

**Finding aid for the Republican
Party Home Front papers
Collection 210**
formerly called the Ekdal J. Buys Papers
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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Buys, Ekdal J.
Title	Republican Party Home Front papers
Date [inclusive]	1942-1948
Extent	0.42 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Home Front was a political reform movement in the Republican Party of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Local politicians prominent in the movement included Ekdal J. Buys, Paul G. Goebel, Stanton W. Todd, Willard B. Vermeulen Fred C. Wetmore and others. Active from 1942 to 1948, the group worked against the McKay Republican machine in Kent County. This collection includes papers, maps and ephemera relating to the movement.</p>

Ekdal J. Buys biographical note

Ekdal J. Buys was born in 1914. He was the nephew of John Buys who proposed building a canal from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan. Ekdal served in the United States Naval Reserves until 1945, when he became active in local politics. He married a woman named Mina and worked as an investment broker.

Scope and Contents note

Collection 210 was formerly known as the Ekdal J. Buys Collection, containing only one folder. With the receipt of new Home Front photocopied material, from former GRPL Archivist Dick Harms and Calvin College, the two accessions were combined, providing additional information on Buys, as well as other significant individuals in the Home Front movement.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Ekdal J. Buys and Dick Harms (Calvin College). Accession numbers 1996.009 and 2001.064.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Collection 104, Dorothy Judd Collection

Collection 164, GRPL Oral History Collection, Ver Meulen oral history

Stanton W. Todd papers at the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Republican Party (Mich.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Politics and Government

Personal Name(s)

- Buys, Ekdal J.

Buys Series documents

Collection Inventory

Series I Buys Series documents

Scope and Contents note

Five photocopied documents concerning Ekdal Buys, a Republican delegate in Kent County and member of the political reform movement Home Front. Most documents are related to the election of 1948. Included is a letter to Buys, a map of the precincts of Kent County, a radio address written by Buys, an election flyer and a certificate of election. The originals of these documents have been retained by Mr. Buys (1996).

	Box	Folder
Letter, Attorney General John R. Dethmers to Ekdal J. Buys, Lt. Oct. 22, 1945	1	0.5
Map, "Block the Return of Bossism in Kent County." [ca. 1942]	1	0.5
Election flyer for H. Wayne Parker. "Vote Against the McKay Machine." N.d.	1	0.5
Certificate, "Notice by County Clerk of Election as Delegate to County Convention," Ekdal Buys, 33rd precinct, 3rd ward September 20, 1948	1	0.5
Radio address, "Prepared for the Republican Party by Mr. Ekdal Buys, to be presented on WLAV Thursday, October 29, 6:10-6:15, 1948." 1948	1	0.5
Miscellaneous reference photocopies	1	0.6

Republication Party. Home Front Papers

Series II Republication Party. Home Front Papers 1942-1948**General note**

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	Box	Folder
Papers	1	1-8
Willard Ver Meulen. President. Home Front Movement	1	9