

Lynn Frazier: The First American Governor Removed From Office by Recall

Lynn Frazier was the twelfth governor of North Dakota, but the first public official to be removed from office by recall. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the governorship and political career of Lynn Frazier.

Archival Collections

10070 Usher Lloyd Burdick Papers

Burdick family correspondence, manuscript drafts and copies of articles written by Burdick and others, speeches, correspondence, articles "Your Congressman Comments," legal material, political records, copies of House bills introduced by Burdick, sources used by Burdick for his research, and rare and valuable publications relating to North Dakota, American history and topics of interest to Burdick.

10083 Theodore Gilbert Nelson Papers

Records of the Independent Voters Association (IVA), including minutes, articles of incorporation, correspondence, reports, speeches, telegrams, petitions, transcripts of investigations and debates, political ephemera, drafts of legislative bills, news releases, newspaper clippings, publications, and a subscription list of The Independent; and records of the Lincoln Republican League and the Doyle for Governor Campaign Organization. The IVA records relate primarily to Townleyism, the 1921 recall, Non-partisan League, the Langer for Governor campaign (1920), and the investigation of the Home Building Association and other state industries. President, Equity Cooperative Exchange and Secretary, Independent Voters Association.

10157 North Dakota Oral History Project Records

Oral history interview transcripts, indexes to recorded oral history interviews, interview referral files, interview files, photographs, lists of donations to the Project, oral history interview transcripts relating to the Governor's Mansion, family histories, biographies, reminiscences, and manuscripts. Most of the records document administration of the Project. Genealogical information and oral history interview transcripts make up the remainder of the collection. Sponsored by the North Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Farmers Union, the Project conducted oral history interviews with older North Dakotans and others who were participants in significant events in the history of the state.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- The Nonpartisan League
- North Dakota governor

People

- Lynn Frazier, 1874-1947
- Ragnvald A. Nestos, 1877-1942

Locations

- Hoople, North Dakota

Journal Articles

NPL in Nebraska—1917-1920

Douglas Bakken— *North Dakota History* Vol. 39 Issue 2

The New Day in North Dakota: The Nonpartisan League and the Politics of Negative Revolution

Dale Baum — *North Dakota History* Vol. 40 Issue 2

Prairie Pacifist: Senator Lynn J. Frazier and America's Global Mission, 1927-1940

Nels Erickson—*North Dakota History* Vol. 52 Issue 4

10971 Mark E. Nelson Papers

Collection consists of material related to the history of Dakota Territory and North Dakota. Files primarily consist of correspondence, biographies, clippings, autographs, and photographs of many ND and DT Governors and politicians. Collection also includes miscellaneous early correspondence, assorted Territorial contracts and receipts, biographical clippings of various people (mostly early ND political candidates), a early map of Dakota and a U.S. House of Representatives Report. Files on William "Bill" Langer and Senator Gerald Nye include FBI files requested by Nelson in 1995 under the Freedom of Information Act.

11022 Thomas F. Baker Papers

Personal papers of Thomas F. Baker, Inez Schonert Baker and their family. Photographs, career and civic files, including newspaper clippings of Thomas Baker, long-time Bismarck City Auditor/City Coordinator, reflecting his work in budgeting, airport development, and city management as well as his civic involvement with local hospitals, YMCA, and campaigns.

11116 North Dakota Humanities Council, Larry Remele Memorial Fellow Reports

Collection consists of audiocassettes, papers, programs, and reports to the people of North Dakota tabloids by Larry Remele Memorial Fellows of the North Dakota Humanities Council.

20201 Willard G. Bingenheimer Papers

Papers consist of a notebook and other documents relating to Bingenheimer's training at the Ordnance Service Course on the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, French post cards, and two pilot's licenses. Also included in the collection are two panorama photographs of Nonpartisan League Delegation from North Dakota in Washington, DC on December 18, 1933.

20364 National Frazier for President Club Records

Copies of nine completed membership applications.

21244 Martin Thompson Collection

Photograph of the 1885-1886 class of the William Moore grade school and two Christmas cards, ca. 1920s-1941, from Mr. and Mrs. Lynn J. Frazier.

Books

The Gentleman from North Dakota, Lynn J. Frazier

1986 – Nels Erickson

Call Number: 923.2784 Er44

Labor!! Who's Yer Friend?: L.L. Twitchell and the I.V.A.'s Who Voted Against All Labor Laws or L.J. Frazier and the Farmers Who Voted and Passed Them, That's the ? What's Your Answer?

1920

Call Number: 329 L123 1920

John W. Scott, William J. Howe, O.B. Severson, et al., Appellants, vs. Lynn J. Frazier, et al., defendants: Brief on Behalf of Defendants, Lynn Frazier, Governor, John A. Hagan, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, and the Industrial Commission of North Dakota William Lemke, Frederic A. Pike, Attorneys for Said Defendants

1919 – William Lemke

Call Number: 342.784041 L5546j 1919

John W. Scott, et al. on Behalf of Themselves and All Other Taxpayers of the State of North Dakota, Plaintiffs, vs. Lynn J. Frazier, William Langer and John N. Hagan, Acting as the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, et al., Defendants: Supplementary Brief on Behalf of the Industrial Commission on Motion to Dismiss the Complaint William Lemke, Solicitor for Defendant, Industrial Commission of North Dakota;

Frederick A. Pike, of Counsel

1919—William Lemke

Call Number: 342.784041 L5546jo 1919

Always a Bridesmaid, Never a Bride: Senator Lynn Joseph Frazier, Progressive Republican from North Dakota & Federal Agricultural Policy, 1923-1938

1999 – Scot A. Stradley

Call Number: 920 F848s 1999

Frazier, Hon. Lynn J

N.D. Governors

Online Resources

[Lynn J. Frazier](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota website

[SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

[Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

[WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[Who Was Gov. Lynn Joseph Frazier?](#)

J Gordon Hylton—Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog

[Lynn Frazier](#)

The BND Story website

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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