

**Odell C. Barry**

**Athlete (Football) / Politician / Businessman**

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**Odell C. Barry Papers**  
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**Size:** 2 boxes (1.5 linear feet)

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**Biographical note**

Born in 1941

Graduated from Findlay College

1964-1965: Played halfback on the Denver Broncos

Retired from the NFL due to injuries

Accepted position with the Northglenn Recreation District and helped kids with sports

Opened the largest Dairy Queen in Colorado

1975: Elected to Northglenn City Council

Became a partner at 888 Real Estate

1980-1982: Served as Mayor of Northglenn

Continues to be involved with community endeavors in Denver and Northglenn

## **Scope and Content**

The Odell Barry Papers primarily contain scrapbooks of newspaper clippings that highlight issues with which Barry had to contend during his tenure as mayor of Northglenn, Colorado, from 1980-1982. The bulk of these scrapbooks are housed in Box 2. The clippings within the scrapbooks are arranged chronologically. *The Northglenn Spokesman*, in Box 1, Folder 4, serves as another source to chronicle Barry's progress as mayor. Also, his political platform and some of the speeches he gave appear in Box 1, Folder 2, labelled, "Publications – Political."

For scant coverage of Barry's brief two-year stint as a return specialist/halfback for the AFL Denver Broncos, refer to Box 1, Folders 8 and 9 – "Memorabilia II and "Photographs," respectively. Additionally, researchers will find congratulatory correspondence (a signed letter from President Carter) in Box 1, Folder 1 and Democratic campaign memorabilia in Box 1, Folders 7 and 8.

## **Container list**

### **Box 1**

Box 1	F1	Correspondence	1980
Box 1	F2	Publications – Political	1979-1980
Box 1	F3	Publications – Northglenn	1980-1995
Box 1	F4	Publications – <i>The Spokesman</i>	1979-1983
Box 1	F5	Publications – Miscellaneous	1977-1990
Box 1	F6	Awards	1964-1991
Box 1	F7	Memorabilia I	ca. 1975-1980, n.d.
Box 1	F8	Memorabilia II	1964-1996
Box 1	F9	Photographs	ca. 1964-1980, n.d.
Box 1	F10	Scrapbook – Election (Copy)	1979-1980
Box 1	F11	Scrapbook – Election (Original)	1979-1980
Box 1	F12	Scrapbook – Northglenn Water Project	1980

**Box 2**

Box 2	Bound Scrapbook – Mayoral Election	1979
	Bound Scrapbook – Mayoral	1980
	Bound Scrapbook – Mayoral	1980
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