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## Abstract

Francis H. Duehay was an elected official of the Cambridge city government from the 1960s to 2000, three times Cambridge mayor, an educator, Executive Director of the Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts University between 1974 and 1980. These papers primarily date from and represent his political career from 1963 to 2000, his professional educational associations with Harvard University and Tufts University, and his work on non profit boards in Cambridge, educational issues, Proposition 2 ½, and environmental concerns.

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## Provenance

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## Biographical Note

Francis H. Duehay ([1934]-) was a Cambridge politician and educator with a career in Cambridge city politics spanning 36 years. He served as Mayor from 1980-81, 1985, and 1998-99, served four terms on the School Committee in the 1960s, and was a City Councilor from 1972-2000. He earned three degrees from Harvard University and both taught and held administrative positions there.

Duehay was raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and graduated from the Agassiz Grammar School and Cambridge High and Latin School. He received a bachelor's degree in English from Harvard College in 1955, a master's degree in the Teaching of English from Harvard University in 1958, and a doctoral degree in Educational Administration from Harvard University in 1968. Duehay served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1957, taught English at Belmont Senior High School in Belmont, Massachusetts from 1958-1959, and occupied several different positions at Harvard University from 1959-1964, including Acting Director of Admissions in the Graduate School of Education 1962-1963, and Assistant Dean in the Graduate School of Education 1964-1964.

From 1974 to 1980, Duehay occupied the position of Executive Director of the Lincoln Filene Center for Citizenship and Public Affairs at Tufts University, where he worked with area universities to create magnet schools and programs in Boston schools following the court-ordered desegregation. During the spring semester of 1982, he served as a Fellow of the Institute of Politics of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, taught a seminar on the local impact of Proposition 2 ½, and testified before the United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the local impact of budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency.

From 1964 to 1971, Duehay served four terms as an elected member of the Cambridge School Committee, where he introduced the community schools program, brought parental involvement into the hiring of teachers and administrators, initiated a school building program, and chaired the committee during Cambridge's desegregation of its school system. From 1972 to 2000, Duehay served continuously as an elected member of the City Council. He was elected Mayor of Cambridge for the 1980-1981 and 1998-1999 terms, and in 1985, was elected to serve out the rest of the term of Mayor Leonard J. Russell, who died in office. He stepped down from politics at the end of his term in 2000. Duehay was a member of the Cambridge Civic Association, served as a member on the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities, and was Vice President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association in 1999.

Duehay married attorney Jane Kenworthy Lewis in [1991].

## **Collection Overview**

The Duehay collection consists of a broad variety of professional materials, including professional correspondence (both written and received by Duehay), internal memos, council resolutions, committee reports, campaign reports, campaign flyers, press releases, annotated drafts of reports, policy materials, news clippings, scrapbooks, conference programs, pronouncements, photos and ephemera. The bulk of the collection is made up of campaign materials and city council materials from the 1970s and 1980s.

## **List of Series (folders arranged in chronological order)**

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Series 2.13 Cambridge and Nuclear Weapons 1987—Box 4  
Series 2.14 Neighborhood Budgets FY87 1987—Box 4  
Series 2.15 Central Square Action Plan 1987—Box 4  
Series 2.16 Central Square Parking Study 1989—Box 5  
Series 2.17 1990s-Waste Reduction, Teen Substance Abuse, City Manager Evaluation—Box 5  
Series 2.18 Report on Town-Gown Dilemma 1991—Box 5  
Series 2.19 Monument Committee Report 1991—Box 5  
Series 2.20 CityHome Report 1995—Box 5  
Series 2.21 City Annual Report 1997-1998—Box 5  
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- Series 3. School Committee Files, 1964-1981 (bulk 1964-1971)
- Series 3.1 Cambridge Civic Association (CCA) Papers and Memos 1960s—Box 5
  - Series 3.2 School Committee Materials 1960s—Box 5
  - Series 3.3 Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Accreditation 1981—Box 5
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- Series 4. Mayor's Files, 1980-2000
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- Series 5. Educational Affiliations, 1955-1996
- Series 5.1 Harvard University, 1955-1974—Box 7
  - Series 5.2 Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts, 1974-1980—Box 7
  - Series 5.3 Cambridge Alumni Association, 1996—Box 7
- Series 6. Exchange Programs, 1986-2000
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  - Series 7.2 Rent Control, 1987—Box 7
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- Series 8. Professional Affiliations, 1978-2000
- Series 8.1 National League of Cities, 1978-1999—Box 7
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- Series 9. Duehay Sermons, 1963-1983—Box 7
- Series 10. Biographical Materials (dates unknown) —Box 7
- Series 11. Scrapbooks 1964-1989—Boxes 14-28
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## **Collection Description**

### **Series 1.** Campaign Materials, 1963-1997.

Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, campaign manager reports, election results, campaign flyers, newspaper clippings, press releases, photos, and phone bank materials from Duehay's campaigns, covering the full span of his political career.

### **Series 2.** City Council Files, 1971-2001.

Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, drafts, reports, newspaper clippings, city council resolutions and press releases relating to Duehay's terms served on the City Council, from the 1970s to 1999.

### **Series 3.** School Committee Files, 1964-1981 (bulk 1964-1971).

Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, drafts, reports, and newspaper clippings, relating to Duehay's terms served on the School Committee from 1964-1972.

### **Series 4.** Mayor's Files, 1980-2000.

Arrangement: chronological by term.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, drafts, reports, newspaper clippings, mayoral proclamations and press releases relating to Duehay's terms served as Mayor in 1980-1982, 1985, and 1998-2000.

### **Series 5.** Educational Affiliations, 1955-1996.

Arrangement: grouped by institution.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, drafts, and reports relating to Duehay's educational affiliations, including the Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts University.

### **Series 6.** Exchange Programs, 1986-2000.

Arrangement: grouped by program.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, press releases, photos and slides relating Cambridge's exchange programs with Yerevan, Armenia, and Oppenheim, Germany.

**Series 7.** Major Political Issues, 1980-1987.

Arrangement: by subject.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, drafts, reports and press releases pertaining to the major political issues during Duehay's career, including Rent Control, Proposition 2 ½, and District Heating and Cooling.

**Series 8.** Professional Affiliations, 1978-2000.

Arrangement: grouped by institution.

This series consists of correspondence, memos, drafts, and reports relating to Duehay's professional political associations, including the National League of Cities and the Massachusetts Municipal Civic Association.

**Series 9.** Duehay Sermons, 1963-1983.

Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of typed copies of sermons on civic matters, written by Duehay and addressed to the First Parish Cambridge, a Unitarian Universalist church in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Series 10.** Biographical Materials (1999 and date unknown).

Arrangement: by subject.

This series consists of a copy of Duehay's press release announcing his retirement (which includes an up-to-date copy of his biography, a list of initiatives and accomplishments), a biography of Duehay, author unknown, and out-of-date copies of his resume and vita.

**Series 11.** Scrapbooks 1964-1989.

Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of scrapbooks documenting Duehay's political career, using newspaper clippings, letters, cards, awards.

**Series 12.** Ephemera (dates unknown).

Arrangement: by subject.

This series consists of mayor's office memorabilia, a VHS recording of Duehay's final Council meeting, a VHS recording of Duehay's retirement party, campaign buttons and bumper stickers, a

framed photograph of Duehay and Robert Healy, and awards presented to Duehay, including a signed softball and a pewter Paul Revere Bowl.

**Series 13. Books.**

Arrangement: by subject.

The series consists of books relating to Cambridge history, architecture, and culture, assembled by Duehay.

**Series 14. 3 ½ floppy disks**

Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of 8 3 1/3 floppy disks containing photos and campaign material.

**Box 1:**

**Campaign Material 1.1—1.10**

Campaign Material—Post Election Results and Analyses Various Dates (1)

Campaign Material—1963 (2)

Campaign Material—1965 (2)

Campaign Material—1967 (1)

Campaign Material—1969 (1)

Campaign Material—1960s-1970s (1)

Campaign Material—1971 (2)

Campaign Material—1971 Congratulations Notes (1)

Campaign Material—1973 (2)

Campaign Material—1975 (1)

Campaign Material—1977 (2)

Campaign Material—1970s (2)

Campaign Material—1979 (1)

Campaign Material—1970s-1980s (1)

Campaign Material—1981 (3)

Campaign Material—1983 (2)

**Box 2:**

**Campaign Material 1.11—1.14**

Campaign Material—1985 (7)

Campaign Material—1985-1986 (1)

Campaign Material—1987 (4)

Campaign Material—1989 (5)

Campaign Material—1990s (7)

**Box 3:**



## **Campaign Material 1.15—1.18**

Campaign Material—1991 (6)  
Campaign Material—1991-1992 (2)  
Campaign Material—1993 (9)  
Campaign Material—1994 (1)  
Campaign Material—1995 (1)  
Campaign Material—1996 (1)  
Campaign Material—1997 (3)  
Campaign Material—1991-1995 (2)  
Campaign Material—Campaign Manager Job Descriptions 1991-1997 (1)  
Campaign Material—Election Results 1993-1997 (1)

### **Box 4:**

#### **Council 2.1—2.15**

Council—Inaugural Reception 1960s-1970s (1)  
Council—Materials 1970s (4)  
Council—Statement on City Manager Hiring 1972 (1)  
Council—Kennedy Library in Harvard Square 1973 (1)  
Council—News Releases 1976-1979 (1)  
Council—Work Restitution Program 1977 (1)  
Council—Files 1978 (5)  
Council—Material Pertaining to EPA 1980s (5)  
Council—Files 1983 (4)  
Council—West Cambridge Meeting 1984 (1)  
Council—Hazardous Materials 1984 (2)  
Council—Mass. SJC Decision re: Nerve Gas Testing 1985 (1)  
Council—Cambridge and Nuclear Weapons (1)  
Council—Neighborhood Budgets FY87 1987 (1)  
Council—Central Square Action Plan 1987 (1)

### **Box 5:**

#### **Council 2.16—2.27**

#### **School Committee 3.1—3.5**

#### **Mayor Files 4.1—4.2**

Council—Central Square Parking Study 1989 (1)  
Council—1990s (3)  
Council—Report for Duehay written by JFK School Intern 1991 (1)  
Council—Report of Monument Committee 1991 (1)  
Council—CityHome Report 1995 (1)  
Council—Cambridge Annual Report 1997-1998 (1)  
Council—Cambridge Civic Journal 1998-1999 (3)  
Council—Resolution Honoring Duehay 1999 (1)  
Council—Duehay Remarks Honoring Robert Healy 2001 (1)

Council—Photos from NTC Dedication Ceremony (no date) (1)  
Council—Materials Related to Mary Conlon Park [1980s] (1)  
Council—Articles from the Harvard Crimson 1967, 1986, 1991 (1)  
School Committee—CCA—Papers and Memos 1960s (2)  
School Committee—Materials 1960-1971 (6)  
School Committee—CRLS Accreditation Report 1981 (1)  
School Committee—Photos of School Council Committee Members 1980-1981 (1)  
School Committee—Evaluation of Superintendent 2000 (1)  
Mayor Files—First Term 1980-1981 (4)  
Mayor Files—Second Term 1985 (6)

**Box 6:**  
**Mayor Files 4.3**

Mayor Files—Newspaper Clippings 1999-2000 (1)  
Mayor Files—1998-1999 (3)  
Mayor Files—Letters of Congratulations 1998 (1)  
Mayor Files—Environmentally Desirable Practices Award Ceremony Photos 1999 (1)  
Mayor Files—Race and Class Initiative 1998-1999 (3)  
Mayor Files Major Political Issues 1999 (11)

**Box 7:**  
**Educational Affiliations 5.1—5.3**  
**Exchange Programs 6.1—6.2**  
**Major Political Issues 7.1—7.3**  
**Professional Affiliations 8.1—8.2**  
**Duehay Sermons 9**  
**Biographical Materials 10**

Educational Affiliations—Harvard 1960s-2000 (10)  
Educational Affiliations—Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts 1974-1980 (1)  
Educational Affiliations—Cambridge Alumni Association 1996 (1)  
Exchange Programs—Cambridge-Yerevan 1986-2000 (5)  
Exchange Programs—Cambridge-Oppenheim 1990 (1)  
Major Political Issues—Prop. 2 ½ 1980s (9)  
Major Political Issues—Rent Control Study 1982 (2)  
Major Political Issues—District Heating and Cooling (4)  
Professional Affiliations—Massachusetts Municipal Councilor's Association 1999-2000 (1)  
Professional Affiliations—National League of Cities 1978-1999 (4)  
Sermons 1963-1983 (1)  
Biographical Materials (1)

**Box 8:**  
**Books 11**  
**Ephemera 12**

Books: *Guide to Cambridge Architecture—Ten Walking Tours*, Robert Bell Rettig, 1969.  
*Old Cambridge and Other Poems*, George F. Pearson, 1937.  
*Cambridge*, Knowles and Whitehill, 1965.  
*Two Schools in Cambridge—Browne & Nichols and Buckingham*, Thomas H. Eliot, 1982.  
*The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge, 1943 Edition*, City of Cambridge, 1943.  
*Cambridge: Fifty Years a City, 1846-1896—the Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Cambridge*, Walter Gee Davis, ed., 1897.  
*The Cambridge of 1896—The City and its Industries 50 Years After Incorporation*, Arthur Gilman, ed., 1896.  
*Snatched from Oblivion: a Cambridge Memoir*, Marion Cannon Schlesinger, 1979.  
*Harvard and Cambridge: a Sketchbook*, Jack Frost, 1040.  
*An Architectural History of Cambridge, 5 volumes*, Cambridge Historical Society (no date).  
*In Our Own Words: Stories of North Cambridge, 1900-1960*, Sarah Boyler (no date).  
*Cambridge Massachusetts: The Changing of a Landscape*, Alan Emmet, 1978.

Ephemera: Paul Revere Bowl

**Box 9:**  
**Ephemera 12**

Ephemera: plaques, awards, signed softball.

**Box 10:**  
**Ephemera 12**

Ephemera: “Spring Fling” umbrella, canvas bag with Duehay logo, mayor’s office pen.

**Box 11:**  
**Ephemera 12**

Ephemera: VHS tape of Duehay’s retirement party December 10, 1999 at Walker Memorial, MIT, VHS tape of Duehay’s last council meeting.

**Box 12:**  
**Mayor Files 4.2**

Mayor Files—Second Term 1985 (irregularly sized correspondence)

**Box 13:**  
**Campaign Material 1.13**

Campaign Material—1989 (22 black and white photographs of Duehay in Cambridge locations)

**Box 14:**  
**Scrapbooks**

Sep. 1963—Dec. 1964  
Feb. 1968—Aug. 1968  
Nov. 1967—Feb. 1968

**Box 15:**  
**Scrapbooks**

Jan. 1975—Apr. 1978

**Box 16:**  
**Scrapbooks**

Nov. 1988—Mar. 1989

**Box 17:**  
**Scrapbooks**

Jan. 1988—Oct. 1988

**Box 18:**  
**Scrapbooks**

1987

**Box 19:**  
**Scrapbooks**

1986

**Box 20:**  
**Scrapbooks**

1979—1980

**Box 21:**  
**Scrapbooks**

Jan. 1985—Nov. 1985  
Jul. 1980—Nov. 1980  
Nov. 1980—Mar. 1981

**Box 22:**

## **Scrapbooks**

Jan. 1983—Dec. 1983  
Jan. 1984—Dec. 1984  
1980 “Congratulations”

### **Box 23: Scrapbooks**

Jan. 1982—Jun. 1982  
Oct. 1981—Jan. 1982

### **Box 24: Scrapbooks**

Mar. 1981—May 1981  
May 1981—Jun. 1981  
Jul. 1981—Oct. 1981

### **Box 25: Scrapbooks**

Jul. 1973—Apr. 1974  
Apr. 1974-Dec. 1974

### **Box 26: Scrapbooks**

1975—Nov. 1979  
Jun. 1982—Jan. 1983

### **Box 27: Scrapbooks**

Dec. 1965—Feb. 1967  
Aug. 1968—Mar. 1970

### **Box 28: Scrapbooks 3 ½ floppy disks**

Dec. 1964—Nov. 1965  
Feb. 1967—Oct. 1967

Contents of the 3 ½ floppies from Duehay Collection:

- “Mayor #1” contains photos.
- “Mayor #2” contains photos.
- “1995” contains campaign materials (letters of endorsement from neighborhoods and institutions, mailing schedules, street lists, letters regarding reimbursement, memos regarding fundraising, work schedules, letters to voters, campaign reports).
- “Frank Duehay’s Disk ‘Kick Off 97’” contains campaign materials.
- “Field Campaign 1997” contains campaign materials.
- “FHD Campaign 1997” contains campaign materials.
- “Street List 1997” contains an EXE file of unknown purpose.
- “Duehay ZIP 9/16/97” contains files of unknown format.

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