

# 1976 Republican National Convention Memorabilia (SC103-1)

## *Introduction*

This collection contains three buttons, one commemorative coin, and two brass cattle rings that were distributed during the Republican National Convention held at Kemper Arena August 16-19, 1976 in Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Eileen Odell

Title: 1976 Republican National Convention Memorabilia

Dates: 1976

Size: 0.52 linear feet, 1 box

Collection Number: SC103-1

## *Donor Information*

Gift, 2020, Eileen Odell.

## *Citation Note*

1976 Republican National Convention Memorabilia (SC103-1), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Related Collections: Additional memorabilia, items, and information from the 1976 Republican National Convention can be found in SC103 and by searching the local history database at [www.kchistory.org](http://www.kchistory.org).

## *Historical Sketch*

The 31<sup>st</sup> National Republican Convention was held August 16-19, 1976, in Kansas City, Missouri, in Kemper Arena. The contest for the presidential nomination came down to President Gerald Ford and California Governor Ronald Reagan. Eventually, President Ford and running mate Senator Bob Dole from Kansas were selected to run against Democrats Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale that November. Carter and Mondale would ultimately win.

## *Scope and Content Note*

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The collection's donor, Eileen Odell, was an employee of Southwestern Bell at the time she attended the convention. One of the buttons and the commemorative coin are branded with the Southwestern Bell logo.

*Collection Inventory*

1. Button, "Republican National Convention, 1976 Southwestern Bell"
2. Button, "Reagan"
3. Button, "I Was There, Republican National Convention"
4. Commemorative coin, "The Telephone: One Hundred Years of Service"
5. Brass cattle ring, "76, G. O. P., KC-Mo."
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**Processed by Kate Hill, Senior Archivist, September 2020.**