Guide to the Sylvia B. Larsen Papers, 1993-2016

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:
Sylvia B. Larsen Papers, 1993-2016

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Larsen, Sylvia

Language:
The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:
2 boxes ; 0.83 linear feet

Abstract:
Sylvia Larsen was a prominent Democratic politician in the New Hampshire Senate from 1994 to 2014. These papers consist of materials related to her political career including campaign literature, speeches, legislation, newspaper articles, and correspondence. The materials in this collection date from 1993 to 2016.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The Sylvia B. Larsen Papers were a gift from Sylvia B. Larsen in December 2023 and December 2024.

Processing Information:
This collection was processed by Abby Dollries in June 2025. The finding aid was written by Abby Dollries in June 2025. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:
Available for research.

Location:
The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:
The materials in this volume are primarily paper based and have no technical requirements for use. Four DVDs in this collection require a computer or player able to read the discs.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:
Senator Sylvia Larsen has had a long and notable career of public service. Following eight years as an at-large Concord city councilor, she was a member of the New Hampshire Senate for 20 years, from 1994 through 2014, with four years as senate president. Between 2008 and 2010, Sylvia made history in the state senate as she led the nation's first female majority legislative body with 13 women and 11 men. Prior to retiring from the senate, Sylvia was vice chair of the capital budget committee and a member of the senate finance and joint fiscal committees. Among her legislative accomplishments are sponsorship of the nation's first tax-free college tuition savings plan, New Hampshire's first paycheck fairness plan safeguarding equal pay for equal work, and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. In addition to her work in the senate, Sylvia has served on charitable boards and committees for many organizations,

including the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Concord Hospital, and Capitol Center for the Arts. Her past professional experience also includes a position here at the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1980, where she coordinated programs and public relations.

Sylvia B. Larsen joined the New Hampshire Historical Society's Board of Trustees in 2018 and is currently a Vice Chair (2025).

Collection Scope and Content Note:
The Sylvia Larsen Papers, 1993-2016, consist of both personal and political materials, ranging from Christmas cards to legislative records. The papers contain numerous newspaper articles on issues and events related to Larsen and her political career. The papers also include speeches, campaign literature, correspondence, and materials related to the presidential inaugurations of Bill Clinton (1993, 1997) and Barack Obama (2009).

Arrangement:
The materials in this volume are organized by type and chronology.

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Box 1

Folder 1 Campaign stickers and magnets, including New Hampshire and presidential candidates, 1996-2012, undated

Folder 2 Christmas cards, 1993-1996 and undated
- Carter, Jimmy and Rosalynn
- Clinton, Bill and Hillary Rodham
- Gore, Al
- McLane, Susan and Malcolm
- Merrill, Stephen
- Mondale, Walter and Joan
- New Hampshire Senate Democrats
- Rauh, John
- Schroeder, Pat
- Shaheen, Jeanne
- Veroneau, William J.

Folder 3 Thank you cards, 2003-2010 and undated

Folder 4 Other correspondence, 1995-2012

Folder 5 Presidential Inaugural Ceremony materials, 1993

Folder 6 Presidential and Governor's Inaugural Ceremony materials, 1997

Folder 7 Presidential Inaugural Ceremony materials, 2009

Folder 8 Speeches, 1995-1999

Folder 9 Speeches, 2000-2009, undated

Folder 10 Legislative business, 1997-2012

Folder 11 Sylvia Larsen various campaign materials, 1994-2000, undated

Folder 12 Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign Materials, 2007-2008

Box 2

Folder 1 Political Events and Literature, 1995-2009, undated
Folder 2 Photographs of Larsen, including with New Hampshire Democrats and Portraits, 2007, undated
Folder 3 Newspaper articles, 1996-1998
Folder 4 Newspaper articles, 1999-2006
Folder 5 Newspaper articles, 2007-2016
Folder 6 Full newspapers, 1999-2008
Folder 7 Magazines, 1999
Folder 8 Magazines, 1999-2008
Folder 9 Press releases, 1996-2000, undated
Folder 10 Political cartoons, 1995, 2004
Folder 11 Political trading cards, 2000

Published Material:

An American Journey, The 53rd Presidential Inaugural, January 18 & 19, 1997
The Boston Globe Magazine, March 21, 1999
Business NH Magazine, January 2000
Business NH Magazine, January 2007
Business NH Magazine, January 2008
In Celebration of Women & Girls, 1999
Memorandum on New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law, 1995
National Journal, July 14, 2007
Philanthropy, Vol. XIII, No. 2, March/April 1999
Rolfe Park Memorial Dedication Ceremony, Penacook, 1998
Senate Presidents' Forum, Volume 15, Number 1, 2008
Speaking with Authority: From Economic Security to National Security, 2002
Thinking of Running for Congress: A guide for Democratic women candidates, undated
University of New Hampshire Magazine, Spring 2007
Where, Inauguration Special, January 2009

This list is not exhaustive.

Separated Materials:

Two undated legislative portraits have been moved to Oversized Photographs Drawer 10.

Four DVDs have been moved to the A/V Room:

Sen. Larsen Close Up
Unlabeled
Studio One Swearing in of Senator S. Larsen, December 6, 2006
Studio One Swearing in of Senator S. Larsen, December 6, 2006

Subject Terms

People

Bayh, Susan
Biden, Joseph R., Jr., 1942-
Buckley, Ray
Bush, George H. W., 1924-2018
Carter, Jimmy, 1924-2024
Carter, Rosalynn, 1927-2023
Clinton, Bill, 1946-
Clinton, Hillary Rodham, 1947-
D'Allesandro, Lou
Daschle, Thomas, 1947-
Dean, Howard
Dodd, Christopher J. (Christopher John), 1944-
Gore, Al, 1948-
Graham, Bob
Hassan, Maggie, 1958-
Kerry, John, 1953-
Kuster, Ann McLane, 1956-
Larsen, Sylvia
Lynch, John H., 1952-
Lynch, Susan
McCarley, Caroline
McLane, Malcolm, 1924-2008
McLane, Susan N., 1929-2005
Merrill, Stephen, 1946-2020
Mondale, Walter F., 1928-2021
Mondale, Joan, 1930-2014
Obama, Barack, 1961-
Rauh, John
Richardson, Bill, 1947-
Schroeder, Pat, 1940-2023
Shaheen, Jeanne, 1947-
Veroneau, William John, 1930-2017
Vilsack, Thomas J., 1950-
Wright, Tammy

Organizations

Democratic National Committee (U.S)
Democratic Party (N.H.)
Emily's List (Network)
New Hampshire. General court. Senate
NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program Authority

White House (Washington, D.C.)
The Women's Fund of New Hampshire

Subjects

Christmas cards
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Greeting cards
Holidays
Invitation cards
Photographs
Political campaigns
Presidents--Election
Presidents--United States--Inauguration
Primaries
Speeches, addresses, etc.

Locations

Concord, NH
Hopkinton, NH
Manchester, NH
Troy, NH
Washington, DC

Occupations

Legislators
Politicians

Related Materials

Archives

Sylvia Larsen Political Greetings and Cards, 1997-2021, 2023.044