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Title: LaMar Baker Papers

Dates: 1964-1988

Creator: LaMar Baker

Summary/Abstract: This collection contains documents, publications, memorabilia, and photographs relating to the political career of LaMar Baker, who served in the Tennessee House of Representatives (1967-1969), the Tennessee State Senate (1969-1971), and the U.S. House of Representatives (1971-1975)

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than 1 linear foot of documents.

Language(s): English

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Biographical Note: LaMar Baker (1915-2003) was a Tennessee businessman and Republican political figure. Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Baker attended high school at David Lipscomb (1936-1938) and received his Bachelor of Science degree at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas (1940). He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II from 1942 to 1946.

Baker was a successful Chattanooga businessman prior to his election to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1966. In 1968, he was elected to the Tennessee State Senate, and in 1970, he received the Republican nomination for the Chattanooga-based Congressional District to replace Bill Brock, who was elected to the United States Senate.

Baker served two terms in Congress and won reelection fairly easily in the Republican landslide year of 1972 (in which President Nixon won all but five of Tennessee's 95 counties). He was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention that year, but in 1974, he was defeated for reelection by moderate Democrat Marilyn Lloyd. He lost a rematch against Lloyd in 1976. From 1981 to 1985, he served as the regional representative to the United States Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis. He lived the remainder of his years in Nashville, Tennessee.

Scope and Content: The Baker Papers contain publications, memorabilia, plaques, and photographs relating to the political career of Tennessee Republican State Representative and Senator and U.S. Congressman LaMar Baker. Most of the materials dates from the 1970s and 1980s. The memorabilia series includes campaign bumper stickers, buttons, charms, key chains, key holders, and pins. The bulk of these items date to the 1970s, and are stored separately with the Albert Gore Research Center's object and museum items collections. The Baker Papers also contain 87 photographs of the Congressman and his colleagues. Photographs are housed separately in the Albert Gore Research Center Photograph Collection.

Arrangement: The papers are arranged in a single series of papers and publications. Memorabilia and photographs were separated from the paper documents.

Subject Terms

Persons

Lamar Baker
Harold Coker
Marilyn Lloyd

Places

Tennessee

Subjects (General)

Tennessee State Legislature
Republican National Convention
Politics
Republican Party
U.S. Department of Transportation

Material Types

Papers
Publications
Memorabilia

Plaques
Photographs

LaMar Baker Papers Container List


Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date
1	1	Campaign Materials	1972
1	2	News Clippings (Photocopies)	1972
1	3	Honorariums, Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd	1987-88
1	4	Harold Coker Campaign Planning	1987
1	5	Harold Coker, Anti-Pornography Fliers	No Date
1	6	Harold Coker, Speeches	No Date
1	7	Republican National Convention	1972
1	8	Republican National Convention	1988
1	9	Political Memorabilia: Pamphlets, 1969 Inauguration Invitation, 1973 Inauguration Program, 1988 RNC Invitations	1969-1988
1	10	Service Awards	1968-1972
2	Oversize	Certificates, Cruise and Flight, as guest of President Richard Nixon (One original signature from Nixon)	1974







LaMar Baker Papers – Objects









AGRC #	Description
0316A/B	Bumper Sticker – “Join the Taxpayer’s Revolt!”
0317	Bumper Sticker – “Cammack for Governor”
0318	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964 (orange/black)
0319	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964, “Best Prescription for all of U.S.” (blue/white/red)
0320	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964, “Best Prescription for all of U.S.” (blue/white/red)
0321	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964, “Best Prescription for all of U.S.” (blue/white/red)
0322	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964 (red/yellow)
0323	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964 (red/yellow)
0329- 0346	Bumper Sticker – Barry Goldwater 1964 (blue/orange)
0347	Bumper Sticker – “Spill Baby Spill!”
0348A/B	Bumper Sticker – “LaMar Baker for Congress” (blue/red)
0349	Bumper Sticker – “Re-elect Baker Nixon Baker” 1972
0350	Bumper Sticker – “Re-elect Baker Nixon Baker” 1972









0351	Bumper Sticker – “Volunteer for Brock”
0352	Bumper Sticker – “Volunteer for Brock”
0353	Plaque – Kitty Hawk Award from Federal Aviation Administration, 1985 – PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE ONLY
0354	Plaque – Superior Achievement Award from Dept. of Transportation, 1985 – PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE ONLY
0355	Campaign Badge – “Cong. LaMar Baker” (with ribbon)
0356	Campaign Button – “Baker”
0357	Campaign Button – “Baker”
0358	Campaign Button – “Re-elect Baker for Congress”
0359	Campaign Button – “Baker”
0360	Campaign Button – “Dan Kuykendall US Senator”
0361	Campaign Button – “Dan Kuykendall US Senator”
0362A/B	Campaign Button – “Dan Kuykendall US Senator”
0364	Campaign Button – “Women for Nixon Agnew”
0365	Campaign Button – “Senator Brock”
0366	Campaign Button – “Re-elect Brock Congress”
0367	Campaign Button – “Waukesha county, Wis. Reagan Bush”
0368	Campaign Button – “Dunn for Governor”
0369	Medal for Baker’s service in House of Representatives
0370	Medal for Baker’s service in House of Representatives
0371	Medal for Baker’s service in House of Representatives
0372	Medal for Baker’s service to State of Tennessee
0373	Key chain for Baker’s service in House of Representatives
0374	Key chain for Baker’s service in House of Representatives
0375	Medal for Baker’s service in the Armed Forces, “Veterans of Foreign Wars 75 th Anniversary”
0376	Commemorative Plate, “Veterans of Foreign Wars 75 th Anniversary”
0377	Commemorative plaque for Baker’s service in U.S. State Department under Ronald Reagan









LaMar Baker Papers – Photographs









#	Description	Image Thumbnail
001	Baker portrait at desk, American flag in background	









002	Congressman Harold Coker with unidentified man, reads "To Harold L. Coker with best wishes, William Bennett"		
003	Baker taking an oath with unidentified man		
004	Baker with unidentified man		
005	Baker with unidentified man		
006	Dan Kuykendall, portrait, signed to Baker		
007	John J. Duncan, Sr., portrait, signed to Baker		
008	James H. Quillen, portrait, signed to Baker. 11/10/1971		
009	Baker holding hammer above railroad track surrounded by a crowd		




010	Baker (middle front) in suit with eight other unidentified men in suits		
011	Baker (back) standing on steps of train doors with three other unidentified men		
012	Baker (middle) with two unidentified men		
013	Baker speaking at podium, unidentified man in background		
014	Highway landscape		
015	Baker with unidentified man		
016	Baker shaking hands with a man, three young women wear "Elect LaMar Baker Your Senator" hats, sashes, and buttons		
017	Richard Nixon shaking hands with a man, people stand and clap in the background		









018	Baker holding a tea cup as a woman pours the tea, another woman and man stand next to Baker		
019	Large crowd of people sitting at an event, American flags in background		
020	Baker with unidentified man		
021	L to R: LaMar Baker, James H. Quillen, Joe L. Evins, Woman wearing Tennessee sash (Miss Tennessee?), Ray Blanton, Unidentified woman, John J. Duncan, Sr., Dan Kuykendall		
022	Baker (back) sitting on turbo train with three other men		
023	Baker standing with four other men		
024	Baker and Dan Kuykendall? with two women		
025	Baker pointing to Tennessee state flag, with four women and two men		









026	L to R: LaMar Baker, Ed Jones, James H. Quillen, and Ray Blanton holding up a plaque		
027	Baker in a group of men and women dressed up for some event		
028	Baker holding onto grocery cart while talking to a woman, in a grocery store		
029	Baker talking to two young women in front of grocery cart		
030	Baker shaking hands with a man in front of a Kroger grocery store		
031	Baker in a boat with two men, three kids swim in water		
032	Baker (second from left) with three men and a woman		
033	Baker smiling and laughing with two women and a man		









034	Four women sitting and posing in a living room or office		
035	Baker (right) laughing and smiling with two men		
036	Baker with other men in suits standing in front of a California Steam bus		
037	Baker sitting at desk talking with two men standing in front of him		
038	Baker eating with four men at an event		
039	Baker holding a plaque while standing at a microphone with three other men		
040	Baker with wife? to his left posing with a group of young people		
041	Baker holding an elephant toy standing next to two men at a campaign event		






042	Baker holding an "Elect LaMar Baker" hat next to a woman sitting in a chair		
043	Unidentified man		
044	Baker with James H. Quillen pointing to a photograph of a landscape		
045	Baker sitting and eating with a woman wearing a sash in a stadium		
046	Baker smiling while holding his glasses		
047	Baker		
048	Baker		
049	Duplicate of 046		

050	Baker		
051	Baker speaking in front of microphone		
052	Baker speaking in front of microphone, American flag banner in background		
053	Richard Nixon talking with Girl Scouts, LaMar Baker in background		
054	Baker (far Right, front) with Richard Nixon (middle) and a bunch of other people in the entranceway of a building		
055	Richard and Pat Nixon		
056	Baker (left), his wife?, and Gerald Ford		
057	Baker sitting at a table with other people, he's flipping through a bound book		

058	Gerald Ford portrait		
059	Baker shaking hands with Gerald Ford		
060	Baker (middle, left) with Gerald Ford and two other men		
061	Baker shaking hands with a man in front of posters for public transportation		
062	Ed Jones, signed to Baker		
063	Baker talking with two men		
064	Duplicate of 006		
065	Duplicate of 008		

066	Baker with Gerald Ford and unidentified man, signed to Baker from Ford		
067	Duplicate of 007		
068	Baker (middle) talking with two men, signed to Baker from ?		
069	Portrait of unidentified man		
070	Portrait of unidentified man, signed to Baker		
071	Richard Fulton, portrait, signed to Baker		
072	Baker, arm-in-arm, with Miss Tennessee 1969 Mary Susan Cox, signed to Baker		
073	Portrait of unidentified man, signed to Baker		

074	John J. Duncan, Sr. portrait, signed to Baker		
075	Duplicate of 006		
076	Portrait of unidentified man, signed to Baker		
077	Baker (back row, third from left) with 10 other men in suits sitting and standing around a table		
078	Abraham Lincoln portrait		
079	Baker shaking hands with Richard Nixon		
080	Baker sitting at desk talking with Richard Nixon in the Oval Office		
081	Baker sitting at desk talking with Richard Nixon in the Oval Office, unidentified man standing behind Baker		

082	Winfield Dunn, portrait, signed to Baker		
083	Baker sitting and talking with unidentified man, photograph signed to Baker		
084	Richard Nixon, portrait		
085	Portraits of 85 th General Assembly for State of Tennessee, 1967		
086	Portraits of 86 th General Assembly for State of Tennessee, 1969-1970		
087	Baker (second from left) with four other men on the back of a train	