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Sir de Villiers Graaff, M.P./L.V.



Mr. D. E. Mitchell, M.P./L.V.

"The United Party was my best work for South Africa. It was an Ideal for which I sacrificed everything"

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Introduction

In terms of an agreement with the United Party in 1969, Unisa Library became the official custodian and processor of the Party's political archives. The Archives also include the United Party's predecessors and its successor the New Republic Party and the records of parties which broke away from the UP e.g. the Progressive Party (later the Progressive Federal Party). The Collection continued to grow even after the dissolution of the UP in 1977 and the final meeting of the trustees of the New Republic Party in 1989.

The scope of the archival records

The Natal Provincial Office, councils, constituencies and information files consist of 15 linear metres of records (large format volumes and 115 boxes). The Natal Provincial Office is part of the larger - approximate 500 linear metres - United Party Archives which are available to national as well as international researchers. The Archives are of particular value in that the records are the official documents of a white South African political party who ruled for 38 years and who were the official opposition for 39 years. Over the years the Archives have been consulted by biographers, historians, politicians, educators, TV and film directors, lawyers, socialists and others.

In addition to official party documents, the United Party itself also collected biographical information and materials on other political parties. The Natal Division collected information resources on issues and persons who played a role in South African politics and society. These files contain valuable pamphlets and press cuttings from the major newspapers in the country. The interesting biographical files include information on FH Acutt, Sir de Villiers Graaff, Gen. Selby, JGN Strauss; G Heaton Nicholls, TJA Gerdener and Adele van der Spuy. The Natal UP collected information on subjects such as the Broederbond, United Democratic Front, Union Federal Party, Indian affairs, Ossewabrandwag, Anti-Republican League, Liberal Party, Dominion Party and many others. The constituency files are important as they show the social changes of communities over time. After the nineteen-fifties, the urban population grew in sharp contrast to the diminishing rural population. As a result of urbanization, successive Delimitation Commissions created new urban constituencies and abolished or merged rural constituencies.

The arrangement of the UP Archives

From an archival view point, the arrangement and description of the United Party records was problematic. The Archives were created by a few paid party officials, volunteers, individual members - who at times broke away from the UP and created new parties - agents and representatives over many decades. The United Party never had a unified filing system for records - each province, constituency and branch followed its own system. The state of disorder of party materials, made it obvious that there was never a file plan or any control over the creation of party records. A new filing system was therefore designed to accommodate past and future donations.

In order to keep track of all donors a database was created of all donors. Records were not placed under the names of individual donors as it would divide the contents e.g. if the records of Pinetown constituency were donated by four donors namely a secretary, the MP, the treasurer and / or chairman of a branch, a researcher working on the Pinetown constituency would need to consult four different donor accessions. In the end, the archivist decided to follow the *provenance* principle and created a basic party structure for the Central Head Office, the Division of Information, the Cape, Transvaal, Natal, Free State Provinces and Namibia. This system enabled the archivist to place all Pinetown constituency files in one place. Within this system, the files are arranged alphabetically and chronologically. The United Party Archives are arranged as follows:

- Central Head Office
- Division of Information and Research (administrative files, files on people and subject files)
- Division of Organisation
- Provincial Offices of the Cape, Natal, Free State, Transvaal and Namibia. These offices were sub-divided into regional offices, constituencies, branches, subject files and files on people.
- Photograph and cartoon collection
- Film Collection
- Banner Collection
- Map Collection
- Party periodicals and newspapers
- Speeches on tape
- Posters
- Private Papers of individual members

To assist with the identification of records, a database of all candidates of all parties who took part in elections and by-elections from 1910 to 1987 in South Africa and Namibia, was created. A perpetual calendar – also known as a forever calendar - was used to find the year in cases where items were only marked with a day and a month.

Thanks to the archival process of arrangement and description, the rich information resources of the United Party have become accessible and useable for past, present and future researchers.

UNITED PARTY ARCHIVES: NATAL PROVINCIAL OFFICE

(15 linear metres; 115 boxes)

SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY

(There are also SAP documents within the constituency files)

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| 1. | Congresses (provincial) | |
| 1.1 | provincial congress
speeches by Gen. Smuts and F C Hollander | 1932 |
| 1.2 | provincial congress
minutes and agenda | 1933 |
| 2. | Elections | |
| 2.1 | parliamentary election: pamphlet | 1921 |
| 2.2 | parliamentary election: pamphlets (includes a series of
pamphlets: <i>Punches for Pact</i>) | 1929 |
| 2.3 | provincial election: pamphlets | 1930 |
| 2.4 | provincial election: pamphlets and press cuttings | 1933 |

GENERAL COUNCILS

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| 3. | Northern Districts General Council
minutes, correspondence and annexures | 1924-1934 |
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SUBJECT FILE

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| 4. | Anti-semitism
pamphlet by R Rudman, (S A P leader, Natal) | 1924 |
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UNITED PARTY and NEW REPUBLIC PARTY

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

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| 5. | Committees | |
| 5.1 | Provincial Executive Committee minutes | 1948-1987 |
| 5.2 | Head Committee minutes, correspondence, reports and
annexures | 1951-1988 |
| 5.3 | Candidates' Committee minutes, annexures and
photographs of candidates | 1977-1987 |
| 5.4 | Constitutional Committee minutes and annexures | 1978-1988 |
| 5.5 | Finance Committee minutes and annexures | 1950-1971 |
| 5.6 | Leader's Executive Committee minutes and annexures | 1981-1987 |
| 5.7 | Management Committee minutes and annexures | 1977-1980 |
| 6. | Congresses | |
| 6.1 | provincial congress
minutes, agenda and press cuttings | 1935 |
| 6.2 | provincial congress
agenda | 1947 |
| 6.3 | provincial congress
agenda | 1948 |

6.4	provincial congress agenda	1949
6.5	provincial congress agenda	1950
6.6	provincial congress agenda	1951
6.7	provincial congress agenda	1952
6.8	provincial congress agenda and annexures	1953
6.9	provincial congress minutes and agenda	1954
6.10	provincial congress agenda and resolutions	1955
6.11	provincial congress agenda	1956
6.12	provincial congress agenda and speech	1957
6.13	provincial congress agenda	1958
6.14	provincial congress agenda	1960
6.15	provincial congress agenda and tape of Sir De Villiers Graaff's opening address	1962
6.16	provincial congress agenda and tape of Sir De Villiers Graaff's speech	1963
6.17	provincial congress agenda and tapes of Sir De Villiers Graaff's speeches	1964
6.18	provincial congress agenda and tapes of the proceedings and Sir De Villiers Graaff's speeches	1965
6.19	provincial congress agenda and speeches of Sir De Villiers Graaff and D Mitchell	1966
6.20	provincial congress agenda and tape of Sir De Villiers Graaff's speech	1968
6.21	provincial congress agenda	1969
6.22	provincial congress agenda	1970
6.23	provincial congress agenda	1971
6.24	provincial congress agenda	1972
6.25	provincial congress agenda	1973
6.26	provincial congress programme and resolutions	1974
6.27	provincial congress motions and resolutions	1975

6.28	provincial congress speech by Sir De Villiers Graaff	1976
6.29	provincial congress minutes of a meeting of the Arrangements Committee for the NRP Natal congress	1977
6.30	NRP provincial congress agenda, motions and resolutions	1980
6.31	NRP provincial congress minutes and delegates	1981
6.32	NRP provincial congress minutes, motions, resolutions and delegates	1982
6.33	NRP provincial congress minutes, programme and agenda	1983
6.34	NRP provincial congress minutes	1984
6.35	NRP provincial congress speech by M G Buthelezi	1985
6.36	NRP provincial congress agenda	1987
7.	Constituencies annual returns of branches	1966
8.	Delimitation	
8.1	UP proposals to the 11th Delimitation Commission	1958
8.2	UP worksheets, memorandum and proposals to the 12th Delimitation Commission	1965
8.3	Report of the 13th Delimitation Commission and the Progressive Party proposals	1974
8.4	National Party memorandum to the 14th Delimitation Commission	1980
9.	Donors Lists	1970-1975
10.	Election petitions (Supreme Court of SA, Natal)	
10.1	provincial by-election JvA Steytler versus C Renton	1964
10.2	parliamentary election Port Natal LED Winchester versus P Cronjé	1974
10.3	provincial election R B Viljoen versus N H Swale	1974
10.4	parliamentary by-election T J A Gerdener versus R Cadman	1974
11.	Elections (parliamentary)	
11.1	general election: pamphlets and press cuttings	1943
11.2	general election: pamphlets and press cuttings	1948
11.3	general election: pamphlets	1953
11.4	general election: pamphlets and press cuttings	1958
11.5	general election: circulars, pamphlets and press cuttings	1961
11.6	general election: circulars, pamphlets and speaker's notes	1966

11.7	general election: list of Natal polling districts and place names	1970
11.8	general election: press cuttings	1974
12.	Elections (provincial)	
12.1	provincial election: circulars, pamphlets and press cuttings	1936
12.2	provincial election: pamphlets	1949
12.3	provincial election: minutes of candidates meetings, circulars and pamphlets (inter alia regarding the provincial system)	1954
12.4	provincial election: nomination of candidates, correspondence, reports, notes and pamphlets	1959
12.5	provincial election: correspondence, pamphlets and press cuttings	1965
12.6	provincial election: summary of voters and candidates nominated	1970
13.	Finances	
13.1	cash-books (2 vols)	1981-1984
13.2	income and expenditure	1975-1988
13.3	staff salaries	1950-1977
13.4	UP Housing Trust minutes	1951-1952
14.	Fundraising function Durban Fête Committee minutes	1971
15.	Guide to the duties of the divisional chairmen and secretaries	1967
16.	Leader Douglas E Mitchell correspondence and annexures	1963-1974
17.	New Republic Party (see also General Councils; constituencies & <i>UP Private Collections: Vause Raw Papers</i>)	
17.1	constitution	1978
17.2	correspondence and circulars	1981-1988
17.3	disbanding of the UP and the formation of the New Republic Party scrap-book	1977
17.4	<i>Passport</i> NRP newsletter	1985-1987
18.	Nomination regulations	1963
19.	Organisers	
19.1	W M van der Westhuizen correspondence, circulars, reports and press cuttings	1963-1970
20.	Resignations from the UP and NRP	1958-1979

21.	Youth affairs	
21.1	Natal Youth Council minutes and annexures	1949-1968
21.2	congresses and symposium	
21.2.1	youth congress minutes	1950
21.2.2	youth congress minutes and agenda	1951
21.2.3	youth congress agenda	1953
21.2.4	youth congress agenda	1955
21.2.5	youth congress agenda and annexures	1967
21.2.6	youth congress on Blacks (includes speeches by R R Carter, M Fynn, M Tshabalala, A W G Champion, N J J Olivier, H S Msimang, T B Shandu, Z Dlomo and W Sabelo)	1975
21.3	correspondence and circulars	1951-1978

GENERAL COUNCILS / REGIONAL COUNCILS

22.	COAST GENERAL COUNCIL	
22.1	constitution	c1966
22.2	committees	
22.2.1	Executive Committee minutes	1949-1973
22.2.2	Council minutes and annexures	1949-1974
22.2.3	Organisation Sub-committee minutes	1955-1956
22.2.4	Youth Council minutes and annexures	1950-1963
22.3	correspondence, circulars and annexures	1955-1966
23.	COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL	
23.1	minutes	1968-1973
24.	METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL	
24.1	minutes, annexures and attendance register	1975-1988
25.	MIDLANDS GENERAL COUNCIL	
25.1	constitution	1948
25.2	Council minutes and annexures	1955-1977
25.3	circulars	1955
26.	NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL	
26.1	Council minutes and correspondence	1969-1974
27.	RURAL DISTRICTS GENERAL COUNCIL	
27.1	correspondence, pamphlets and posters	1951-1957
28.	WOMEN'S COUNCIL DURBAN	
28.1	Executive Committee minutes and annexures	1935-1952
28.2	Council minutes and annexures	1935-1952
29.	WOMEN'S COUNCIL DURBAN AND COAST	
29.1	Executive Committee minutes	1960-1970
29.2	Council minutes, annexures, attendance registers, correspondence, finances, reports and speeches	1958-1981

30.	WOMEN'S COUNCIL DURBAN AND DISTRICT	
30.1	Council minutes, annexures, correspondence and notes	1978-1988
30.2	finances	1976-1980

CONSTITUENCIES

(The diagonal slash between the place-names indicates that the name & borders of the constituency were changed by Delimitation Commissions)

31.	AMANZIMTOTI	
31.1	Divisional Committee minutes and annexures	1981-1986
31.2	branches	
31.2.1	Scottburg branch finances	1981-1988
31.2.2	Umkomaas branch minutes and annexures	1958-1985
32.	DRAKENSBERG	
32.1	Divisional Committee minutes	1944-1960
32.2	photograph of UP function	c1958
32.3	branches	
32.3.1	Howick branch minutes and annexures	1963-1973
32.3.2	Underberg branch minutes	1952-1977
33.	DURBAN BERE A / BERE A	
33.1	Divisional Committee minutes	1965-1985
33.2	branches	
33.2.1	Bellair/Hillary Youth branch minutes	1953-1954
33.2.2	Berea Ridge minutes, annexures, correspondence and membership lists	1980-1985
33.2.3	Central Junior branch minutes	1949-1959
33.2.4	Glenwood Women's branch minutes and annexures	1962-1988
33.2.5	Manor Gardens branch minutes	1952-1960
33.2.6	Ridgemore branch minutes	1970-1980
33.2.7	Westville branch minutes	1954-1964
33.3	elections	
33.3.1	parliamentary by-election: pamphlet	. 1953
33.3.2	general election: pamphlet	1961
34.	DURBAN CENTRAL	
34.1	branches	
34.1.1	Morningside Evening & Mixed branch minutes and annexures	1982-1985
35.	DURBAN GARDENS	
35.1	elections	
35.1.1	provincial election: pamphlet	1954
36.	DURBAN MUSGRAVE / MUSGRAVE	
36.1	Musgrave Divisional Committee minutes, annexures, correspondence and circulars	1974-1977
36.2	branches	
36.2.1	Musgrave Evening branch minutes, correspondence, circulars and finances	1976-1980

36.2.2	Musgrave Mixed branch minutes	1973-1980
36.2.3	Musgrave Morning branch minutes and annexures	1983-1988
36.2.4	Musgrave Youth branch minutes	1952-1966
36.2.5	Women's branch minutes, correspondence, circulars, finances and reports	1951-1980
36.3	elections	
36.3.1	general election: pamphlet	1961
36.3.2	parliamentary by-election: pamphlets	1962
37.	DURBAN NORTH	
37.1	Divisional Committee minutes, annexures, correspondence and membership lists	1975-1977
38.	DURBAN POINT	
38.1	Divisional Committee correspondence, annexures, circulars and annual returns	1964-1976
38.2	membership lists	c1976
38.3	branches	
38.3.1	Women's branch minutes	1949-1957
38.4	elections	
38.4.1	general election: pamphlet	1943
38.4.2	general election: pamphlets, canvass register and press cuttings	1966
39.	ESHOWE (see ZULULAND)	
40.	GREYTOWN	
40.1	branches	
40.1.1	Highway branch minutes	1980-1986
41.	ILLOVO / DURBAN PINETOWN	
41.1	branches	
41.1.1	Pinetown/Kloof branch minutes	1928-1944
42.	IXOPO	
42.1	elections	
42.1.1	provincial by-election: correspondence, report, circulars and election petition	1964
43.	KLIP RIVER	
	(See also NEWCASTLE, VRYHEID and WEENEN)	
43.1	finances	1974-1981
43.2	branches	
43.2.1	Elandslaagte branch minutes and annexures	1923-1976
43.2.2	Glencoe branch minutes and financial statements	1933-1964
43.2.3	Ladysmith branch minutes	1963-1971
43.2.4	Nqutu branch minutes and annexures	1935-1962
43.3	elections	
43.3.1	parliamentary by-election: press cuttings	1970
43.3.2	parliamentary by-election: correspondence, press cuttings and worksheets	1972

44.	LADYSMITH	
44.1	elections	
44.1.1	provincial by-election: correspondence, pamphlets and report	1961
45.	MOOI RIVER	
45.1	Divisional Committee minutes and correspondence	1977-1985
45.2	finances	1974-1981
45.3	branches	
45.3.1	Underberg branch minutes (See DRAKENSBERG constituency)	
46.	NEWCASTLE (See also KLIP RIVER)	
46.1	branches	
46.1.1	Dundee branch minutes	1934-1952
46.1.2	Newcastle branch minutes and annexures	1946-1957
46.2	elections	
46.2.1	parliamentary by-election: correspondence and speech by Gen. Smuts	1941
47.	PIETERMARITZBURG CITY and DISTRICT	
47.1	Fête Executive Committee minutes	1950
48.	PIETERMARITZBURG NORTH	
48.1	elections	
48.1.1	provincial election: pamphlets	1970
49.	PIETERMARITZBURG SOUTH	
49.1	Divisional Committee minutes and annexures	1976-1977
49.2	elections	
49.2.1	general election: pamphlet	1981
49.2.2	provincial by-election: pamphlets	1954
49.2.3	provincial by-election: pamphlets	1958
50.	PINETOWN (See also ref. no. 41)	
50.1	Executive Divisional Committee minutes and annexures	1985-1988
50.2	Divisional Committee minutes, circulars and annexures	1947-1984
50.3	Mobilisation Board minutes	1961
50.4	branches	
50.4.1	Hillcrest branch minutes and membership register	1971-1981
50.4.2	Kloof branch minutes and annexures	1961-1974
50.4.3	Pinetown branch minutes and annexures	1951-1987
50.4.4	Westville branch minutes	1971-1988
50.4.5	Westville Women's branch minutes	1973-1977
50.5	elections and Referendum	
50.5.1	general election: photograph	1953
50.5.2	Referendum: minutes, correspondence, circulars and pamphlets	1961

51.	SOUTH COAST	
51.1	branches	
51.1.1	Winkelspruit branch minutes	1957-1961
51.2	elections	
51.2.1	general election: pamphlets and press cuttings	1961
51.2.2	general election: correspondence, circulars, memoranda and pamphlets	1970
51.2.3	provincial election: correspondence, circulars, memoranda and pamphlets	1970
52.	UMBILO	
52.1	elections	
52.1.1	general election: press cuttings	1943
52.1.2	provincial election: pamphlet	1954
52.1.3	provincial by-election: pamphlet	1962
53.	UMGENI	
53.1	elections	
53.1.1	provincial election: pamphlet	1954
54.	UMVOTI (See also KLIP RIVER)	
54.1	Divisional Committee minutes	1936-1970
54.2	elections	
54.2.1	provincial election: pamphlet	1943
55.	VRYHEID	
55.1	Divisional Committee minutes	1934-1976
55.2	Mobilisation Campaign correspondence, circulars and reports	1959-1967
55.3	branches	
55.3.1	Babanango branch minutes	1948-1963
55.3.2	Melmoth branch minutes	1952-1966
55.3.3	New Hanover / Cramond branch minutes	1966-1976
55.4	elections	
55.4.1	general election: photograph	1953
56.	WEENEN / KLIP RIVER	
56.1	Divisional Committee minutes	1936-1951
56.2	branches	
56.2.1	Greytown branch minutes	1935-1946
56.3	elections	
56.3.1	provincial by-election: correspondence, circulars, reports, pamphlets and press cutting	1962
57.	ZULULAND / ESHOWE	
57.1	Divisional Committee minutes, annexures, reports and membership lists	1934-1976

57.2	branches	
57.2.1	Empangeni branch minutes, annexures and cash-book	1952-1976
57.2.2	Piet Pretorius Youth branch minutes, reports and annexures	1967-1973
57.2.3	Umhlali branch minutes	1932-1960

SUBJECT FILES

58.	Broederbond memoranda	1948
59.	Constitutional crisis and the United Democratic Front minutes, correspondence and pamphlets	1951-1952
60.	Dominion Party pamphlets and press cuttings	1934-1954
61.	Expulsions from the UP press cuttings	1975
62.	Indian affairs correspondence, circulars, pamphlets, press cutting and notes	1945-1958
63.	Liberal Party correspondence, pamphlets and press cuttings	1955-1962
64.	Natal Convention press cutting	1952
65.	<i>Die Nataller's</i> political opinions typed extracts	1971-1973
66.	Ossewabrandwag memoranda	c1941
67.	Provincial government in Natal pamphlets	1952-1954
68.	Republican issue and the Anti-Republican League pamphlets, correspondence and press cuttings	1939-1960
69.	Resignations from the UP and the progressive breakaway correspondence and press cuttings	1939;1953-1959
70.	Status Act pamphlet	1934
71.	Union Federal Party correspondence, circulars, pamphlets and press cuttings	1932-1961
72.	UP policy (general and native affairs) memoranda	1938-1948

FILES ON PEOPLE

73	FH Acutt photograph & invitation	1924
74.	T J A Gerdener speeches, pamphlets and Democratic Party Newsletters	1953-1975
75.	Sir De Villiers Graaff press cuttings	1956-1972
76.	Maj C C Henderson press cutting	1980
77.	Mrs Santie McIntosh press cutting	1987
78.	D E Mitchell press cuttings	1955-1956
79.	G Heaton Nicholls (See Union Federal Party)	
80.	Gen. Selby (See Anti-Republican League)	
81.	J G N Strauss speeches, pamphlet and press cuttings	1953-1956
82.	J G Strydom press cuttings	1954-1956
83.	Van der Spuy, Adele correspondence and annexures re separate taxation for married couples	1983