



Virginia H. Cain Collection
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Brief overview of Collection

MSNC 896 Virginia Cain

The Virginia Cain collection includes correspondence, personal papers, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other documents related to her many years of public service. The majority of the collection relates to her work with the Democratic Party, both on a State and National level.

Virginia Cain was a delegate to several National Democratic Party conventions and her collection includes agendas, speeches, policy papers, news releases, campaign strategies, correspondence from Democratic leaders and the White House.

In addition Virginia Cain was an activist for other social issues impacting the population of Nevada including senior issues, women's issues, youth and education. Her papers include Documentation of policy development, legislative initiatives and correspondence related to these issues.

Virginia Cain was also a candidate for the State Legislature in 1970 and her collection contains records of this unsuccessful campaign.

Her personal papers contain a history of a lawsuit that she filed against the Washoe County School district when she was not hired as a teacher.

Brief Biographical Sketch

Virginia Cain was born in Brooklyn, New York. Before moving to Nevada, she lived in New Jersey, Connecticut, New Mexico, Santiago, Chile, and Delaware. She moved to Nevada in 1964.

She received her B.A. degree in education from the New York University, and her Master's in Education from the University of Delaware.

She married Edmund Joseph Cain, who was a native of California. He served in World War II as a Captain in the U.S. Army. She and her husband moved to Nevada where Ed Cain served as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Virginia Cain's career spanned many years of public service in Nevada. She was active in the Democratic Party, at the State and National level. She served as a delegate to several National Democratic Party conventions. She served on the Democratic National Committee in the 1980's and 1990's.

She worked on the campaigns of most major democratic candidates including President Clinton, Ted Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, John F. Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Harry Reid, and Richard Bryan.

On the state level, Virginia Cain was an activist for many social causes, including aging and senior issues, youth issues, education, and health. She served on many Governors' Advisory Boards including the Commission on Status of Women, Children and Youth, and the Silver Haired Legislative Forum.

Virginia Cain was also an author and her writings include the poem "I Am Your Child," published in 1980 as well as "The Chosen One" published in Perspectives on a Grafted Tree in 1982.

She has worked as a teacher in elementary and secondary schools, and at the college levels. She worked as a personnel counselor in the U.S. Government Research Development Laboratories. She also worked for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in various capacities. Virginia Cain is the parent of three children, and several grandchildren.

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