

# Finding Aid to the John Baldwin Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** John Baldwin Collection

**Date Range:** 1955-1964

**Collection number:** [Accession 98-54](#)

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Repository:** County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

**Physical location:** Special Collections

**Legal status:** public

## Information for Researchers

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights:** Contact the Contra Costa County Historical Society for publication permission.

**Preferred Citation:** Suggested citation of these records is: [Identification of item], John Baldwin Collection, Contra Costa County Historical Society.

**Scope and Content:** The collection includes newsletters from Baldwin to constituents during his term in office; correspondence regarding memorials to Baldwin after his death in 1966; campaign materials from his congressional races in 1952 and 1954; photographs of Baldwin with visitors and other public officials; and miscellaneous papers dealing with his campaigns and his work in congress.

Additional materials are located at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley.

**Biography:** John Finley Baldwin, Jr. (1915—1966) represented California 14<sup>th</sup> District in Congress from 1955 to his death in 1966. He was a local attorney before his election to Congress. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. As a Republican, he served on the House Public Works Committee. He was a leader in the fight to retain the Bay Area's three major shipyards. The ship channel that leads from San Francisco Bay to the ports of Stockton and Sacramento is named after him. He carried the bill HR 439 authorizing the acquisition of the John Muir House and Martinez Adobe.

## Arrangement of Materials:

Box 1:

- Baldwin Newsletters, published between 1955-1966
- Correspondence: Memorials to John Baldwin (Central Library/Bancroft Library/Shipping Channel)
- 1952/1954 Campaign for Congress
- John F. Baldwin (1916-1966)--Miscellaneous records pertaining to his campaigns and his work in Congress

Box 2: Photos of John Baldwin with constituents, other members of Congress, and visits to Bay Area sites (1955-1966).

**Indexing Terms:** campaign brochures, ballots, correspondence, news clippings