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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Source - dnr:	Gulley, Wib
Creator:	Gulley, Wib
Title:	Wib Gulley papers
ID:	NCC.0232
Date [inclusive]:	1981-2004
Date [bulk]:	1986-1993
Physical Description:	3 Linear Feet (10 boxes: 4 binder boxes, 6 document boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Wib Gulley papers span 1981 to 2004. Gulley was a lawyer, environmental lobbyist, mayor of Durham for four years and a North Carolina state senator for 12 years. In addition to documenting his political career, the collection details public response to Gulley's support of anti-discrimination and gay rights and his support for establishing public transportation for the region. Items in the collection include personal and professional correspondence, notes, memoranda, meeting minutes, reports, printed material, photographs, ephemera, and video recordings. The collection is arranged in the following series: Scrapbooks, Anti-discrimination proclamation records, Durham planning documents, campaign documents, NCDP and DNC records, and video recordings.

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Wib Gulley papers (NCC.0232), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC

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Biographical / Historical

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Wilbur "Wib" Gulley (b. 1948) came to Durham in 1966 and graduated from Duke University with a B.A. in history in 1970. Gulley worked as a lobbyist in the 1970s as the first director of the Public Interest Research Group, a student advocacy campaign. After receiving his law degree from Northeastern Law School in 1981, he returned to Durham.

In the early 1980s he worked with Self-Help credit union founder Martin Eakes and later was on the founding board of the Center for Community Self Help.

He served as vice chairman of the city Board of Adjustment and vice chairman of the county Democratic Party. Gulley was elected mayor of Durham in 1985 and reelected in 1987.

He served from December 1985 until December 1989 as mayor of Durham. Gulley's anti-discrimination proclamation protesting discrimination against gays and lesbians and declaring June 22-29, 1986 as "Anti-Discrimination Week" prompted a group of local citizens to file a motion for a recall of Gulley as mayor, which was defeated.

Affordable housing and "smart growth" were two of his priorities during his first term as mayor. Increasing public transportation was a priority during his second term and his administration helped buy a bus system from Duke Power in July 1985. A 1987 conference focusing on regional public transportation resulted in the 1988 formation of the first regional body ever for Durham, Wake, and Orange Counties, Triangle Transit, of which Gulley was first board chairman. Later this became Go Triangle.

He was elected as a state senator and served 1993 through 2004. Campaign finance reform and the initiation of charter schools, also known as non-regulated publicly funded schools, were two of his priorities as a state senator.

Gulley also served as one of the North Carolina representatives to the National Democratic Committee during the 1988 presidential campaign for Michael Dukakis.

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Scope and Contents

The Wib Gulley papers illustrate the Durham community's support and protest of gay rights in 1986, Gulley's campaigns for mayor and state senator, highlights of Mayor Gulley's two terms, planning to establish regional public transportation, and North Carolina Democratic Party activities in the early 1990's. The collection contains four scrapbooks of newspaper articles and photographs, 21 VHS tapes, and loose materials including correspondence, campaign materials for mayor and North Carolina State Senate races, newspaper clippings, and city and county documents from Wilbur "Wib" Gulley,

Duke University alumnus and attorney who served as Durham mayor 1986-1989 and as state senator 1993 through 2004. The collection includes a copy of Gulley's June 1986 Anti-Discrimination Week proclamation, materials related to the resulting movement to recall Gulley as mayor, and correspondence from local citizens and others supporting Gulley's commitment to anti-discrimination or protesting the proclamation. City and regional planning documents include materials on establishing regional public transportation. Gulley's participation in the 1989 and 1993 North Carolina Democratic Party and Democratic National Committee meetings are also documented as are records of the planning of North Carolina support of 1988 presidential campaign of Michael Dukakis.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged by series according to format and subject, and chronologically by folder level. Series 1: Scrapbooks. Series 2: Anti-discrimination proclamation records. Series 3: Durham planning documents. Series 4: Campaign documents. Series 5: NCDP and DNC records. Series 6: Video recordings.

Collection included files organized by the donor, and others, presumably by the donor's assistant, and possibly a campaign director. An original separation of correspondence by Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill Carrboro addresses by the donor's assistant was not kept in order to gather all supporting correspondence regarding the anti-discrimination week proclamation. Likewise, campaign materials were gathered to unite materials by common subject. Otherwise original order was kept.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

VHS tapes cannot be viewed and must be reformatted before access is granted. Contact staff for more information.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Wib Gulley

Conditions Governing Use

There are no restrictions on the use of this material except where previously copyrighted material is concerned. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Durham People's Alliance Records (NCC.0064)

Related Materials

Durham Voters Alliance Records (NCC.0069)

Related Materials

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ) Collection (NCC.0107)

Related Materials

Steve Schewel Papers (NCC.0231)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gay rights

- public transportation
- Local transit
- Political campaigns
- Regional planning -- North Carolina
- Urban transportation -- Planning
- Transportation -- North Carolina
- Gulley, Wib
- Gulley, Wib

Collection Inventory

1. Scrapbooks, 1985-2004, (1985-1989)

Physical Description: 4 Boxes (Boxes 1-4)

Scope and Contents

Scrapbooks span 1985 to 2004, include newspaper clippings from as late as 2004, and document Gulley's campaign, election, the attempt to recall Gulley, his re-election, his travel and appearances and also contain correspondence, color photographs, campaign statements, black and white photographs, invitations, programs, and ticket stubs.

Title/Description	Instances
Mayor Wib Gulley Scrapbook 1, 1985-09-1986-06	box 1
Mayor Wib Gulley Scrapbook 2, 1986-06-2004-04	box 2

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook 2 (Box 2) spans June 1986 to April 1987 but includes March 2004 newspaper clipping and other loose materials.

Mayor Wib Gulley Scrapbook 3, 1987-05-1988-02	box 3
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Scope and Contents

Scrapbook 3 (Box 3) covers mayoral re-election campaign and includes photograph with President Ronald Reagan and loose typewritten notes on "campaign evaluation".

Mayor Wib Gulley Scrapbook 4, 1987-07-1987-11	box 4
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Scope and Contents

Scrapbook 4 is titled "The Mayor's Race (Part II)" and includes loose one-page typewritten list.

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2. Anti-Discrimination Proclamation Records, 1981-1987, (1986-1987)

Scope and Contents

Anti-discrimination proclamation records span 1981 to 1987 and include correspondence, clippings, and other material. Planning notes for Durham 1986 Gay Pride March include undated and unattributed typed memo specifying the need for "help of progressive allies" and identifies a "proclamation for the week from Mayor; Wib has agreed but does not want to be out on a limb by himself..." Other items in the series include the copy of the June 25, 1986 Anti-Discrimination Week proclamation with accompanying memo to Durham City Council and the July 28, 1986 draft guidelines for initial certification of signatures for petition to recall Wib Gulley as mayor, correspondence related to recall efforts including letter from Duke University Chronicle, and Report of the Commission on Homosexuality of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Gay rights materials include correspondence from Jim Baxter, "The Front Page" editor, with 1981-1986 newspaper clippings on anti-gay violence national surveys, beatings, murders, and "crime against nature" repeal along with Institute of Medicine's "Confronting Aids: Directions for Public Health, Health Care, and Research Summary and Recommendations", and The North Carolina Human Rights Fund Legal Guide. Anti-proclamation correspondence includes letters and "While You Were Away" telephone message memos from citizens and church pastors in Durham and citizens' correspondence from Hillsborough, Bladensboro and Fayetteville. Three folders of proclamation supporters' letters and other material include letters and "While You Were Away" telephone message memos from citizens of Durham, Raleigh, Wake Forest, Greensboro and others along with correspondence from former residents of Durham. Also included in the first of three folders is a resolution in support of Mayor Wilbur Gulley as agreed upon by the Jewish Community Relations Council attached to notes for August 1, 1986 speech at Judea Reform Congregation, petition signatures for "No Recall" at Labor Celebration & Annual Picnic, Children for Gulley petition signatures and Shirley Caesar Outreach Ministries, Inc. announcement of July 1986 crusade convention at Durham Civic Center. Subsequent materials include "A Survey of Perceptions of Civil Opportunity Among Gays and Lesbians in Richmond, Virginia 1985", the July 22 - August 18, 1986 issue of The Front Page and a 1984 booklet of reprints from the Other Side "a monthly magazine for Christians who care about justice and discipleship" on Christians and Homosexuality published in Philadelphia by Jubilee.

Title/Description	Instances	
Planning notes for Durham 1986 Gay Pride March, undated	box 5	folder 1
Anti-discrimination Week Proclamation, 1986	box 5	folder 2
Draft guidelines on certification of recall petition signatures, 1986-07-28	box 5	folder 3
1986 recall effort clippings and correspondence, 1986	box 5	folder 4
Gay rights clippings and publications , 1981-1986	box 5	folder 5
Anti-proclamation correspondence, 1986	box 5	folder 6
Proclamation supporters' letters and other material, 1986-1987	box 5	folder 7-9

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3. Durham Planning Documents, 1987-1990

Scope and Contents

Durham planning documents span 1987 to 1990 and include "The Effects of the 1986 Tax Reform Act on City Finances" research report by National League of Cities; 1988/2/26 City Council Retreat minutes; memo recommending establishing Visitors Bureau; Thoroughfare Plan - Bicycles, Citizen Budget Suggestions, Transportation Advisory Committee; Thelonious Monk Center for Jazz Studies Proposal 1988. Also included are

memos, by-laws, and reports from Public Transportation Study Committee and Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority 1990 as well as notes from Gulley's attendance at American Public Transit Association Rapid Transit Conference 1990, conference materials and related memos.

Title/Description	Instances	
City of Durham planning documents, 1988	box 6	folder 1
Triangle public transportation planning materials, 1989-1990	box 6	folder 2
Rapid Transit Conference materials, 1990	box 6	folder 3

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4. Campaign Documents, 1987-2002

Scope and Contents

Campaigns documents span 1987-2002. 1989 Durham elections material include memo on "Participation in developing a progressive agenda for the city council", December 17, 1989 "Ethics and Politics" speech text, election results, and report on People's Alliance and Durham Voter's Alliance Coalition Campaign. Correspondence and clippings from 1988-1993 include letter to Duke Chronicle, letter from Independent associate editor Todd Oppenheimer, letter from Triangle J Council of Governments, April 6, 1990 "Combining Public Service and Business Careers" speech text, and 1992 campaign letter. North Carolina Senate campaign materials include Gulley for Senate campaign plan, notes on media plan, advertisements, volunteer lists, voting statistics and newspaper clippings and sections and Reelection Filing Statement by NC Senator Wib Gulley (not dated). Re-election documents 1996 include a 1996 NCFREE personal profile of Wib Gulley, January 18, 1996 statement on filing for reelection, the North Carolina September 1996 issue with Wib Gulley in cover photo as sponsor of charter schools for article "Charter Schools, Uncharted Territory". North Carolina Senate Campaign. Clippings 1998-2001 include November 27, 1998 news release of statement of support for reducing number of members of Durham City Council. Re-election documents 1998 include election tally, endorsements from Durham People's Alliance (PA) Political Action Committee, and NCFREE Senate District 13 District Voter Profile. Polling results of North Carolina Senate District 18 September 2002 by Anzalone-Liszt Research are also included.

General

Note: Collection came with folders that had not yet been used to divide campaign materials but were labeled by donor. (GFS presumed to abbreviate Gulley for Senate.) File folders labeled as GFS/ Senate: '94 Campaign, Senate '94 : Filing, reports, Senate: '94 Short Session, '94 GFS: Opposition, '94 GFS: Endorsements, Questionnaires, GFS '94 Campaign Expenses, '94 GFS: Fundraising, GFS - 1996: Voting + District Research & Issue Research, GFS '98: Questionnaire, GFS / 1996: Filing Statement, Econ Report, Elec. Law Info, GFS / 1996: Press, GFS - 1996: Questionnaires, GFS-1996: Volunteers, Add to Mailing List, GFS - 96: Other Campaigns Materials, GFS-1996, Campaign Committee and Agenda, Open Space and Greenways, GFS '98: General, GFS: Press Clips 1998-2001, GFS '98: BOE Finance Reports ('98-'99)

Title/Description	Instances	
Promotional photograph and 35 mm negative, 1988	box 6	folder 4
1989 Durham elections material, 1988-1990	box 6	folder 5
Correspondence and clippings, 1988-1993	box 6	folder 6
North Carolina Senate campaign materials, 1987-1992	box 7	folder 1
Clippings, 1994-1995	box 7	folder 2

Re-election documents, 1996	box 7	folder 3
Clippings, 1998-2001	box 7	folder 4
Re-election documents, 1998	box 7	folder 5
Polling results report, 2002	box 7	folder 6

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5. North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) and Democratic National Committee (DNC) Records, 1987-2002

Scope and Contents

North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) and Democratic National Committee (DNC) documents span 1987-2002 and include speech titled "Urban/Nonurban North Carolina: Winning Tactics and Issues" and Senator Terry Sanford's speech "Operation Future Focus" from September 30, 1989. Also included are Dukakis for President Committee comprehensive report of campaign supporters, October 10, 1988 North Carolina Victory Fund donation request letter from Terry Sanford, June 28, 1988 letter to NC Senator Russell Walker, January 1989 correspondence from Ron Brown and other DNC leadership candidates, and letter requesting support in voting for North Carolina members of the Democratic National Committee.

Title/Description	Instances	
NCDP correspondence, minutes, and other material, 1987-1989	box 8	folder 1
NC campaign for Dukakis correspondence, reports, and other material, 1988	box 8	folder 2
DNC meeting correspondence, reports and other material, 1989	box 8	folder 3
DNC campaign correspondence, 1993	box 8	folder 4

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6. Video recordings, 1992-01-2003-03-21

Scope and Contents

The series consists of a total of 21 VHS video recordings, including an addition of 17 tapes received May 2019. Nine of the VHS tapes are episodes of the UNC-TV public television show Legislative Week in Review. The remaining VHS tapes are portions of or entire episodes of North Carolina or national television programs from 1992 to 2003 featuring Wib Gulley being interviewed or featured, and one 1996 North Carolina General Assembly promotional video. Two of the video recordings are undated. Seven of the remaining other tapes' copyrights are held by North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications.

Processing Information:

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The first four VHS tapes processed in 2018 were 1997 episodes of the UNC-TV public television show Legislative Week in Review.

Legislative Week in Review video recordings, 1995-06-30-2003-03-21

Biographical / Historical

"Legislative Week in Review" is a series produced by the UNC-TV public television station which broadcast weekly episodes, each approximately one hour, to examine legislation being considered by the North Carolina General Assembly including interviews with state representatives and or state senators.

Scope and Contents

The series consists of nine VHS video recordings of the program "Legislative Week in Review", each identified with the date of broadcast and some with episode number also.

Title/Description	Instances	
Legislative Week in Review recording, 1997-02-07	box 8	object VHS-1
Legislative Week in Review recording, 1997-03-13	box 8	object VHS-2
Scope and Contents		
Item consists of VHS tape recording of Legislative Week in Review special episode labeled "Clinton's Address to the Legislature" broadcast March 13, 1997 with length listed as 55 minutes 25 seconds.		
Legislative Week in Review recording, 1997-05-23	box 8	object VHS-3
Legislative Week in Review recording, 1997-08-08	box 8	object VHS-4
Legislative Week in Review recording, 1995-06-30	box 9	object VHS-2
Legislative Week in Review recording, 1999-06-18	box 9	object VHS-4
Legislative Week in Review recording, 2001-03-30	box 9	object VHS-5
Legislative Week in Review recording, 2002-09-13	box 9	object VHS-6
Legislative Week in Review recording, 2003-03-21	box 9	object VHS-7

NC Agency for Public Telecommunications video recordings, 1995-06-07-2001-04-03

Scope and Contents

The sub-series consists of seven VHS video recordings on different topics related to the North Carolina state legislature with copyright held by the NC Agency for Public Telecommunications. All video recordings in the series list their broadcast dates and are labeled "OPEN/net".

Biographical / Historical

The North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications began in the 1980's, had offices and staff in the North Carolina Department of Administration, but funding was cut in 2012 by Governor Beverly Perdue. OPEN/net

is an abbreviation for the Open Public Events Network which broadcast a government event for one hour each week, followed by a live call-in hour. OPEN-NET provided some government coverage but North Carolina did not establish a Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) in the 1980's as some other states did, and in 2013 advocates continued to push for its establishment.

Title/Description	Instances	
Judiciary II Committee video recording, 1995-06-27	box 10	object VHS-3
Justice & Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittees video recording, 1997-04-01	box 10	object VHS-4
Legislative Issues Transportation Appropriations video recording , 1999-04-20	box 10	object VHS-5
Legislative Transportation Issues video recording, 2000-05-23	box 10	object VHS-6
Election Overview video recording, 2001-01-04	box 10	object VHS-7
Transportation video recording, 2001-02-06	box 10	object VHS-8
Election Reform video recording, 2001-04-03	box 10	object VHS-9
North Carolina Senate campaign video recording, 1992-01	box 10	object VHS-2

Scope and Contents

The tape label indicates it contains Wib Gulley's announcement to run for the state senate, primary results, President or Hillary Clinton in North Carolina, and a portion of a 1992 episode of Good Morning America.

Sunday morning show video recording, undated	box 10	object VHS-1
IBM Government Relations program video recording, 1994-04-17	box 9	object VHS-1
The North Carolina General Assembly video recording, 1996	box 9	object VHS-3

Scope and Contents

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Judicial Campaign Reform How It Happened In North Carolina video recording , undated	box 9	object VHS-8
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Scope and Contents

Label lists North Carolina Center for Voter Education as creator of video recording.

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