

Winters, Jacqueline, 1937–2019  
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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.

## 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

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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-

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),

**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



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 2

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)