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Guide to the records of Mayor John P. O'Brien, 1933

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Summary

Record Group: RG 001.JPO: Office of the Mayor, John P. O'Brien
Title of the Collection: Office of the Mayor, John P. O'Brien records
Creator(s): O'Brien, John P. (John Patrick), 1873-1951; New York (N.Y.). Office of the Mayor
Date: 1933
Abstract: John P. O'Brien was the 98th Mayor of New York from January 1-December 31, 1933. This collection consists of materials generated by the daily business of his brief administration.
Collection #: REC 0033
Extent: 27.5 cubic feet
Language: English
Physical location: Materials are stored onsite at 31 Chambers St.
Repository: New York City Municipal Archives, Department of Records and Information Services, 31 Chambers St., New York, NY 10007
Access and Use: Collection is open for research. Patrons are required to use microfilm for those series for which it is available. Advance notice is required for using original material. Please contact research@records.nyc.gov to arrange access.
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Biographical/Historical Information

John P. O'Brien, the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Massachusetts on February 1, 1873. He earned a law degree from Georgetown University and later served as New York City Corporation Counsel and a judge for the Surrogate's Court. O'Brien's mayoral tenure was brief; in a special election held after Mayor James J. Walker's resignation in 1932, Tammany Hall nominated him to run against Joseph V. McKee, who was serving as Acting Mayor in the interim. O'Brien only served for one year, losing the 1934 mayoral election to Fiorello H. La Guardia, but was notable with improving the financial state of the City.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of materials generated by the daily business of the administration of Mayor John P. O'Brien. The bulk of the records consist of correspondence between the Office of the Mayor and various city agencies and departments. Also included are reports, petitions, bills, speeches, and proclamations issued by O'Brien in his role as Mayor.

Arrangement

The John P. O'Brien records are arranged into five series.

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Key Terms

Names
New York (N.Y.). Office of the Mayor
O'Brien, John P. (John Patrick), 1873-1951

Places
New York (N.Y.)
New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government – 1898-1951

Subjects
Mayors -- New York (State) -- New York
Municipal government -- New York (State) -- New York

Occupations
Government employees
Legislators
Mayors

Material Types
Business correspondence
Personal correspondence

Container List

Series I: Departmental Correspondence Received

Date(s): 1933
Size (Extent): 6.5 cubic feet in 13 boxes
Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence received by the Office of the Mayor from City departments and agencies during O'Brien's brief mayoralty.
Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by department or agency.
Access: This series has been microfilmed. See rolls 1-13 (master negative nos. 8646-8658).
Location: 31 Chambers St.; Shelf 3034-3046

Box	Folder	Description	Date	Roll
1	1	Accounts, Commissioner of	1933	1
1	2	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	1933 April-June	1
1	3	Alderman, Board of	1933 January-December	1
1	4	Armory Board	1933 January-December	1
1	5	Art Commission	1933 January-December	1
1	6	Assessors, Board of	1933	1
1	7	Borough President of Bronx	1933 January-December	1
1	8	Borough President of Brooklyn	1933 January-February	1
1	9	Borough President of Brooklyn	1933 March-December	1
1	10	Borough President of Manhattan	1933 January-June	1
2	11	Borough President of Manhattan	1933 August-December	2
2	12	Borough President of Queens	1933 January-March	2
2	13	Borough President of Queens	1933 April-July	2
2	14	Borough President of Queens	1933 September-December	2
2	15	Budget	1933 January-September	2
2	16	Budget	1933 October-December	2
2	17	Chamberlain, Office of the	1933 January-December	2
2	18	Child Welfare, Board of	1933 January-October	2
2	19	City Clerk	1933 February-December	2
2	20	City College	1933	2
2	21	City Marshal	1933 January-December	2
2	22	City Plan	1933	2
2	23	City Record, Board of the	1933 January-May	2
3	24	City Record, Board of the	1933 June-August	3
3	25	City Record, Board of the	1933 September-October	3
3	26	City Record, Board of the	1933 November-December	3
3	27	Comptroller	1933 January-April	3
3	28	Comptroller	1933 May-August	3
3	29	Comptroller	1933 September-December	3
3	30	Correction, Department of	1933 January-March	3

3	31	Correction, Department of	1933 March	3
3	32	Correction, Department of	1933 May-December	3
3	33	County Clerk's Office	1933 January-June	3
4	34	Courts: Children's Court	1933	4
4	35	Courts: City Court	1933 January-November	4
4	36	Courts: City Magistrate's Court	1933 January-December	4
4	37	Courts: General Sessions	1933	4
4	38	Courts: Municipal Court	1933 January-November	4
4	39	Courts: Special Sessions	1933	4
4	40	Courts: Supreme Court	1933	4
4	41	Courts: Surrogates Court	1933 January-July	4
4	42	District Attorney's Office	1933	4
4	43	Docks, Department of	1933 January-December	4
4	44	Education, Board of	1933 January-April	4
4	45	Education, Board of	1933 May-October	4
4	46	Elections, Board of	1933 April-November	4
4	47	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 January 3-19	4
4	48	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 January 23-31	4
5	49	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 February-March	5
5	50	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 April	5
5	51	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 May	5
5	52	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 June-July	5
5	53	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 August	5
5	54	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 September-October	5
5	55	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1933 November-December	5
5	56	Fire Department	1933 January-December	5
5	57	Governor	1933 February-October	5
5	58	Health Department	1933 January-June	5
5	59	Health Department	1933 July-December	5
6	60	Higher Education	1933	6
6	61	Hospitals, Department of	1933 January-December	6
6	62	Law Department	1933 January-February	6
6	63	Law Department	1933 March-October	6
6	64	Law Department	1933 November-December	6
6	65	Law Department (Bokat vs. Schneider)	1933 February-December	6
6	66	Law Department (Dobos vs. Hoffmeister)	1933 February-December	6
6	67	Law Department (Glickfield vs. Schneider)	1933	6
6	68	Law Department (Jackman vs. Confield)	1933	6
7	69	Law Department (Mckeever vs. Kemp)	1933	7
7	70	Law Department (Mullaney vs. Kemp)	1933	7
7	71	Libraries	1933 February-December	7
7	72	Licenses, Department of	1933 January-June	7
7	73	Licenses, Department of	1933 July-December	7

7	74	Mayor's Office	1933 January-April	7
7	75	Mayor's Office	1933 May-June	7
7	76	Mayor's Office	1933 July-September	7
7	77	Mayor's Office	1933 October	7
8	78	Mayor's Office	1933 November-December	8
8	79	Mayor's Official Committee for Relief of Unemployed	1933	8
8	80	Medical Examiner, Chief	1933	8
8	81	Municipal Assembly	1933	8
8	82	Municipal Civil Service Commission	1933	8
8	83	Municipal Reference Library	1933	8
8	84	Parks, Department of: Bronx	1933 January-May	8
8	85	Parks, Department of: Bronx	1933 July	8
8	86	Parks, Department of: Brooklyn	1933	8
8	87	Parks, Department of: Manhattan	1933	8
8	88	Parks, Department of: Queens	1933 January-December	8
8	89	Parks, Department of: Richmond	1933	8
8	90	Parks, Department of: Richmond (Books)	1933	8
9	91	Parks, Department of: Richmond (Books)	1933	9
9	92	Plant and Structures, Department of	1933 January-March	9
9	93	Plant and Structures, Department of	1933 April-June	9
9	94	Plant and Structures, Department of	1933 July	9
9	95	Plant and Structures, Department of	1933 July-December	9
9	96	Plumbers Examining, Board of	1933	9
10	97	Police Department	1933 January-February	10
10	98	Police Department	1933 March-April	10
10	99	Police Department	1933 May-August	10
10	100	Police Department	1933 September-December	10
10	101	Public Administrator	1933	10
10	102	Public Markets, Department of	1933	10
10	103	Public Service Commission	1933	10
10	104	Public Welfare, Department of	1933 January-March	10
10	105	Public Welfare, Department of	1933 April-July	10
10	106	Public Welfare, Department of	1933 August-December	10
11	107	Purchase, Department of	1933 January-December	11
11	108	Records, Commissioner of	1933	11
11	109	Register's Office	1933	11
11	110	Sanitation, Department of	1933 January-February	11
11	111	Sanitation, Department of	1933 March-April	11
11	112	Sanitation, Department of	1933 May-December	11
11	113	Sheriff's Office	1933	11
11	114	Sinking Fund, Commissioners of the	1933 January-December	11
11	115	Standards and Appeals, Board of	1933 January-May	11

11	116	Standards and Appeals, Board of	1933 June-December	11
11	117	Taxes and Assessments, Department of	1933	11
11	118	Tenement House Department	1933 January-March	11
12	119	Tenement House Department	1933 April-November	12
12	120	Tenement House Department	1933 December	12
12	121	Transportation, Board of	1933 January	12
12	122	Transportation, Board of	1933 February	12
12	123	Transportation, Board of	1933 March	12
12	124	Transportation, Board of	1933 April-May	12
13	125	Transportation, Board of	1933 June-July	13
13	126	Transportation, Board of	1933 August-October	13
13	127	Transportation, Board of	1933 November-December	13
13	128	Water Supply, Board of	1933	13
13	129	Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Department of	1933	13

Series II: Departmental Letters Sent

Date(s): 1933
Size (Extent): 1.5 cubic feet in 3 boxes
Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence sent from the Office of the Mayor to City departments and agencies during O'Brien's brief mayoralty.
Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by department or agency.
Access: This series is not microfilmed.
Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3031-3033

Box	Description	Date
1	Accounts, Commissioner of-Health, Department of	1933
2	Higher Education-Public Welfare Department	1933
3	Public Welfare Department-Weights and Measures, Bureau of	1933

Series III: Subject Files

Date(s): 1933
Size (Extent): 3 cubic feet in 6 boxes
Scope and Content: This series consists of official documents created by O'Brien's brief mayoral administration, including petitions, permits, speeches and proclamations, among other materials.
Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.
Access: This series is not microfilmed.
Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3047-3052

B	F	Title	Date
1	1	Appointments: Recommendations for Director of the Budget	1933
1	2	Appointments: Recommendations for Corporation Counsel	1933
1	3	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Corrections	1933
1	4	Appointments: Recommendations for City Marshals	1933
1	5	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Children's	1933
1	6	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Domestic Relations	1933
1	7	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Magistrate	1933
1	8	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Magistrate	1933
1	9	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Magistrate, Brooklyn	1933
1	10	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - President, Justice	1933
2	1	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Magistrate, Bronx	1933
2	2	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Magistrate, Manhattan	1933
2	3	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Hospitals	1933
2	4	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Licenses	1933
2	5	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Municipal	1933
2	6	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts - Municipal	1933
2	7	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Police	1933
2	8	Appointments: Recommendations for Courts, Special Sessions	1933
2	9	Appointments: Recommendations for Board of Higher Education	1933
2	10	Appointments: Recommendations for Plumber, Board of Examiners	1933
2	11	Appointments: Recommendations for Police Chaplain	1933
2	12	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Department of Purchase	1933
2	13	Appointments: Recommendations for Board of Rules and Standards	1933
2	14	Appointments: Recommendations for Brooklyn Public Library Trustees	1933
2	15	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Liquor	1933
2	16	Appointments: Recommendations for President of Hunter College	1933
3	1	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Sanitation	1933
3	2	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Tenement House	1933
3	3	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Taxes, Brooklyn	1933
3	4	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity	1933
3	5	Appointments: Recommendations for Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity	1933

B	F	Title	Date
3	6	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (1)	1933
3	7	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (2)	1933
3	8	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (3)	1933
3	9	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (4)	1933
4	1	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (5)	1933
4	2	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (6)	1933
4	3	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (7)	1933
4	4	Balbo, Italo, General: Reception (8)	1933
4	5	Bus Contracts	1933
4	6	City Budget (1)	1933
4	7	City Budget (2)	1933
4	8	Employment	1933
4	9	Electric Light and Power, New York State	1933
4	10	Emergency Work, Relief Administration (1)	1933
4	11	Emergency Work, Relief Administration (2)	1933
4	12	Emergency Work, Relief Administration (3)	1933
5	1	Fort Schuyler (1)	1933
5	2	Fort Schuyler (2)	1933
5	3	Fort Schuyler (3)	1933
5	4	Tenement House Report (1)	1933
5	5	Tenement House Report (2)	1933
5	6	Housing (1)	1933
5	7	Housing (2)	1933
5	8	Housing (3)	1933
6	1	Harvey, George U.: Queens, Removal Petition	1933
6	2	Petition: Dr. W. H. Park (Laboratories, Department of Health)	1933
6	3	Protest: Motor Tax	1933
6	4	Protest: Bridge Toll	1933
6	5	Protest: Stock Tax	1933
6	6	Recommendations	1933
6	7	Snow Removal in Queens (1)	1933
6	8	Snow Removal in Queens (2)	1933
6	9	Telegrams Sent	1933
6	10	Unification of Transit System: January	1933
6	11	Unification of Transit System: March	1933
6	12	Unification of Transit System: April	1933
6	13	Unification of Transit System: May, July	1933

Series IV: General Correspondence Received

Date(s): 1933
Size (Extent): 12 cubic feet in 24 boxes
Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence received by the Office of the Mayor from the general public, including businesses and citizens.
Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent.
Access: This series is not microfilmed.
Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3062-3085

Box	Description	Date
1	Aa-An	1933
2	An-Be	1933
3	B	1933
4	B-Chn	1933
5	Ci-Cr	1933
6	Cu-El	1933
7	E-F	1933
8	For-Ger	1933
9	Ger-Gro	1933
10	Har-Hop	1933
11	Hop-Ka	1933
12	Kea-Lei	1933
13	Ler-Mas	1933
14	Mat-May	1933
15	Ma-Mi	1933
16	Mo-Ne	1933
17	Ni-Pl	1933
18	Po-Ri	1933
19	Ro-Sch	1933
20	Sch-Sla	1933
21	Smi-Ta	1933
22	Tab-U	1933
23	Val-Wel	1933
24	Wer-Z	1933

Series V: General Correspondence Sent

Date(s): 1933
Size (Extent): 4.5 cubic feet in 9 boxes
Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence sent from the Mayor's office to citizens, businesses, organizations, and those outside of City government.
Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent.
Access: This series is not microfilmed.
Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3053-3061

Box	Description	Date
1	A-By	1933
2	C-Dun	1933
3	E-Mor	1933
4	Mos-Ko	1933
5	Kr-Men	1933
6	Mer-Py	1933
7	Q-Siv	1933
8	Ske-U	1933
9	Vo-Z	1933