee County Young Democratic Club from 1960 through 1964, she also displayed rising leadership within the statewide Young Democratic Club of Florida, served as state chairman of its Women’s Organization in 1961-1962, advancing to state secretary in 1962-1963, and state vice president in 1963-1964. During this period, she received the organization’s President’s Award and its Franklin D. Roosevelt Award. At an event in Bradenton, she would once again have an opportunity to present Eleanor Roosevelt with flowers.

She continued her work on behalf of the Democratic Party after divorcing her husband in 1964 and moving to Pinellas County. She immediately became a member of the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Advisory Committee and of the Advisory Committee of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Florida. From the 1960s forward, she participated in national Democratic elections as a delegate to Democratic National Conventions, as a member of arrangements committees for conventions, as well as through her service as a member of the National Credentials Committee and National Rules Committee. Ephemeral items within the collection include convention badges, buttons, bumper-stickers, signed photographs and books, and other items that document her active involvement in the political scene.

In the late 1960s, Hazel remarried and fell deeply in love with politics. She exchanged vows with Robert Winfield “Bob” Evans. A native of Oklahoma City, OK, Evans had moved to Pinellas County in 1945 after notable service as a Captain and Company Commander in the U. S. Army during the Second World War. He engaged in business activities along Florida’s west coast, including the Benton and Company operations at Bayboro Harbor. She also assumed greater responsibility within local and state Democratic Party campaigns, working in a variety of roles that spanned from local precinct committeewoman to national committeewoman.

Hazel’s August 1965 registration card issued to her by the Pinellas County supervisor of elections may have referred to her as a “homemaker,” but her involvement in politics soared during the late 1960s and early 1970s. She became State Democratic Committeewoman for Pinellas County in 1966, a post she held into the 1980s. After Claude Kirk became the first Republican since Reconstruction to serve as Governor of Florida (1967-1971), she mobilized support for Reubin O’Donovan Askew in his 1970 gubernatorial campaign. Evans devoted countless hours towards his campaign and became the executive director for the January 1971 inaugural festivities when

Askew took office. She then turned her attention to helping Robert S. Strauss ascend to the chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Her loyalty to the Democratic Party and its causes remained strong throughout the 1970s. Evans claimed to be an “old line” Democrat who believed “Democrats tend to have an interest in the welfare of everybody, not just a chosen few . . . It’s a fairer party. We fuss and fight among ourselves. . . We’re not the party of big business.” She mentioned to a newspaper reporter in 1973 that she had never voted for a Republican up to that time, though she did manage the successful mayoral campaign of C. Randolph Wedding, a registered Republican. With Hazel’s support, Wedding won the mayor’s office in St. Petersburg in a non-partisan election. As Republicans succeeded in winning most local and county offices in Pinellas, Evans argued that the Democratic Party required unity, improved organization, a “fairly acceptable” platform, and candidates that were not “ultra-liberal.” The handwritten notes, charts, and documents in this collection illustrate her behind-the-scenes works to promote party causes, groom leadership, and strengthen the Democrat’s organization.

Hazel’s continuous service to the Democratic cause brought her recognition. She received the 1981 Hubert H. Humphrey Award for outstanding service to the Democratic Party. Two years later, the Upper Pinellas Democratic Woman’s Club named her the recipient of that organization’s Woman of the Year Award.

In addition to her political interests, Evans supported a variety of charitable causes. She held the post of vice president of the Manatee County Mental Health Association in 1960 and won the American Heart Association’s Meritorious Service Award in 1960, 1964, and 1966. Her service on boards included duties with the Asolo State Theater, Ringling Museum of Art Members Guild, and the Florida West Coast Symphony. By the late 1960s, she also found time to become an avid orchidist, having 4,000 under cultivation at one time, according to a newspaper article. In Pinellas County, notable service included her duties as a president of the Bayfront Center Foundation, and membership on many civic boards including the Pinellas County Arts Council.

Above all else, Hazel A. Talley Evans was a Democrat with a capital “D.” The notepads and documents in this collection illustrate her substantial political endeavors and often contain colorful sketches and doodles, including many renditions of the Democratic donkey symbol or elaborate drawings. She became a regular fixture at local Democratic gatherings as well as national conventions, usually adorned in buttons and other political ephemera with her signature bouffant hair-style making her easy to pick out in a crowd. By the early 1990s, she occasionally supported Republican candidates for office, and for many years held close friendships with elected officials from the other side of the aisle, including longtime U.S. Rep. C. W. “Bill” Young. She passed away on 10 December 1997 at the age of sixty-six from lung disease. Many prominent politicians—Democrat and Republican alike—attended her funeral.



Meeting Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House, 13 January 1969.



Container Listing

Series: Political Campaign Files

Items in this series were created as the result of specific political campaigns, either as working papers or promotional materials for a campaign or as inaugural and celebratory materials after a candidate won office. These materials reside in two distinct sub-series: one for national presidential campaigns and another for state and local campaigns within Florida.

Sub-series: National Campaigns and Inaugurals

Box 1

- Folder 1 Carter, Jimmy—Presidential Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony
Evans served on the 1977 Inaugural Host Committee.
- Folder 2 Carter, Jimmy—Presidential Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony Correspond.
- Folder 3 Carter, Jimmy—Presidential Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony Program
Includes the “1977 Inaugural Guide to Washington.”
- Folder 4 Clinton, William Jefferson “Bill”—Presidential Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony
Contains invitations to the 1993 and 1997 inaugural ceremonies, as well as other miscellaneous materials related to Clinton’s successful campaigns.
- Folder 5 Democratic National Committee—Unlabeled/Undated Contact Lists
- Folders 6, 7 Democratic National Convention: 1964 [Atlantic City, N.J.]
Two folders from Hazel’s attendance at this convention.

Box 2

- Folder 1 Democratic National Convention: 1964—*Independent American*
- Folder 2 Democratic National Committee: 1968—Correspondence
- Folder 3 Democratic National Committee: 1968—Corresp./Clippings to/from Talley
Correspondence and clippings to and from Hazel A. Talley in her role as Democratic National Committeewoman during the 1968 campaign.
- Folder 4 Democratic National Committee: 1968—News Releases
- Folder 5 Democratic National Committee: 1968—Platform Statements

- Folder 6 Democratic National Committee: 1968—Presidential Campaign
Contains Hazel’s “Democrat How-To Kit,” that includes handouts and materials she assembled on why people should be Democrats, how to build precinct strength, how to harvest more votes, how to run a membership drive, how to find Democrats by telephone, sponsoring coffee hours for candidates and “money maker\$ galore,” and hostess information for coffee hours. See also:
Humphrey, Hubert H.—Presidential Campaign: 1968—Florida Activities
- Folder 7 Democratic National Convention: 1972 [Miami Beach, Fla.]—Committee Lists
- Folder 8 Democratic National Convention: 1972 [Miami Beach, Fla.]—Correspondence
- Folder 9 Democratic National Committee: 1974 Mid-Term Conference—Correspondence
- Folder 10 Democratic National Convention: 1980 [New York, NY]
As arrangements chair for Florida, Hazel coordinated housing of delegates from Florida for the convention.
- Folder 11 Democratic National Convention: 1984 [San Francisco, Calif.]
Contains a folder for the 1984 Arrangements Committee.
- Folder 12 Democratic Party Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Box 3

- Folder 1 Humphrey, Hubert H.—Presidential Campaign: 1968—Florida Activities
See also various folders under subject heading: *Democratic National Committee: 1968*.
- Folder 2 Johnson, Lyndon B.—Presidential Campaign
- Folder 3 Johnson, Lyndon B.—Presidential Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony Program
Program from the 20 January 1965 inaugural ceremonies.
- Folder 4 McGovern, George—Presidential Campaign
- Folder 5 Miscellaneous Delegates and Alternates Lists—1980 Presidential Election
- Folder 6 “Nomination and Election of the President and Vice President . . . “ (1968)

Sub-series: State and Local Campaigns and Inaugurals

Box 3

- Folder 7 Adams, Tom—(Florida) Secretary of State Reelection Campaign
On 13 February 1964, Evans became state women’s chair for Tom Adams’s campaign to remain Florida Secretary of State. She directed women’s activities for Adams on a statewide basis. Most items are campaign correspondence.
- Folder 8 Adams, Tom—(Florida) Secretary of State Reelection Campaign—Research
Includes tabulations of votes received by Adams in the 1960 primaries and general election. Of special interest to many researchers is the county-by-county breakdown of registered voters by party and race in October 1960 and October 1963.
- Folders 9, 10 Askew, Reubin O’D—Gubernatorial Campaign

Box 4

- Folders 1-3 Askew, Reubin O’D.—Gubernatorial Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony
Hazel served as executive director of the Florida Inaugural Executive Committee. The three folders include information regarding the planning and logistical preparation for the ceremony in Tallahassee and various inaugural balls and receptions throughout Florida.
- Folder 4 Askew, Reubin O’D.—Gubernatorial Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony—Buttons

- Buttons for special guests at the 5 January 1971 augural ceremonies.
- Folder 5 Askew, Reubin O'D.—Gubernatorial Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony Corresp.
Mostly letters received by Evans congratulating her on her coordination of events.
- Folder 6 Askew, Reubin O'D.—Gubernatorial Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony Program
Official Inaugural Program, 5 January 1971.
- Folder 7 Campaign Expenditures—1966
- Folder 8 Candidates for Special Primary Election—26 February 1963
- Folder 9 Election Laws, Florida
Includes a compilation of election laws published on 1 September 1965 and another from 15 November 1973.

Box 5

- Folder 1 Graham, Bob—Gubernatorial Campaign—Inaugural Ceremony Program
Contains inaugural programs from 2 January 1979 and 4 January 1983, as well as a pamphlet authored by Graham entitled, “The Florida I See: The Florida We Can Build Together.”
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous Delegates and Alternates Lists
- Folder 3 Spicer, Don—Mayoral Campaign, St. Petersburg—1969
Handwritten campaign records and research compiled by Hazel, by precinct.
- Folder 4 Wedding, Randolph—Mayoral Campaign, St. Petersburg—1973
Research compiled by Hazel, usually by precinct, from her involvement in the campaign to win Wedding’s election. Includes campaign research on Barbara Gammon, the challenger.

Series: Political Activities Files

Items in this series illustrate Hazel Talley Evans’s involvement in political activities and organizations over longer periods of time, rather than for a single campaign. The bulk of materials consists of her files related to local and state Democratic Executive Committees and her stenographic notebooks and handwritten documents containing electoral research.

Box 5

- Folder 5 Democratic Campaign Workers of Florida, Inc.
- Folder 6 Democratic Executive Committee (of Manatee County)—“Operation Clean Sweep” (1962)
Hazel chaired the Manatee County campaign of this statewide initiative to improve turnout at polls for Democratic Party candidates by getting all Democrats in the state to register and vote.
- Folder 7 Democratic Executive Committee (of Pinellas County)—Candidates
- Folder 8 Democratic Executive Committee (of Pinellas County)—Members
- Folder 9 Democratic Executive Committee (of Pinellas County)—Research Files, 1965-1966

- Folder 10 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida)
- Folder 11 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida), Advisory Committee—Meeting Minutes
Coverage is from early 1960s.
- Folder 12 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida)—Correspondence, 1962-1963

Box 6

- Folder 1 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida)—Financial Statements
- Folder 2 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida)—Info from Misc. Chapters
- Folder 3 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida)—Leadership Training Program
- Folder 4 Democratic Executive Committee (of Florida)—Members
- Folder 5 Democratic National Committee (of Florida)—Committee Chairs
- Folders 6, 7 Democratic National Committee (of Florida)—Committee Members by County
- Folder 8 Democratic National Committee (of Florida)—Fundraising Dinner, 6 Oct. 1966
- Folder 9 Democratic National Committee (of Florida)—Fundraising Dinner, 7 July 1969

Box 7

- Folder 1 Democratic National Committee—Committee Workgroups, 1975-1976
- Folder 2 Democratic National Committee—Diplomatic Trip to Taiwan, Summer 1978
See also: Photographs: Hazel Talley Evans, on diplomatic trip to Taiwan
- Folders 3, 4 Democratic National Committee—Staff Directories and Officers
Most lists are from the late 1970s and early 1980s.
- Folder 5 Democratic National Committee—“Target 76” Youth Campaign Program
- Folder 6 Democratic Party—Miscellaneous Newsletters
- Folder 7 Democratic Party—Promotional Materials, early-mid 1960s
- Folder 8 Democratic Party—Promotional Materials, late 1960s-early 1970s

Box 8

- Folders 1-4 Democratic Women’s Club of Florida
Includes the organization’s constitution approved on 14 November 1958, a directory of the Manatee County chapter from 1971-1972, miscellaneous correspondence, and various materials.
- Folder 5 Democratic Women’s Club of Orlando
- Folders 6-7 Electoral Research Files
- Folder 8 Electoral Research Files—Cramer/Bailey Vote
- Folder 9 Electoral Research Files—Miscellaneous
- Folder 10 Florida Public Officeholders—County and State Offices
Bulk of materials focus on the years from 1969 through 1973.
- Folder 11 Junior Democratic Executive Committee (of Orange County, Florida)
- Folder 12 Legislative Research Files—1971 Legislative Session
- Folder 13 Lobbying Materials: National Association of Manufacturers [circa 1960]

Box 9

- Folder 1 Notebooks and Stenographic Notebooks Kept by Hazel, late 1950s
- Folder 2 Notebooks and Stenographic Notebooks Kept by Hazel, circa 1963-1964, 1967
- Folder 3 Notebooks and Stenographic Notebooks Kept by Hazel: Good Neighbor’s Report Book, 1965

Folder 4 Notebooks and Stenographic Notebooks Kept by Hazel, 1966

Box 10

Folder 1 Notebooks and Stenographic Notebooks Kept by Hazel, 1968-1969
Folder 2 Notebooks and Stenographic Notebooks Kept by Hazel, early 1970s
Folder 3 Political Humor and Miscellaneous Cartoons
Folder 4 Political Parody: “Executive Clemency” by Scottie Michael
A spoof of the Watergate crisis and Richard Nixon’s complicity.
Folder 5 “Rides to the Polls”—Sample of Coordination on Voting Day
Folder 6 “The Rooster: Origins as the Democratic Emblem”
Folder 7 St. Petersburg Women’s Democratic Club
Folder 8 Trip to New York with Charles Rainey and George Steinbrenner
Bob and Hazel Evans traveled to New York City to enjoy the Twelfth Birthday
Gala of the New York Pops in May 1995. They stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria
and attended a New York Yankees baseball game.
Folders 9-13 Voter Lists: Precinct 78—Research by Hazel Talley Evans

Box 11

Folders 1, 2 Voter Lists: Precinct 78, District #3, circa late 1960s-early 1970s
Folder 3 Young Democratic Clubs of America
Folder contains a program from the 12th biennial convention of this organization,
held in Miami Beach in December 1961.
Folder 4 Young Democratic Clubs of Florida
Includes a handbook printed circa 1963 with the organization’s constitution.
Folder 5 Young Democratic Clubs of Florida—Officers
Folder 6 Young Democratic Clubs of Florida, State and Local Officers Manual
Published circa 1961.

Series: Correspondence, Biographical, and General Subject Files

These files, arranged alphabetically, include general and political files for a variety of subjects. Given the nature of Hazel’s political activities, there is some overlap in scope and contents between these general files and the political and campaign files in earlier series. One sub-series includes biographical materials directly related to Hazel A. Talley Evans, while the other includes general subjects.

Sub-series: Files about Hazel A. Talley Evans

Box 11

Folder 7 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Biographical Materials
Folder 8 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Biographical Materials Related to Her Campaigns as
Democratic National Committeewoman
The pamphlets in this folder offer a resume of Hazel’s personal and political
accomplishments as she campaigned for leadership positions within the
Democratic Party.

- Folder 9 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Certificates and Letters of Recognition
- Folder 10 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Introductory Remarks Given at Speeches
- Folder 11 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Miscellaneous Clippings—Undated
- Folder 12 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Miscellaneous Clippings—1950s
- Folder 13 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Miscellaneous Clippings—1960s
- Folders 14, 15 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Miscellaneous Clippings—1970s

Box 12

- Folders 1, 2 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Miscellaneous Clippings—1980s/1990s
- Folder 3 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Notable Envelopes Received as Correspondence
- Folder 4 Hazel A. Talley Evans—Stationery
- Folder 5 Robert W. “Bob” Evans—Biographical Materials

Sub-series: Files by and about Other People or Topics

Box 12

- Folder 6 Askew, Reubin O’D.
- Folder 7 Bayh, Birch
- Folder 8 Carroll, Thomas C.
- Folder 9 Carter, Jimmy, and Family
- Folder 10 The Carter Center [Atlanta, Ga.]
- Folder 11 Chance, Jean
- Folder 12 Chiles, Lawton
“Lawton Chiles Campaign Committee,” 1976.
- Folders 13, 14 Christmas Cards & Seasons Greetings from the President, Vice President, and
Notable Politicians
- Folder 15 Clinton, William Jefferson “Bill”
- Folder 16 Clippings, Political—Undated
- Folder 17 Clippings, Political—1960s

Box 13

- Folders 1, 2 Clippings, Political—1970s
- Folder 3 Clippings, Political—1980s
- Folder 4 Clippings, Political—1990s
- Folder 5 Collins, (Thomas) LeRoy
- Folder 6 Constitution of the State of Florida, 1885, as Amended through May 1962
- Folder 7 Correspondence, General—Undated
- Folder 8 Correspondence, General—1960s—Political Elections and Appointments
- Folder 9 Correspondence, General—1960s—Politics
- Folder 10 Correspondence, General—1960s—“Thank You” Letters
- Folder 11 Correspondence, General—1970s—Political Elections and Appointments
- Folders 12, 13 Correspondence, General—1970s—Politics
Includes numerous letters from notable politicians, such as Bob Sikes, Joe
Robbie, Henry M. “Scoop” Jackson, Coleman A. Young, LeRoy Collins,
George C. Wallace, Joseph R. Biden, Lloyd Bentsen, and Jon C. Moyle.

Box 14

- Folders 1, 2 Correspondence, General—1970s—“Thank You” Letters
Contains numerous notes giving thanks to Hazel for her efforts as a campaigner. Of special interest are letters from Elizabeth Virginia Wallace “Bess” Truman, Azie Taylor Morton, Rosalynn Carter, George Firestone, Andy Ireland, Robert L. Shevin, Reubin Askew, and George Firestone.
- Folder 3 Correspondence, General—1980s—Political Elections and Appointments
- Folder 4 Correspondence, General—1980s—Politics
Includes numerous letters from notable politicians, such as Walter “Fritz” Mondale, Alan Cranston, John D. Rockefeller IV, Bob Graham, and Bill Gunter expressing their appreciation for her support of their campaigns or soliciting her support for upcoming elections, including those who sought the office of the President of the United States.
- Folder 5 Correspondence, General—1980s—“Thank You” Letters
Contains numerous notes giving thanks to Hazel for her efforts as a campaigner. Of special interest are letters from Jimmy Carter, Lady Bird Johnson, Lawton Chiles, Wayne Mixon, Bill Nelson, Dick Stone, Doyle Conner, Gary Hart, John Glenn, Jeanne Malchon, and Reubin Askew.
- Folder 6 Correspondence, General—1990s—Political Elections and Appointments
- Folder 7 Correspondence, General—1990s—Politics
Includes numerous letters from notable politicians, such as C. W. “Bill” Young, Barbara Sheen Todd, Buddy McKay, and Lawton Chiles.
- Folder 8 Correspondence, General—1990s—“Thank You” Letters
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- Folder 9 Correspondence and Notes—Miscellaneous—1960s and 1970s
- Folder 10 Crist, Charlie
Contains materials from “Friends of Charlie Crist” fundraisers in 1994 & 1997.
- Folder 11 Eckerd College
Includes correspondence with John William Galbraith.
- Folder 12 Ferrentino, Anthony and Lloyd
- Folder 13 Fischer, David “Dave” and Margo
- Folder 14 Florida Heart Association, 1964-1965 Roster
- Folder 15 Florida Legislature—Miscellaneous

Box 15

- Folder 1 Graham, Robert “Bob”
Contains materials from “Friends of Bob Graham” fundraisers in 1996 & 1997.
- Folder 2 Hafner, Lars
- Folder 3 Harris, Fred R.
- Folder 4 Huizenga, H. Wayne
- Folder 5 Humphrey, Hubert H.
- Folder 6 Invitation to White House Events
- Folder 7 Invitations, 1970s
- Folder 8 Invitations, 1980s
- Folder 9 Invitations, 1990s
- Folder 10 Invitations, Undated [Lacking year]
- Folder 11 Karl, Fred
- Folder 12 Kennedy, Edward M. “Ted”
- Folder 13 Liberace Booklet

- Autographed booklet from Liberace given to Hazel in appreciation of her work for the Democratic Party.
- Folder 14 Maps
Mostly of Pinellas County, and most from the 1960s and 1970s.

Box 16

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Community Cultural Institutions—St. Petersburg, Fla.
Folder 2 Pinellas United Fund, Inc., First Annual Report of (1966)
Folder 3 Politics—Miscellaneous and Unclassified
Folder 4 Smith, Jim—Lists—Luncheon (11 January 1978); Reception (16 May 1978)
Folder 5 Strauss, Robert “Bob” S.
Folder 6 United States. Congress—Fifteenth Annual Democratic Congressional Dinner
This event honored the leadership of the 95th Congress and the President on 15 March 1978.
Folder 7 Wallace, George C.
Folder 8 Wallace, Peter Rudy
Folder 9 Women in Politics
Folder 10 Young, C. W. “Bill”

Series: Photographs

Photographic images—either arranged chronologically or by notable individuals—reside in this series. Some photographs include Hazel A. Talley Evans in portraits, others include her and other politicians, and some have autographs.

Box 16

- Folder 11 Photographs—1950s—Miscellaneous
Includes images with Hazel and others at various gatherings.
Folder 12 Photographs—1960s—Miscellaneous
Includes images with Hazel and others at various gatherings.
Folder 13 Photographs—1970s—Miscellaneous
Includes images with Hazel and others at various gatherings.
Folder 14 Photographs—1980s and 1990s—Miscellaneous
Includes images with Hazel and others at various gatherings.
Folder 15 Photographs: Hazel Talley Evans: 1960s
Includes photographs at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Box 17

- Folder 1 Photographs: Hazel Talley Evans, on diplomatic mission to Taiwan, August 1978
Folder 2 Photographs: Tom Adams
Former Florida secretary of state and lieutenant governor.
Folder 3 Photographs: Reubin O’D. Askew
Contains a variety of images, including a reprint of a photograph with Askew and Evans walking side-by-side in the capitol before the governor delivered an address.
Folder 4 Photographs: C. Farris Bryant

- Includes photographs of Bryant's daughters during his campaign for the United States Senate.
- Folder 5 Photographs: Jules Buck
- Folder 6 Photographs: President Jimmy Carter
- Folder 7 Photographs: Rosalynn Carter
- Folder 8 Photographs: Lawton Chiles
- Folder 9 Photographs: (Thomas) LeRoy Collins
 Pictures probably taken at DeSoto Day celebration in Manatee County.
- Folder 10 Photographs: William D. "Bill" Gunter
- Folder 11 Photographs: Hubert H. Humphrey
- Folder 12 Photographs: President Lyndon B. Johnson
- Folder 13 Photographs: President John F. Kennedy
 Includes a photograph of JFK shaking Hazel's hand in Palm Beach, Florida, nine days before his assassination in Dallas, November 1973.
- Folder 14 Photographs: Walter F. Mondale
- Folder 15 Photographs: (John) Wayne Mixon
- Folder 16 Photographs: Robert "Bob" Strauss
- Folder 17 Photographs: Peter Rudy Wallace
 Smaller images are from events in Tallahassee in April 1989.
- Folder 18 Photographs: Miscellaneous and Unclassified
 Also includes autographed ephemera from George C. Wallace.
- Folder 19 Photographs: Miscellaneous Negatives

Series: Ephemera

A variety of bumper-stickers, buttons, three-dimensional items, and other political memorabilia occupy these boxes.

Oversize Box 1

- Containers (2) Badges: Convention Credentials
- Containers (4) Miscellaneous Materials (Bumper-stickers)
- Container Pins and Buttons: Reuben Askew
- Container Pins and Buttons: Jimmy Carter
- Container Pins and Buttons: Bill Clinton
- Container Pins and Buttons: Democratic Party, General
- Container Pins and Buttons: Democratic Party of Florida, General
- Container Pins and Buttons: Democrats from Other States
- Container Pins and Buttons: Feminism/Pro-choice
- Container Pins and Buttons: Florida Candidates for Congress
- Container Pins and Buttons: Florida Candidates for State Offices
- Container Pins and Buttons: Al Gore
- Container Pins and Buttons: Bob Graham
- Container Pins and Buttons: Hubert H. Humphrey
- Container Pins and Buttons: Lyndon B. Johnson
- Container Pins and Buttons: Edward Kennedy
- Container Pins and Buttons: John F. Kennedy
- Container Pins and Buttons: Jean Malchon
- Container Pins and Buttons: George McGovern

Container	Pins and Buttons: National Candidates, Miscellaneous
Container	Pins and Buttons: Richard M. Nixon
Container	Pins and Buttons: Nancy Pelosi
Container	Pins and Buttons: Pinellas County Commission
Container	Pins and Buttons: Pinellas County Sheriff Candidates
Container	Pins and Buttons: Ronald W. Reagan
Container	Pins and Buttons: St. Petersburg City Commission
Container	Pins and Buttons: Jim Scott
Container	Pins and Buttons: Jim Smith
Container	Pins and Buttons: Richard 'Dick' Stone
Container	Pins and Buttons: Harry S. Truman
Container	Pins and Buttons: Harold Washington
Container	Pins and Buttons: Miscellaneous Lapel Pins
Container	Chest Placards from 1968 Democratic National Convention in Support of Hubert H. Humphrey (Quantity: 2)
Folder	Oversize "Jimmy Carter for President in '76" button
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 8 May 1964
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 29 May 1964
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 14 August 1964
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 4 September 1964
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 2 October 1964
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 13 November 1964
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 29 January 1965
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 5 February 1965
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , November 1979
Folder	<i>Life Magazine</i> , 30 October 1992
Item	"Re-Elect President Carter" Frisbee, 1980
Item	Potholder labeled "Vote for the two party system . . ."

Oversize Box 2

Folder	Oversize photograph of Hazel Talley Evans meeting President Lyndon B. Johnson in the White House, 13 January 1969.
Folder	Oversize photograph, autographed, "To Hazel With Best Wishes, Jimmy Carter(,) Walter F. Mondale"
Folder	Oversize photograph, autographed, "To Hazel Evans with all best wishes and warmest personal regards. Reubin Askew."
Folder	Reprint of 15 August 1945 <i>Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph</i> announcing the end of the Second World War.
Folder	"Official Program, Democratic National Convention, 1968" (2 copies)
Folder	"Reach Out(,) Grab the Greatest Summer Ever(,) Chicago(,) 1968," DNC Report.
Folder	"The Democratic Party of Florida presents the 1979 Presidential Banquet, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 17, 1979."
Folder	Hazel A. Talley Evans—Miscellaneous Ephemera
Folder	"The Convention Answer Book," <i>San Jose Mercury News</i> , June 1984.
Envelope	"Thanks for your friendship and support . . ." from Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter
Envelope	"The President's House, Washington" card from Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter

Plaque	Florida Democratic Party, "The 1984 Chairman's Award presented to Hazel Evans for her invaluable contributions to the Florida Democratic Party. Charles A. Whitehead, Chairman, May 5, 1984"
Plaque	Personalities of the South, "Award, Hazel A. Evans has been selected to appear in the 1976-77 edition of <i>Personalities of the South</i> in recognition of past achievements and outstanding service to community and state."
Framed Item	Medals for Service to Democratic Party: DNC 1964 Delegate, DNC 1968 Delegate, DNC 1972 Delegate, DNC 1972 National Committee, DNC 1972 Honored Guest, DNC 1972 Host Committee, "Hazel Talley Evans, Inaugural Committee, Gov. Reubin O'D. Askew, Lt. Gov. Tom B. Adams, Tallahassee, Florida, January 5, 1971."
Framed Item	Medals for Service to Democratic Party: DNC 1976 Delegate, DNC 1976 Committee Member, DNC 1976 National Finance Council, DNC 1980 Delegate, DNC 1980 Medal for DNC, DNC 1980 State Vice-Chair
License Plate	Member, USF President's Council
Paper Weight	"St. Pete, All-America City" [on top], "Let's Meet in St. Pete" [on front].
Paper Weight	Pen holder and paper weight from 1972 Democratic National Convention, Miami Beach, Fla.
Stationery	Democratic Party, with Donkey in corner of boxing ring, ca. 1960s
Stationery	"I'm backing Democrats!," ca. 1960s-1970s
Invitations	"Cocktails," 1971.
Invitations	Two unopened packages, ca. 1970s.
Folder	Unopened, rolled, 1964 Democratic National Convention commemorative edition of <i>The Evening and Sunday Bulletin</i> , Philadelphia, PA

Oversize Box 3

Scrapbook	Large scrapbook (damaged binding) of newspaper clippings and mementoes
Ledger	"Order Authorizing Campaign Expenditure; Certificate of Claimant; Order for Payment" for Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee, 1966
Posters (2)	Hubert H. Humphrey, ca. 1968
Posters (5)	"The First Team . . . Vote Humphrey-Muskie"
Poster, Cloth	Ornamental Donkey Poster
Bumper-sticker	Large car door bumper-stickers for vehicles used in the 1972DNC, Miami Beach
Folder	Miscellaneous Political Ephemera
Folder	Hazel A. Talley Evans—Oversize Certificates and Awards
Folio	"Southern Governors' Conference, Walt Disney World, 1975"
Notebook	Hazel's Monogrammed
Notebook	Hazel's Small "Vote" Notebook/Clipboard (1971)
Notebook	"Campaign Consultation Program, Democratic National Committee,"
Greeting Cards	"Win with Charlie Brown! 'Experienced, Competent'," and similar cards
Booklet	"1983-1984 Know Your Legislators"
Booklet	"1985-1986 Know Your Legislators"
Booklet	"1996 Know Your Legislators"
Booklet	"1996 Florida Democratic Party—Jefferson/Jackson Dinner," 8 June 1996
Booklet	"Clerk's Manual, Florida House, 1984-1986"
Booklet	"Clerk's Manual, House of Representatives and the Senate, 1992-1994"
Booklet	"Florida House of Representatives, 1994-1996"
Booklet	"Florida Senate, 1994-1996"
Booklet	"A Guide to Handwriting Analysis" (1962)

- Booklet "Population of Florida" (1963)
- Booklet "Temporary Roll of Participants and Replacements to The 1982 Democratic National Party Conference"
- Booklet "The Third House, 1995-1996 Edition"

Audiocassettes

Various audiocassettes and mini-cassettes, most dating from the early and mid-1970s.

Display Box

Slippers from White House, each autographed by George Herbert Walker Bush, President of the United States, 1989-1993



Hazel A. Talley Evans with two notable Florida politicians: Claude Pepper and Bob Graham, early 1980s.