

**Collection #  
SC 3050**

## **HAROLD FEIGHTNER PAPERS, 1966**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	5 manuscript folders
COLLECTION DATES:	1966
PROVENANCE:	Donald F. Carmony, Bloomington, Indiana, May, 1996
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Born in 1892 in Huntington County, Indiana, Feightner was an authority on state and federal politics. He worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in Indiana from 1913 to 1934. In 1934 he became executive director of the Indiana Brewers Association, a position he held until 1967. Throughout his life Feightner associated professionally and socially with Indiana politicians and was regarded in these circles and by members of the media as an authority on state and county government. In several of his documents, he focused extensively on legal and political issues relating to alcohol. Governor Roger D. Branigin made Feightner a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1967. Feightner died in Indianapolis on August 13, 1969.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

P 0396 Harold C. Feightner Collection, n.d.–ca. 1958, Indiana Historical Society

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains Feightner's opinions on different legal and political issues as they relate to alcohol. The contents of the folders are as follows:

Folder 1: Correspondence between Feightner and Donald F. Carmony re. Feightner's annual report summarizing postwar construction money supplied by alcoholic beverage excise taxes for the years 1965–66; includes a copy of the 5-page annual report.

Folder 2: "Drinking through the Ages" by Harold C. Feightner was a presentation before the eighth annual workshop on problems of alcoholism and alcohol education at Indiana University on Friday, June 17, 1966. This 25-page study provides historical information on alcohol use since Biblical times; much of the information centers on religious views of alcohol, including those of Mohammed and John Calvin.

Folder 3: Providing explanations of party stances on different issues. In this 19-page document, Feightner examines Democratic and Republican stances on alcohol use. The top of the first page reads: "Democrats favor legalized alcoholic beverage traffic; Republicans generally lean toward prohibitory system. Planks adopted from 1854 to 1940 show wide divergence over wet and dry policies."

Folder 4: "Indiana Liquor Planks from 1854 to 1950." This 15-page document includes the text of (presumably) all the liquor planks passed in Indiana from 1854 to 1950.

Folder 5: Contains a short note and study of penal commitments by Feightner. The latter is a 1966 3-page study that examines Indiana penal statistics relating to alcohol.

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