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1914-1976

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Collection Overview

Creator:	Alteiri, Alice LaFond 1894-1976
Title:	Alice LaFond Altieri Collection
Dates:	1914-1976
Quantity:	3 box(es) (1.5 linear feet)
Abstract:	The papers of Alice LaFond Altieri, state legislator and public official, of North Smithfield, R.I., consists of her political and personal correspondence, scrapbooks and clippings, speeches, reports, and memorabilia.
Identification:	Ms. altieri
Language:	The records are in English.
Repository:	Phillips Memorial Library, Special and Archival Collections 549 River Avenue Providence, RI 02918-0001 http://www.providence.edu/Academics/Phillips+Memorial+Library/

Biographical Information

From the 1930's through the 1970's Mrs. Altieri played an active role in Rhode Island's civic and political history. Elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives from North Smithfield in 1934, she was one of the first women to hold such a noteworthy position in the State. She began serving in the State House during that period of momentous change now known as the "Bloodless Revolution." Material in the Collection reflects her participation in the Democratic coup.

Born May 1, 1895, in North Smithfield, a daughter of Ernest P. and Maria (McCarthy) LaFond, she was a lifelong resident of North Smithfield with a notable career in public service. Prior to 1927, she was a secretary for the U.S. Surgeon General and for six years was a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department in Providence, R.I..

From 1930 to 1936 she was a member of the North Smith-field School Committee, the first woman to be elected to that committee.

From 1931 to 1933 she was an active volunteer for the Woonsocket Chapter of the American Red Cross. When elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, she became the first woman of North Smithfield to be elected to a major office.

During her tenure of office she sponsored the Aid to Dependent Children and the Aid to the Blind law and introduced the Civil Service Act in the legislature in 1936. She was active on many committees and later helped to organize the first Old Age program in the state.

She served on the North Smithfield town budget committee from 1943 to 1944, and was a member of the R.I. State Federation of Women's Clubs Legislative Department, R.I. Conference of Social Work, R.I. League of Women Voters, R.I. Association of Public School Officials, American Public Welfare Association, and was director from 1931 to 1936 of the North Smithfield Public Health Nursing Association. For six years she was treasurer and for two years second vice president of the Woonsocket Fortnightly Club.

Mrs. Altieri was the North Smithfield Public Welfare director in 1961 and 1962 and again resumed the post in 1965. She also served as a member of the governor's advisory committee of the R.I. Social Service Index.

During her term as a Rhode Island state representative, she was chairman of the joint legislative committee on public health and vice chairman of both the House Education and Public Welfare Committees.

In addition, she was a member of the board of the Woonsocket Visiting Nurse Association, a member of the board and executive committee of the Woonsocket Chapter Red Cross and a board member and secretary of the North Smithfield Ambulance and Rescue Association.

She was also an auxiliary member of the Woonsocket Hospital Aid Association and corporate member of Butler Hospital and Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital, Providence, R.I..

Mrs. Altieri served as chairman of the North Smithfield Citizens Civic Affairs Committee and headed several drives for the Community Chest and for the North Smithfield Ambulance Association.

Her involvement in politics and career in public service was motivated by a keen and wide-ranging interest in and involvement with others. In spite of personal obligations and health problems, she belonged to many civic and charitable organizations through the years; but these enduring relationships exemplified her concern for the health, education and welfare of her fellow citizens.

Biographical Timeline

1895 May 1	Born in North Smithfield, Rhode Island, to Maria Theresa (McCarthy) Lafond and Ernest Lafond.
1914	Graduates from Woonsocket High School; later attends Boston University and works in photographer's studio.
1918	Clerks at the United States War Department Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D.C.
1919	Clerks at the U.S. War Department Medical Department at Large, Northeastern Department, Boston, Massachusetts and for the U.S. War Department Quartermaster Corps, Fort Williams, Portland, Maine.
1920	Becomes the United States Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, District of Rhode Island Deputy Collector.
1925	Admitted to a Sharon, Massachusetts sanitarium for treatment of tuberculosis.
1930	Named to North Smithfield Democratic Town Committee. Elected to North Smithfield School Committee and joins the Woonsocket Relief Committee.
1931	Named to North Smithfield Public Health Nursing Association Board of Directors and to the North Smithfield Public Health Association Board of Directors.
1931	Joins American Red Cross Woonsocket Chapter and the Rhode Island Women's Democratic Club.
1933	Joins Woonsocket Fortnightly Club and the Garden Club of North Smithfield.
1934	Seconds the nomination of Theodore F. Green for Governor of Rhode Island at Democratic State Convention and joins the Franco-American Citizen's League.
1934	Elected to Rhode Island House (Democrat--North Smithfield) of Representatives.
1935	Appointed to Rhode Island House of Representatives Education, Public Welfare, and Agriculture, the Mechanic Arts Committees, and chairs the Rhode Island Joint Committee on Public Health.
1935	Appointed to Rhode Island House of Representatives Special Committee on Development and Improvement of the State Mental Health Institute and to the Rhode Island Department of Public Welfare Division of Old Age Security Deputy Chief.

1940	Appointed to Rhode Island Children's Court Association.
1941 May 3	Marries Hercules A. Altieri (Rhode Island Department of Social Welfare Fiscal Agent).
1941	Resigns position as Old Age Security Division Deputy Chief.
1942	Appointed Council to Rhode Island Social Service Index Advisory.
1943	Named to North Smithfield Budget Committee.
1948	Partial retirement to take care of her husband, Hercules, who had suffered from a stroke.
1951	Chairs North Smithfield Community Chest Drive.
1952	Named as Woonsocket Girl Scout Council Board Member.
1953	Becomes a member of the Rhode Island Heart Fund Woonsocket Chapter Drive and a North Smithfield Ambulance Drive Member.
1954	Becomes North Smithfield Ambulance Association Secretary.
1955	Becomes Woonsocket Hospital Aid Association Member and is elected as a Rhode Island Constitutional Convention Member.
1956	Becomes a Member of St. Anne Sodality of St. John's Church, chairs North Smithfield Citizens Civic Affairs Committee and the North Smithfield United Fund Drive.
1956	Runs unsuccessfully for the Rhode Island Senate
1957	Renamed to North Smithfield Democratic Town Committee.
1959	Becomes a member of the Butler Health Center Corporation and chairs the Northern Rhode Island United Fund Drive.
1960	Becomes a member of Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital Corporation.
1961	Appointed North Smithfield Public Welfare Director.
1962	Joins North Smithfield Cerebral Palsy Association.
1965	Named to Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Woonsocket Board of Directors and reappointed as North Smithfield Public Welfare Director.
1968	Fired from position as North Smithfield Public Welfare Director.
1970	Named as North Smithfield Centennial Committee Member.
1974 May 6	Husband Hercules A. Altieri dies.
1976 July 14	Alice LaFond Altieri dies at age 80.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, scrapbooks, clippings, speeches, reports, memorabilia, and other papers, reflecting Altieri's political, civic, and charitable activities, including her term (l935-l936) in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, duties as deputy chief of Rhode Island Dept. of Public Welfare, Division of Old Age Security, and activities as public welfare director of North Smithfield are represented in the collection.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series.

Series list

Correspondence

Clippings

Subject files

Index Terms

These records are indexed under the following headings in the HELIN catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Names

Altieri, Alice LaFond, 1894-1976

Farley, James A. (James Aloysius), 1888-1976

Fogarty, John Edward, 1913-1967

Forand, Aime´ Joseph, 1895-1972

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006

Gelineau, Louis E.

Green, Theodore Francis, 1867-1966

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978

Kennedy, Edward Moore, 1932-

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

McGrath, J. Howard (James Howard), 1903-1966

Pell, Claiborne, 1918-

Roberts, Dennis Joseph, 1903-1994

Subjects

Altieri, Alice LaFond, 1894-1976

North Smithfield (R.I. : Town) -- Politics and government

Older people -- Services for -- Rhode Island -- North Smithfield (Town)

Public welfare administration -- Rhode Island

Public welfare -- Rhode Island -- North Smithfield (Town)

Public welfare -- Rhode Island -- Officials and employees

Rhode Island. Dept. of Public Welfare

Rhode Island. Division of Old Age Security

Rhode Island. General Assembly. House of Representatives

Rhode Island -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950

Rhode Island -- Politics and government -- 1951-

Women in charitable work -- Rhode Island -- North Smithfield (Town)

Women in politics -- Rhode Island

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The collection resided with members of the Alteiri/Livermore family prior to its donation to the College.

Preferred Citation

Alice LaFond Altieri Collection, Providence College, Phillips Memorial Library, Special and Archival Collections

Acquistions Information

In May of 1977, Mrs. Laura LaFond Livermore donated the papers of her sister, Mrs. Alice LaFond Altieri to Providence College.

Processing Information

The collection was originally processed in 1982.

Restrictions

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Related Material

For more detail on the life and career of Alice LaFond Altieri, see:

Healy, Margaret Adele. *Alice LaFond Altieri : pioneer woman politician and public servant in Rhode Island.* Providence College, 1980.

No materials were separated from this collection.

Inventory

Series: Correspondence
Dates: 1918-1975
Extent: 27 folders
Material types:
letters (correspondence)

Scope and Content Note

This series contains correspondence from a wide range of individuals covering as many topics. While there is some correspondence with the Social Security Administration and the Rhode Island Department of Social Welfare relating to her husband, Hercules A. Altieri, the majority of the correspondence is concerned with various government and community organizations Alice LaFond Altieri came into contact with during her long public career.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1	Folder 1	United States War Department	Jan 1919 - Dec 1919
Box 1	Folder 2	United States Treasury Department	1920 - 1924
Box 1	Folder 3	Rhode Island State Sanatorium	1929
Box 1	Folder 4	Congratulatory letters	1932
Box 1	Folder 5	Congratulatory letters	1934
Box 1	Folder 6	As Rhode Island Representative Elect	1934
Box 1	Folder 7	As Rhode Island State Representative	1935 - 1936
Box 1	Folder 8	Congratulatory letters	1936 - 1954
Box 1	Folder 9	United States Civil Service Commission	1940, 1950
Box 1	Folder 10	Ray Cotton Company	1943
Box 1	Folder 11	Rhode Island State Department of Social Welfare	1948
Box 1	Folder 12	Pembroke College	1950
Box 1	Folder 13	Woonsocket Trust Company	1951
Box 1	Folder 14	Rhode Island Treasury Department	1952
Box 1	Folder 15	Woonsocket Institution for Savings	1954
Box 1	Folder 16	Woonsocket Girl Scout Council	1955 - 1956
Box 1	Folder 17	United Fund Volunteer	1956
Box 1	Folder 18	Democratic State Committee	1956
Box 1	Folder 19	United Fund 4th & 5th Annual Campaign	1958 - 1959
Box 1	Folder 20	Butler Health Center	1959, 1968
Box 1	Folder 21	Democratic National Party	1960
Box 1	Folder 22	Rhode Island Department of Social Welfare	1961
Box 1	Folder 23	The White House	1962
Box 1	Folder 24	Social Securiy Administration	1963
Box 1	Folder 25	North Smithfield Study Commission	1965
Box 1	Folder 26	Thank you notes	1975
Box 1	Folder 27	Harry S. Truman Library Institute	undated

Series: Clippings
Dates: 1934-1975
Extent: 28 folders
Material types:
clippings

Scope and Content Note

The clippings in this series represent a wide range of topics Alice LaFond Altieri had interested in. Among the clippings are articles relating news stories about herself and family members, Rhode Island political events, and national and local Rhode Island politcial figures such as John E. Fogarty and J. Howard McGrath. In addition, news stories reporting on local organizations and government, such as the Red Cross and the Town of North Smithfield, can be found in the collection.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetical by publication.

Box 1	Folder 28	The Evening Bulletin	1934 Nov 8
Box 1	Folder 29	The Evening Bulletin	1935 Jan 2
Box 1	Folder 30	The Lewiston Daily Sun	1937 Apr 13, 1940 Aug
Box 1	Folder 31	The News-Tribune	1935 Jan 2
Box 1	Folder 32	New York Law Journal	1976 Mar 4
Box 1	Folder 33	New York Law Journal	1976 Mar 5
Box 1	Folder 34	New York Times	1966
Box 1	Folder 35	Pembroke Alumna	1958 Oct
Box 1	Folder 36	Providence Evening Bulletin	1958 Jun 20
Box 1	Folder 37	The Providence Journal	1956 Aug 1
Box 1	Folder 38	The Providence Journal	1960
Box 1	Folder 39	The Providence Journal	1975
Box 1	Folder 40	Today	1934 Feb 23
Box 1	Folder 41	Various articles re: Family members	1967-74
Box 1	Folder 42	Various articles re: North Smithfield Schools	1954-1956
Box 1	Folder 43	Washington D.C. newspaper	1960 May 12
Box 1	Folder 44	The Woonsocket Call	1942
Box 1	Folder 45	The Woonsocket Call	1954 Nov 3
Box 1	Folder 46	The Woonsocket Call	1959
Box 1	Folder 47	The Woonsocket Call	1956 Aug 13
Box 1	Folder 48	The Woonsocket Call	1958
Box 1	Folder 49	The Woonsocket Call	1961
Box 1	Folder 50	The Woonsocket Call	1962 Oct 31
Box 1	Folder 51	The Woonsocket Call	1963 Jun 3
Box 1	Folder 52	The Woonsocket Call	1964
Box 1	Folder 53	The Woonsocket Call	1965 Jan 26
Box 1	Folder 54	The Woonsocket Call	1976 Jul 15
Box 1	Folder 55	The Woonsocket Call	undated

Series: Subject files
Dates: 1918-1975
Extent: 52 folders
Material types:

annual reports
brochures
bylaws (administrative records)
certificates
clippings
letters (correspondence)
manuscripts
maps
newsletters
personal papers
photographs
scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note

This series contains materials directly relating to various activities and organizations Alice LaFond Altieri was involved with during her long public career, as well as some materials relating to her personal life. Of particular note is the LaFond family scrapbook, which contains clippings of news stories reporting on various LaFond family members. The scrapbook spans more than half a century, from 1903 to 1958.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 1	Folder 56	The American Red Cross - Woonsocket Chapter, Woonsocket, R.I.	1934 - 1971
Box 1	Folder 57	Certificate of Election Delegate	1928, 1936
Box 1	Folder 58	Citizens Civic Affairs Committee of North Smithfield	undated
Box 1	Folder 59	Constitutional Convention	1955
Box 1	Folder 60	Democratic National Convention - Office of Women's Activities	1960
Box 1	Folder 61	Democratic Party Flyers - Town of North Smithfield	undated
Box 1	Folder 62	Democratic State Committee - annual dinners	1934 - 1936
Box 1	Folder 63	Democratic State Committee - annual dinners	1958 - 1960
Box 1	Folder 64	Democratic Study Group	1976
Box 1	Folder 65	Election Ballots	1934 - 1936
Box 1	Folder 66	Election Ballots	1956
Box 1	Folder 67	Election Ballots	1958
Box 1	Folder 68	Election Correspondence	1958
Box 1	Folder 69	Election Correspondence	1959 - 1960
Box 1	Folder 70	Legal Aid Society	1948, 1973
Box 2	Folder 71	Manuscript - Thoughts about the life of Alice La Fond Altieri by Laura LaFond Livermore	undated
Box 2	Folder 72	National Republican Senatorial Committee	1974
Box 2	Folder 73	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - Ambulance Drive	1968
Box 2	Folder 74	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - annual reports	1958, 1967
Box 2	Folder 75	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - Bethesada-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad	1954
Box 2	Folder 76	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - by-laws	1958
Box 2	Folder 77	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - newsclippings	1960 - 1968

Box 2	Folder 78	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - newsclippings	undated
Box 2	Folder 79	North Smithfield Ambulance Assn. - history of	1955
Box 2	Folder 80	North Smithfield Civilian Defense Council	1943 - 1944
Box 2	Folder 81	North Smithfield Democratic Town Committe	1932 - 1957
Box 2	Folder 82	North Smithfield Heritage Assn.	1971 Feb - 1973 Dec
Box 2	Folder 83	North Smithfield Heritage Assn. - Constitution and By-laws	1970
Box 2	Folder 84	North Smithfield Heritage Assn. - newsletters	1974 Feb - 1976 Feb
Box 2	Folder 85	North Smithfield - manuscript notes	undated
Box 2	Folder 86	North Smithfield - maps	1943
Box 2	Folder 87	North Smithfield Public Welfare Department	1967 - 1969
Box 2	Folder 88	North Smithfield Public Welfare Department - correspondence	1961 - 1962
Box 2	Folder 89	North Smithfield Public Welfare Department - correspondence	1965 - 1966
Box 2	Folder 90	North Smithfield Public Welfare Department - financial reports	1952 - 1967
Box 2	Folder 91	North Smithfield Public Welfare Department - monthly assistance reports	1967 - 1968
Box 2	Folder 92	North Smithfield Public Welfare Department - newsclipping	1961 - 1964
Box 2	Folder 93	Notary Public Commission certificate	1935 Jul 15
Box 2	Folder 94	Notary Public stamp - see Box 3 oversized	1935 Jul 15
Box 2	Folder 95	Photograpghs	undated
Box 2	Folder 96	Proposed Public Assistance Organization report	1939 May 24
Box 2	Folder 97	Rhode Island Public Welfare Department - employee evaluations	1940
Box 2	Folder 98	Rhode Island Public Welfare Department - financial provisions and disbursement procedures	1939
Box 2	Folder 99	Rhode Island Public Welfare Department - bronze medallion	undated
Box 2	Folder 100	Registration Day certificate	1941 Jun 19
Box 2	Folder 101	Resolutions & Legislative Acts	1936, 1938
Box 2	Folder 102	Scrapbook, LaFond Family - see Box 3 oversized	1903-1958
Box 2	Folder 103	Slatersville School Graduation Exercise programs	1934 - 1935
Box 2	Folder 104	Speeches	1934
Box 2	Folder 105	Speech by John J. Cooney	1934 Aug 7
Box 2	Folder 106	State & Federal Civil Service	1918, 1941 - 1942
Box 2	Folder 107	Woonsocket High School Diploma	1914 Jun 19