

Title: Blackwood, Robert Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1120

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1945

Quantity: 000.2 cu. ft.

Location: MV, F10

Abstract: Robert Blackwood was born in Leadhills, Scotland, in October 1874. He came to the U.S. in 1902, eventually settling in Milwaukee. He worked at various jobs at Allis-Chalmers, Nordberg Manufacturing, Worthington Pump Company and a family-owned hardware business, before focusing on a political career. He was elected to the County Board of Supervisors in 1936, representing the 17th District (which included Bay View). He supported expanding park lands in Milwaukee County, especially on the south side, and chaired the Judiciary Committee for several years. He was serving his fourth term on the board when he died on June 9, 1951, at age 76.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of a scrapbook that includes some campaign material but for the most part includes photos of Blackwood with various people who endorsed his candidacy in the 1944 election.

Access and Use: No restrictions, though the scrapbook is in fragile condition.

Language: English