Scope and Content

The collection is divided into six sub-groups containing printed materials, photos and memorabilia donated by Senator J. Glenn Beall, Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. and other family members. Following is a description of each sub-group. All sub-groups are fully processed unless otherwise indicated.

Sub-Group 1:

J. (James) Glenn Beall, 1894 - 1971: This sub-group consists of materials from J. Glenn Beall's public service in Maryland and the United States Government, as well as personal materials. Of note are the many invitations and programs for White House socials and other political functions. Several pieces of correspondence contain the signatures of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mamie Eisenhower. The sub-group contains a vast number of newspaper clippings from 1932 - 1965.

A wide variety of campaign materials (buttons, pamphlets, etc.) are also included for the United States Senate campaigns of 1952 and 1958. There are a myriad of travel brochures and other memorabilia from the Senator and Mrs. Beall's extensive travels throughout Canada, Europe and Japan. The bugle that was blown at J. Glenn Beall's funeral is contained in this sub-group. Also included is correspondence from J. Glenn, Jr., Richard and George Beall during their young adult years.

Sub-Group 2:

J. (John) Glenn Beall, Jr., 1927 - 2006: The materials contained in this sub-group span J. Glenn Beall, Jr.'s public and political careers in Maryland and the United States Government, along with personal materials. The bulk of this sub-group is the campaign materials for the United States Senate campaigns of 1970 and 1976 and the campaign for Maryland Governor in 1978.
Of interest are several pieces of correspondence with signatures from Presidents Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and George Bush. A number of invitations and programs for White House and other political functions are also included. Located in the Archives room is Senator Beall's Senate chair presented to him on leaving office in 1976, along with various Senate memorabilia located in the Senate display case.

Other items in the collection are pens used by Presidents Nixon and Ford at bill signings, United States House of Representatives ashtray and Senate pass, letter opener, and mug. Also included is the scrapbook from the Salute to Beall's of Maryland function held on May 1, 1971. Of interest are the original videotape and transcript of the interview between Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. and Dr. John B. Wiseman which cover the careers of father and son, and materials tracing the Beall family genealogy. Other items include printed material covering Senator Beall's involvement in Cumberland's Canal Place project.

Sub-Group 3:

Mrs. J. Glenn Beall, Sr. (Margaret Schwarzenbach Beall), 1916 - 2005: The largest component of this sub-group is Margaret Beall's correspondence and invitations from Senate wives' functions. Of interest are items from Mrs. Beall's youth - bibles, prayer books, confirmation program and German bible dated June 4, 1916. There is also a large selection of recipes, a copy of the handwritten 1955 Congressional Club Cookbook, and the 19?? Congressional Club Cookbook of which Margaret Beall was co-chair.

Other items of interest are Senator and Mrs. Beall's wedding book, the memory book from her father's (John Schwarzenbach) funeral and deeds/leases of Richard Beall in the mid-late 1800's.
Sub-Group 4:

Mrs. J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (Nancy Beall): The largest component of this sub-group is Nancy Beall's correspondence and invitations from Senate wives’ functions. Newspaper clippings date from 1959 - 1978.

Sub-Group 5:

Photographs, 1900? -: This sub-group consists of family and official photographs spanning the lifetime of the Beall family. Of note are some autographed by Lyndon B. Johnson, Jennings Randolph, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan. There are several photographs of Margaret Beall and Nancy Beall with various first ladies - Pat Nixon, Betty Ford, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton.

Sub-Group 6:

George Beall: This collection consists of George Beall, youngest brother of Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. who was the United States Attorney for Maryland from 1970-1974. Of special interest is the information on the Baltimore County investigation, which ultimately resulted in the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew in 1973. Also of note are the files concerning the investigation of the assassination attempt on Governor George Wallace on May 15, 1972 by Arthur Herman Bremer. Another interesting file is that of Kenyon Ballew, the Silver Spring, MD gun collector whose home was raided by Treasury agents on June 7, 1971. This case prompted an investigation into the methods used in obtaining search warrants and their enforcement.