

**College of the Holy Cross  
Archives and Special Collections  
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2000-16**

Collection Name (Title): **Flynn, Governor William S. Scrapbooks**

Dates of Material: **1922-1925**

Size of Collection: **9 Volumes, 1 Box**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation: **Governor William S. Flynn Scrapbooks**

Processed on: **April 8, 2009**

**Biography/History:**

William Smith Flynn was born on August 4, 1885 and died on April 6, 1966. He was a member of the Rhode Island State Senate from 1912 - 1914 and again from 1917 - 1922. He was Governor of Rhode Island from 1923 to 1925, leaving the seat for a failed bid for U.S. Senator. He was a member of the American Bar, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Seven scrapbooks with newspaper clippings mainly focusing on the politics of William S. Flynn, Governor of Rhode Island. 1 Box of items from Scrapbook # 1 – including an election result notice.

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**Box and Folder List:**

**Scrapbook #1:** October – November 1922

Contains newspaper clippings about the nomination of William S. Flynn for Governor of Rhode Island. Items include articles, campaign stickers, campaign ads, rally advertisements, articles about rallies, ads addressed to citizens.

**Scrapbook #2:** February – June 1923

Contains newspaper clippings on the proceedings of the state of Rhode Island, clippings on Appropriation Bill and 48 Hour week.

**Scrapbook #3:** June 1923 – January 1924

Newspaper clippings on Appropriation Bill, Holy Cross awarding Governor Flynn a degree, the end of the longest session of the General Assembly in Rhode Island, the death of President Harding, and the reorganization of Rhode Island Republicans.

**Scrapbook #4:** January 1924 – May 1924

Newspaper clippings on a deadlock and filibuster in the Rhode Island State Senate, Rhode Island leading in prison reform, Rhode Island delegates in favor of Calvin Coolidge, the passing of the Hamilton Bill, Ku Klux Klan attempting to take control of the State Senate, Gambling Ban at the pier, the murder of Clementine Cosmo, the writ that was served to Lieutenant Governor Toupin.

**Scrapbook #5:** May 1924 – September 1924

Newspaper clippings on the marriage of Lieutenant Governor Toupin and Delia Alice Sorel Charron, 48 hour law in force, funds for the state – pay was limited for many, riot in the State Senate, poisonous gas bomb in Senate chamber and the repercussions, GOP fleeing the state, calls for the resignation of Pelkey, Jesse Metcalf replaces Henry Lippitt.

**Scrapbook #6:** September 1924 – November 1924

Newspaper clippings on the decision for Flynn to run for U.S. senator, Flynn's campaign movements, the discussion between Flynn and Metcalf, Metcalf's win, Flynn to go back to law practice.

**Scrapbook #7:** September 1924 – December 1924

Flynn's run for U.S. Senate, Flynn's campaign, campaign ads.

**Scrapbook #8:** September 1924 – January 1925

Flynn's run for U.S. Senate, Flynn's campaign, on goings of the state.

**Box 1:** Items from Scrapbooks

Folder 1: Writings from Oct. – Nov. 1922 Scrapbook

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**Box 1:** Items from Scrapbooks

- Folder 2: Writings from Oct. – Nov. 1922 Scrapbook
- Folder 3: 1922 Election Count, found in Oct. – Nov. 1922 Scrapbook
- Folder 4: Loose political material from Oct. –Nov. 1922 Scrapbook
- Folder 5: Loose clippings from Oct. – Nov. 1922 Scrapbook
- Folder 6: Loose clippings from Oct. – Nov. 1922 Scrapbook
- Folder 7: Loose clippings from Oct. – Nov. 1922 Scrapbook
- Folder 8: Loose clippings from Sept. – Nov. 1924 Scrapbook
- Folder 9: Loose clippings from Sept. – Nov. 1924 Scrapbook

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