



**Winters, Jacqueline, 1937–2019**  
**Guide to the Jackie Winters Historical Documents**  
**1924–2019, bulk 1970–2019**

**Creator:** Jackie Winters  
**Title:** Jackie Winters Historical Documents  
**Dates:** 1924–2019, bulk 1970–2019  
**Quantity:** 12.58 linear feet, 21 oversize items

**Summary**

This collection is comprised of documents and artifacts pertaining to the professional and personal life of Oregon State Senator Jacqueline “Jackie” Winters, R-Salem. This includes legislative records from Winters’ multiple terms as Oregon State Representative and Senator, as well as political campaign documentation, speeches, event programs, correspondence, and press from this time period. Additionally, select documentation regarding charitable activities, pre-legislative work, and personal activities are included. The collection provides researchers an insider’s perspective of the Senator’s work and life, particularly during select periods of time, notably 1970–1989 and 1995–2019.

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## **Biographical Note**

Jacqueline “Jackie” Winters (1937–2019) was a multi-term member of the Oregon Legislature, serving as both Representative (1999–2003) and Senator (2003–2019), as well as a restaurateur and active community volunteer in Salem, Oregon.

Born in Topeka, Kansas on April 15, 1937 to Forrest “Virgil” Jackson and Katherine Jackson, Winters was one of six children. The Jackson family settled in Portland, Oregon in the 1940s, where Winters attended Portland Public Schools and graduated from Jefferson High School. She later attended the Oregon State University Extension Program, focusing on Intergovernmental Relations.

After a stint in New York City, Winters returned to Oregon in 1959, passed the civil service exam, and got a job as a clerk typist at the University of Oregon Medical School. She subsequently held numerous positions in the public and private sector, eventually working for Governor Tom McCall in 1969 and was later appointed as Ombudsman by Governor Victor Atiyeh in 1979. In 1985, Winters started her barbeque restaurant business, Jackie’s Ribs, in Salem, Oregon, which eventually expanded to include multiple locations and franchises.

In 1998, Winters was elected as Oregon’s first African American Republican State Representative, for District 31, and then re-elected in 2000. In 2002, she was elected as Oregon State Senator for District 10. In 2004, she lost a primary campaign for United States Congress, but she was re-elected as Oregon State Senator for District 10 in 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018. During her time in the Oregon legislature, Winters often focused on legislation regarding crime, education, racial diversity, and poverty. In 2017, Winters was elected Senate Minority Leader, becoming the first black Republican Caucus leader in Oregon.

Upon her marriage to Marc P. “Ted” Winters on June 19, 1971, Winters settled in Salem, Oregon and was very active in the local community. She served on several boards throughout the years, including those of United Way, Western Oregon University, Chemeketa Community College, Goodwill Industries of Oregon, Salem Chamber of Commerce, and the Salem chapter of the NAACP, for which she served as president. For her work in the community, Winters received numerous recognitions and awards, including the City of Salem Distinguished Service Award twice and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Award in 2018.

On May 29, 2019, Winters died of lung cancer in Salem, Oregon. Winters had four sons, Anthony, Marlon, Bill, and Brian McClain with her first husband, Willie L. McClain. With Ted, she had two step-children, Marc Andrew Winters and Theresa Flores. Winters also had eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren at the time of her passing.

## **Content Description**

This collection contains a limited, insider's perspective of Senator Winters' multiple terms in the legislature, as well as selected windows into her pre-legislative work and personal life. The bulk of the collection is made up of legislative records, which provide a glimpse of the inner workings of the legislative process. The correspondence, primarily from fellow legislators and constituents, as well as extensive press items, also provide contemporary context for Winters' work and time in the state legislature. Additionally, the select materials regarding Winters' pre-legislative work, especially the scrapbooks of photographs, correspondence, and press from the 1970s–1980s, emphasize the main areas of professional focus for Winters during that period. The limited pieces of personal documentation supplement these professional records to provide a more comprehensive picture of Winters, her professional efforts, and her personal interests.

## **Restrictions on Access**

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

## **Preferred Citation**

Jackie Winters Historical Documents. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield University, McMinnville, Oregon. Loan from Marlon L. McLain, February 21, 2020.

## **Provenance**

Marlon L. McLain loaned the Jackie Winters Historical Documents to the Linfield University Archives in February, 2020.

## **Location of Originals**

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield University

## **Processing Information**

Processed by archives technician Christina Friesen, with the assistance of archivist Rich Schmidt.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into 5 series:

- Series 1: Legislative Records, 1995–2019
- Series 2: Charitable Activities, 2008–2019
- Series 3: Pre-Legislative Records, 1970–1989, 2009
- Series 4: Personal Records, 1972–2017

Series 5: Multi-media Materials, 1924–2019, bulk 1970–2019

**Series 1: Legislative Records, 1995–2019**

This series comprises the bulk of the collection and contains information regarding Winters' legislative work, including multiple Senate Bills, House Bills, other legislative documents, member budget information, correspondence, press, speeches, and event invitations and programs, as well as some related photographs. Also included are promotion and planning materials from various legislative campaigns, including authorized promotional materials, speeches, fundraising, press, endorsements, and planning materials. The series also contains information regarding Winters' travel, correspondence, press, including memorials and obituaries for Winters, and Winters' participation on the United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

**Box 1**

**Folder 1: Jackie Winters Bill History, 2005–2011**

**Folder 2: Jackie Winters Bill History, 1999–2003**

**Folder 3: Legislative Assembly Joint Session Programs, 2001–2009, 2013**

**Folder 4: Parchment Originals of Enrolled Legislation, 2009–2012, 2015–2017**

**Folder 5: Senate Bill 505/496 (HB 2795; LC 2059) (Grand Jury), 2017**

**Folder 6: House Bill 3078 (LC 1771) (Sentencing Reform), 2017**

**Box 2**

**Folder 1: House Bill 2391 (LC 1597) (Provider Tax), 2017**

**Folder 2: House Bill 2355 (LC 420) (Profiling and Drug Offenses), 2017**

**Folder 3: House Bill 2300 (LC 465) (Mental Health Drug Carveout), 2017**

**Folder 4: House Bill 2175 and 2176 (Sobering Station), 2017**

**Folder 5: House Bill 2017 (LC 2855) (Transportation), 2017**

**Box 3**

**Folder 1: House Bill 3025B (LC 2100) (Ban the Box), 2015**

**Folder 2: House Concurrent Resolution 15 (LC 3080), 2015**

**Folder 3: Senate Bills (Various), 2005, 2010, 2011, 2014, and 2016**

**Folder 4: Senate Bill 881 (HB 2103; LC 2666) (DNA Samples), 2011**

**Folder 5: Senate Bill 725 (LC 2995) (Recovery Benefits Waiver), 2011**

**Folder 6: Senate Bill 440 (LC 2705) (Ombudsman), 2011**

**Folder 7: Senate Concurrent Resolutions (Various), 2010, 2011, and 2019**

**Folder 8: Legislative Counsel Drafts (Various), 2010–2011, 2015–2018**

**Folder 9: Legislative Counsel Committee Opinions, 2014–2018**

**Folder 10: Intermodal Projects, 2018–2019**

**Folder 11: Legislative Member Budget and Expenses Information, 2016–2019, bulk 2018–2019**

**Folder 12: Legislative Assembly Information, 2009–2015, and 2018**

**Box 4**

- Folder 1: Social Media Posts – Landstrom, Will (Wilbert), 2017**
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous Voter Information, approximately 2015**
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous Notes and Lists, approximately 2010 and 2011**
- Folder 4: Methamphetamine Task Force, 2008**
- Folder 5: Senate Bill 971-1 (LC 4231) (Ombudsman), 2001**
- Folder 6: House Bill 3877 (LC 3966) (Ombudsman), 2001**
- Folder 7: Ombudsman Information, 1999–2001**
- Folder 8: House Bill 3285 (LC 3058) (Ombudsman), 1999**
- Folder 9: House Bill 2902 (LC 3073) (Inspector General), 1995**

**Box 5**

- Folder 1: Donor Events – Invitations, 1998, 2000, 2012, and undated**
- Folder 2: Campaign Information, 2018**
- Folder 3: Campaign Information, 2018**
- Folder 4: Campaign Information, 2014**
- Folder 5: Campaign Materials, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2010, and undated (photographs)**

**Box 6**

- Folder 1: Campaign Information and Materials (Jackie Winters for Congress Binder), 2004**
- Folder 2: Campaign Information and Materials (Jackie Winters Binder), 2002 (3.5-inch floppy disk)**
- Folder 3: Campaign Information and Materials, 1996 (photographs)**

**Box 7**

- Folder 1: Travel – Angola, Louisiana, 2015**
- Folder 2: Travel – Thailand, 2013**
- Folder 3: Travel – Thailand, 2011 (DVD and photographs)**
- Folder 4: Speeches, 2017–2019**
- Folder 5: Speeches, 2014 (Governor Victor G. Atiyeh Memorial)**
- Folder 6: Speeches, 1999–2007, 2011**
- Folder 7: Events – Programs and Invitations, 2015–2019**
- Folder 8: Events – Programs and Invitations, 1999–2003, 2009–2011**
- Folder 9: Events – Invitations and Planning Information, 2005–2015 (Lady Legislator Parties Binder) (photographs)**

**Box 8**

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 2019**
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 2018**
- Folder 3: Correspondence, 2017**
- Folder 4: Correspondence, 2014–2016**
- Folder 5: Correspondence, 2010–2012**
- Folder 6: Correspondence, 2006–2008**
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 2002–2005**

**Folder 8: Correspondence, 1998–1999 and undated**

**Folder 9: Correspondence and Press, 1999**

**Box 9**

**Folder 1: Press, 2019 (Jackie Winters Obituaries and Memorials)**

**Folder 2: Press, 2018**

**Folder 3: Press, 2014–2017**

**Folder 4: Press, 2007–2012**

**Folder 5: Press, 2006**

**Folder 6: Press, 2004–2005**

**Folder 7: Press, 1998–2002 and undated**

**Box 10 (CONTAINS RESTRICTED MATERIAL)**

**Folder 1: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Correspondence and General Information, 2006–2008**

**Folder 2: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, November 20, 2008**

**Folder 3: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, July 18–19, 2008**

**Folder 4: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, May 08, 2008**

**Folder 5: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, May 08, 2008 (Binder)**

**Folder 6: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, January 10–11, 2008**

**Folder 7: United States Air Force Academy – Instructional Manual, January 2008 (RESTRICTED)**

**Box 11**

**Folder 1: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, October 17, 2007**

**Folder 2: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, October 17, 2007 (Binder)**

**Folder 3: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, April 28–29, 2006**

**Folder 4: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – Meeting, April 28–29, 2006 (Binder)**

**Folder 5: United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors – New Member Handbook (Binder)**

**Series 2: Charitable Activities, 2008–2019**

This series contains information regarding select charitable organizations with which Winters worked, especially the Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation and the “Wine 4 Water” initiative for constructing clean-water projects in Tanzania, on which

Winters partnered with Dr. James K. Lace through the Yatima Group Fund. Information regarding the Yatima Group Fund includes travel and planning documents, event speeches, program information and brochures, hand-written correspondence from program individuals (in English and Swahili), fundraising information, press, and photographs.

**Box 12**

**Folder 1: Gerry Frank – Salem Rotary Amphitheater, approximately 2019**

**Folder 2: Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation – Whitney McClain, 2015**

**Folder 3: Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation, 2007–2008**

**Folder 4: Yatima Group Fund – Tanzania Trip, 2011 (photographs)**

**Folder 5: Yatima Group Fund – Gladness and Adve Visits, 2010 and 2011**

**Folder 6: Yatima Group Fund – Tanzania Trip, 2009 (photographs)**

**Folder 7: Yatima Group Fund – Tanzania Trip, 2008 (photographs)**

**Folder 8: Yatima Group Fund, undated (photographs)**

**Series 3: Pre-Legislative Records, 1970–1989, 2009**

This series contains information regarding some of Winters’ government work during the 1970s and 1980s, especially during her time as a field supervisor for the Office of Economic Opportunity’s New Resources Program under Governor McCall and her work in Governor Atiyeh’s office. This includes scrapbooks of various correspondence, memos, records, speeches, press, and photographs from this period, especially related to Winters’ work as Ombudsman and the creation of the Oregon Food Share Program under Governor Atiyeh.

**Box 13**

**Folder 1: Governor Atiyeh’s Office – Staff Reunion, March 14, 2009 (photographs)**

**Folder 2: Governor Atiyeh’s Office – Correspondence and Records, 1978–1982 (photographs)**

**Folder 3: Governor Atiyeh’s Office – Correspondence and Press, 1978–1982 (Binder, blue plastic) (photographs)**

**Folder 4: Governor Atiyeh’s Office – Correspondence and Press, 1978–1981 (Binder, blue fabric)**

**Box 14**

**Folder 1: A Study of Foster Care in Oregon, June 1989**

**Folder 2: New Resources History – Report and Press, approximately 1971 (photographs)**

**Folder 3: Correspondence, Press, Speeches, and Photographs, 1972–1981 (Binder, black) (photographs)**

**Box 15**

**Folder 1: Speeches, 1980 (Binder, white)**

**Folder 2: Correspondence, 1974–1978, and undated**

**Folder 3: Press, 1972–1977 (photographs)**

**Folder 4: Ombudsman Information, 1970, 1975–1977**

**Series 4: Personal Records, 1972–2017**

This series contains documents related to Winters' personal life, including biographical summaries for Winters from various sources over the years, personal history statements, and resumes. Also included is information regarding Jackie's Ribs, notably a business prospectus from approximately 1985, as well as a few miscellaneous items about Winters' husband, Marc "Ted" Winters, including a signed copy of his book, *Lifer*.

**Box 16**

**Folder 1: Biographical Information – Personal Histories and Resumes, 1972–2016, and undated**

**Folder 2: Marc "Ted" Winters – Miscellaneous, undated**

**Folder 3: Dietary Information, 2012 (Binder, white)**

**Folder 4: African American Issues – Publications, 1993, 2012–2017, and undated (see also, Box 18 – *Black Chronicle*, 1999 [oversize publication])**

**Folder 5: Trivia, 2003–2007, and undated**

**Folder 6: Jackie's Ribs, approximately 1985, and 1993**

**Folder 7: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest – Press Materials, approximately 1975**

**Series 5: Multi-media Materials, 1924–2019**

This series contains miscellaneous promotional and family photographs; 222 DVDs, CDs, and 3-inch floppy disks containing legislative assembly sessions, events, speeches, press coverage, photographs, and administrative files, as well as Winters' 2019 celebration of life, the House Floor Session moment of silence, and her legislative swearing-in ceremonies. The 38 VHS tapes include legislative assembly sessions and interviews, as well as Jackie's Ribs advertisements and TV spots, and personal videos. Additionally, this series includes 52 individual pieces of unframed, framed/mounted, and/or oversized photographs, posters, awards, and certificates (including 21 oversize items) that pertain to all of the other series in the collection, including: state senate caucus photographs from 2005–2007, a framed photograph of Winters receiving her ombudsman appointment certificate from Governor Atiyeh in 1979, and a framed photograph of the "Oregon Food Share" kick-off in 1979. Of particular note, the following persons are featured in photographs with Winters: Victor G. Atiyeh, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, James Earl Jones, Marlee Matlin, Condoleezza Rice, and Henry Winkler. Also included are two baseball hats.

**Box 17**

**Folder 1: Photographs, miscellaneous, approximately 1970s, 1981, 1998–2001, 2009–2012, 2016, and undated**

**Folder 2: Photographs, promotional, undated**

**Box 18**



**Folder 1: Family photographs (reprints), miscellaneous, 1924–1930, 1969–1971, and undated (approximately 1980s–1990s) (15) (oversize)**

**Folder 2: *Black Chronicle: From the Slavery Era – 1778 to the Beginning of the Civil Rights Movement – 1956*, Wilson Group Network, Inc., 1999 (oversize publication)**

**Box 19**

**Folder 1: Jackie Winters Ceremonies, 1999, 2019, and undated (DVDs) (15)**

**Folder 2: Senate Floor Sessions, 2007–2009, 2011–2017, and 2019 (DVDs) (88)**

**Folder 3: House Floor Sessions, 2009, 2013–2014, and 2017 (DVDs) (6)**

**Folder 4: Legislative Assembly Sessions – Miscellaneous, 2005–2017 and 2019 (DVDs) (11)**

**Folder 5: Administrative, 1996–2018 (DVDs, CDs, and 3-inch floppy disks) (19)**

**Folder 6: Miscellaneous, 2007 and undated (DVDs and CDs) (9)**

**Box 20**

**Folder 1: Events and Speeches, 2005–2017 (DVDs) (27)**

**Folder 2: Press – TV, 2008 and undated (DVDs) (8)**

**Folder 3: Yatima Group Fund, 2008–2011 and undated (DVDs and CDs) (23)**

**Folder 4: Photographs, 2004–2011 (CDs) (11)**

**Folder 5: Personal, 1991, 2006–2007, and undated (DVDs and CDs) (5)**

**Box 21**

**VHS Tapes (38): Legislative, 1996–2004 and undated (20); Jackie’s Ribs, 1997, 2000, and undated (10); Personal, 1991–1998 and undated (8)**

**Box 22**

**Framed or mounted service and recognition awards and certificates, miscellaneous, 1976–2019 (15)**

**Box 23**

**Framed and unframed photographs, miscellaneous, 1979, 2005–2007, and undated (16)**

**Baseball hats: (1) black hat with “Saalfeld Griggs PC” on back and (1) blue hat with “Make [image of Oregon state outline] great” on front**

**Unboxed – Oversized Items**

**Framed State of Oregon Oath of Office – State Senator, 2003**

**Framed State of Oregon Certificate of Election – State Senator, 10<sup>th</sup> District, 2002**

**Framed House Bill 2702, signed by Governor John A. Kitzhaber, presented by the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association, September 26, 2001**

**Framed State of Oregon Certificate of Election – State Representative, 31<sup>st</sup> District, 2000**

**Framed State of Oregon Oath of Office – State Representative, 1999**

**Framed State of Oregon Certificate of Election – State Representative, District 31, 1998**  
**Framed Ombudsman Appointment Certificate, signed by Governor Victor Atiyeh, 1979**  
**Framed photographs, miscellaneous, undated (6)**  
**Framed and unframed signed Salem Health event posters, 2009–2012 (4)**  
**Framed or mounted service and recognition awards and certificates, miscellaneous,  
1982, 2009, 2012, and undated (4)**