Eugene Buder was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 3, 1917. He graduated from the Harvard University Law School in 1941, served in World War II with the Army Air Force, and decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross. As an attorney, he served as a political and social activist in the 1950s and 1960s. Buder defended individuals against anti-communist accusations, worked for the presidential campaign of Adlai Stevenson in 1956 and for the unification of the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County in 1959. Buder focused on the development of the county parks system in 1966 and police relations in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County from 1956 to 1992.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Eugene Buder Papers includes manuscripts and newspaper clippings about the District Plan for 1959 and publications about the political organization of the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County. The Buder Papers contain manuscripts and newspaper clippings about police relations in St. Louis from 1952 to 1992. In addition, the Buder Papers includes manuscripts about the County Parks Bond Issue of 1966, documents about Buder’s association with the presidential campaign of Adlai Stevenson in 1956 and political buttons from the campaign.

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This series contains documents about the County Parks Bond Issue of 1966, Adlai Stevenson’s 1956 presidential campaign, the District Plan of 1959, police relations and a handwritten note about places to visit in Europe.

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This series contains publications about legal, political and social topics Buder involved himself with, and the development of St. Louis and St. Louis County.
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This series contains a flyer for the motion picture “Simba” and political buttons for Adlai’s Stevenson’s 1956 presidential campaign.

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