

**O'KELLEY, H. S., (HOKE SMITH), 1895-1969.
Hoke O'Kelley collection, 1915-1984, undated**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: O'Kelley, H. S., (Hoke Smith), 1895-1969.
Title: Hoke O'Kelley collection, 1915-1984, undated
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 031
Extent: 1.32 linear ft. (1 box + 1 oversize)
Abstract: Consists of correspondence, printed material, ephemera, and campaign material, as well as the Purple Heart award and certificate, which was awarded to him posthumously in 1984.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Born in Loganville, Georgia in 1895, Hoke Smith O'Kelley earned degrees at both North Georgia College and the University of Georgia prior to earning his law degree at Columbia University, then obtaining his Doctor in Jurisprudence from New York University in 1927. O'Kelley served with distinction in both World War I and II; while in World War I, one of O'Kelley's duties was directing artillery fire while riding an observer balloon, which was often a target of German airplanes. His service in World War II would posthumously award him with the Purple Heart for his participation in the Battle of the Bulge when he nearly lost a foot to a land mine. Having never applied for the award himself, his sister Willie O'Kelley DuBois applied on behalf of her late brother, and he was awarded the Purple Heart in 1984.

Hoke O'Kelley is best known for his participation in Georgia politics, having run unsuccessfully for governor on five separate occasions. He also served as the mayor of Loganville, Georgia.

Hoke O'Kelley died on February 3, 1969 at the age of 73.

Scope and Content Note

The Hoke O'Kelley Collection consists of correspondence, printed material, ephemera, campaign material, and a photo of O'Kelley from 1918. Personal items from O'Kelley include his Purple Heart certificate and award, badges acquired during his military service, and his diploma from the University of Georgia in 1915.

Arrangement Note

Organized alphabetically.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Badges, undated
1	2	Brochures and programs, 1969, undated
1	3	Campaign materials, 1966
1	4	Certificate from Georgia Retreads, Inc., 1969
1	5	Clippings - Hoke O'Kelley, 1969-1984, undated
1	6	Clippings - Willie O'Kelley DuBois, 1988
1	7	Correspondence, 1952-1956
1	8	Correspondence, 1968-1983, undated
1	9	Diploma - University of Georgia, 1915
1	10	Framed photograph of Hoke O'Kelley, 1973 June
1	11	Military papers, 1947-1984
1	12	Newspapers, 1969
1	13	Obituaries, 1955, 1969, undated
1	14	Photographs, 1915, undated
1	15	Printed material, 1969-1970
1	16	Purple Heart - certificate, 1984
1	17	Purple Heart - correspondence, 1984
1	18	Purple Heart - medal, 1984
OP 1	1	Diploma - Columbia University, 1923
OP 1	2	Miscellaneous, undated
