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GERALD R. FORD CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS, 1949-73 FIFTH DISTRICT POST OFFICE FILE SUB-GROUP, 1949-73

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Fifth District Post Office File, 1949-73.

(Boxes K1-K9, 3.6 linear feet)

Correspondence and memoranda relating to appointments, job endorsements, maintenance, repair, and construction of buildings, and complaints about service, all in the Fifth Congressional District. Much of the file relates to the appointments of post office personnel. Generally GRF assumed a substantial role in appointments, an activity he shared with local party organizations. For post office appointments in Ottawa and Ionia Counties, GRF solicited the advice of the county GOP executive committee. In Kent, he received recommendations from a Post Office Advisory Committee, chaired by John R. Stiles.

The Kent County file runs from 1949 to 1973, the Ottawa County file begins in 1949 and terminates in 1964, the year Ottawa County was transferred to the Ninth Congressional District. Material relating to Ionia County runs from 1965-1973. An earlier Ionia County file, (1953-1964), from this series is on loan to the Bentley Historical Library. This file, 0.5 linear feet, does not contain information on GRF, but it does relate to Congressman Alvin Bentley, whose archival collection is among the holdings of the Bentley Library. Series arranged by county, thereunder by town or village and thereunder chronologically.

Compiled by Dennis Lakomy, May 1979.

Box K1 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	General, 1951-1963
OPEN	Kent County - General
OPEN	Kent County - Ada, 1949-1970 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Kent County - Alto, 1949-1957
OPEN	Kent County - Belmont, 1953-1971
OPEN	Kent County - Byron Center, 1949-1969
OPEN	Kent County - Caledonia, 1949-1971 (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Cannonsburg, 1953
OPEN	Kent County - Cedar Springs, 1949-1972

Box K2 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Comstock Park, 1953-1968
OPEN	Kent County - Dutton, 1962-1966
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids, 1949-1972 (1)-(6)

Box K3 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids, 1949-1973 (7)
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids New Facility, 1955-1966 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids Positions, 1953-1969 (1)-(3)

Box K4 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids Positions, 1953-1969 (4)
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids Postmaster, 1953-1971 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Kent County - Grand Rapids Rural Route Carriers, 1953-1969

Box K5 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Grandville, 1949-1971
OPEN	Kent County - Kent City, 1952-1972
OPEN	Kent County - Lowell, 1949-1971
OPEN	Kent County - Rockford, 1949-1971 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Kent County - Sand Lake, 1953-1966 (1)

Box K6 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Sand Lake, 1953-1966 (2)
OPEN	Kent County - Sparta, 1949-1971
OPEN	Kent County - Standale, 1954-1955

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County - Wyoming, 1959-1972
OPEN	Ionia County - Belding, 1964-1972
OPEN	Ionia County - Clarksville, 1966-1967
OPEN	Ionia County - Hubbardston, 1966
OPEN	Ionia County - Ionia, 1965-1972
OPEN	Ionia County - Lake Odessa, 1965-1971
OPEN	Ionia County - Lyons, 1969-1971
OPEN	Ionia County - Matherton, 1965-1970
OPEN	Ionia County - Muir, 1966-1968

Box K7 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Ionia County - Pewamo, 1971-1972
OPEN	Ionia County - Portland, 1969-1970
OPEN	Ionia County - Saranac, 1970
OPEN	Barry County - Middleville, 1972
OPEN	Ottawa County - General, 1953-1967
OPEN	Ottawa County - Allendale, 1953-1964
OPEN	Ottawa County - Conklin, 1955-1964
OPEN	Ottawa County - Coopersville, 1953-1966 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Ottawa County - Ferrysburg (folder received empty)
OPEN	Ottawa County - Grand Haven, 1953-1965

Box K8 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Ottawa County - Holland, 1953-1964 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Ottawa County - Hudsonville, 1955-1963
OPEN	Ottawa County - Jamestown (folder received empty)
OPEN	Ottawa County - Jenison, 1953-1963

Box K9 - Fifth District Post Office File

Status	Title
OPEN	Ottawa County - Lamont, 1954
OPEN	Ottawa County - Marne, 1953-1958

Status	Title
OPEN	Ottawa County - Nunica (folder received empty)
OPEN	Ottawa County - Spring Lake, 1953-1962
OPEN	Ottawa County - Vriesland, 1954
OPEN	Ottawa County - West Olive, 1954-1965
OPEN	Ottawa County - Zeeland, 1949-1962 (1)-(2)