



**Governor George S. Mickelson**  
**Years in Office: 1987-1993**

Birth: January 31, 1941; Mobridge, South Dakota  
Death: April 19, 1993; Dubuque, Iowa

Governor George S. Mickelson served in the Army before becoming the Assistant Attorney General of South Dakota in 1967. From 1969 through 1987 he had a law practice in Brookings while also serving in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1975 through 1980. During his time as governor, he worked to improve education, increase the minimum wage, promote health care reform, and solve water issues. The year long centennial celebration for the state of South Dakota occurred in 1989, and the state lottery was also introduced during his time in office. Governor Mickelson created the Century of Reconciliation and the Revolving Economic Development and Initiative Fund. Governor Mickelson's term ended on April 19, 1993 when the plane he was flying in crashed, killing him and six others, in Dubuque, Iowa.

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/13

**Accession Number:** 90-062

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Executive Proclamation Declaring 1990 "A Year of Reconciliation."

**Shelf Location:** 3803A

**Classification Number:** 15H/2/26

**Accession Number:** 89-123

**Collection Name:** Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, State History Society Board of Trustees, Office of History

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photograph of Linda Mickelson, Tom Killian, and Bob Karolevitz, 1988.

**Shelf Location:** 5683

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/15

**Accession Number:** 90-101

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Centennial Year Operator License issued to George S. Mickelson, 1988.

**Shelf Location:** 3858B

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/14

**Accession Number:** 90-071

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, Office of the Governor

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photos of Governor George and Linda Mickelson, 1989.

**Shelf Location:** 5683

**Classification Number:** 60A/1/9

**Accession Number:** 91-044

**Collection Name:** Legislature, House of Representatives

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** House Roll, 1941. George Speaker Mickelson named by a resolution of the South Dakota House of Representatives, of which his father served as the Speaker of the House at the time.

**Shelf Location:** 3997A

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/26

**Accession Number:** 93-086

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, Office of the Governor

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Governor George S. Mickelson Documents and Photographs, 1945-1991. This collection is comprised of materials belonging to the late Governor which were housed in a vault at the capitol. Topics include; China Trade Council; Charlottesville Education Summit with President Bush, Crazy Horse Mountain; and the USS Rushmore Christening.

**Shelf Location:** 20, 2101A

**Classification Number:** 15E/13/17

**Accession Number:** 93-070

**Collection Name:** Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, Division of Cultural Affairs, Office of History

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Slides of Governor George S. Mickelson Funeral, 1993.

**Shelf Location:** 2323A

**Classification Number:** 15E/13/17

**Accession Number:** 93-105

**Collection Name:** Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, Division of Cultural Affairs, Office of History

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photos of Governor George Speaker Mickelson's Funeral Service, 1993.

**Shelf Location:** 2323A

**Classification Number:** 20A/1/3

**Accession Number:** 93-052

**Collection Name:** Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of the Secretary, Adjunct General

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photographs of Governor George S. Mickelson's Funeral, 1993.

**Shelf Location:** 5483B

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/31

**Accession Number:** 94-070

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Governor Mickelson, Outgoing Correspondence of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, 1987-1989.

**Shelf Location:** 5800-5811

**Classification Number:** 15E/10/9

**Accession Number:** 94-072

**Collection Name:** Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, Division of Cultural Affairs, EducationalTV

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Governor George S. Mickelson Videotape Dubs, 1987-1993. This collection is comprised of 38 VHS videos produced by SDETV. Among the many subjects covered in this collection are; the State of the State; Budget Addresses; Inaugural Addresses; Native American Day; the Centennial Celebration; Mt. Rushmore; Press Conferences; Statehouse Live Call in; and the address to the special session on the Supercollider.

**Shelf Location:** 5828-5829

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/28

**Accession Number:** 94-081

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Audio Cassettes, 1994. This collection is comprised of the audio cassettes gathered in the process of collecting interviews for the Mickelson Project. The collection contains 34 cassette tapes and 2 micro cassette tapes, on which a total of 39 people were interviewed for the project.

**Shelf Location:** 3841C

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/32

**Accession Number:** 94-071

**Collection Name:** Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, Governor Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Newspaper Subject Clippings, 1987-1993. These clippings document public opinion on South Dakota politicians such as Tom Daschle, Larry Pressler, and James Abdnor.

**Shelf Location:** 5812-5827

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/30

**Accession Number:** 94-096

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** General Files, Boards and Commissions, Indian Affairs and Tribal Files, 1987-1993.

**Shelf Location:** 6084-6087

**Classification Number:** 34A/1/6  
**Accession Number:** 95-047  
**Collection Name:** Department of Tourism  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photos and Negatives, 1987-1993. Images of the Governor George S. Mickelson Administration.  
**Shelf Location:** 6078-6080

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/38  
**Accession Number:** 95-077  
**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Press Releases, 1986-1992.  
**Shelf Location:** 6634-6636A

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/30  
**Accession Number:** 94-039  
**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** 1987-1993, General Files; Administration, Agriculture, Agriculture/Bonding, Finance & Management, Cement Plant, South Dakota Centennial, Commerce, Community Foundation, Constitutional Offices, Corrections, Guatemala/Electoral College/Lawsuit, Yankton Human Services, Bradley Bill, Executive Orders, Transportation, Economic Development, Education & Cultural Affairs, Energy Policy, Regents/Higher Education, Environment & Natural Resources, Federal, Game Fish & Parks, Gaming Commission, Governor's Association, Health, Human Services, Indian Affairs, Legislative, Military & Veterans Affairs, Revenue, Social Services, and Tourism.  
**Shelf Location:** 5723-5850

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/32  
**Accession Number:** 96-060  
**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Newspaper & Subject Clippings, 1985-1992.  
**Shelf Location:** 6647-6648

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/40  
**Accession Number:** 95-080  
**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Awards & Miscellaneous, 1987-1993. Awards granted to George and Linda Mickelson.  
**Shelf Location:** 4605, FB194, FB230, MD20

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/41  
**Accession Number:** 95-81  
**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Correspondence of George and Linda Mickelson, 1987-1993. Among many of the items included are George S. Mickelson's military record; biographical information; correspondence; information on the Republican National Committee as well as the Republican National Convention; as well as many letters of sympathy, including one from President Bill Clinton.  
**Shelf Location:** 4601-4604

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/42

**Accession Number:** 95-082

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Memorials, 1993. Included are cards, letters, video tape, guest book, newspaper articles, Mickelson Memorial Database printout and Resolutions.

**Shelf Location:** 4591-4600A, MD20 and FB 282

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/44

**Accession Number:** 95-084

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Social Calendar & Menus, 1983-1992.

**Shelf Location:** 474C

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/35

**Accession Number:** 95-085

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photographs, 1987-1993. Included are photographs relating to George Mickelson's inauguration, the Governors Office, the Far East Trade Mission, as well as the Mickelson funeral.

**Shelf Location:** 4582

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/46

**Accession Number:** 95-086

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Public Schedule, 1987-1993.

**Shelf Location:** 4583

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/35

**Accession Number:** 96-088

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photographs, 1987-1993. Photographs included in this collection concern the activities of Capitol for a Day at Belle Fourche and Redfield, Governor Mickelson's visit to Sanborn County, and the Western Governor's Association.

**Shelf Location:** 4580, MD20

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/40

**Accession Number:** 96-089

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Awards & Miscellaneous, 1987-1993. Among the many awards and certificates pertaining to the Mickelson family include Army Medals, certificates from the American Bar Association, Ducks Unlimited, and many other organizations.

**Shelf Location:** 4581

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/39

**Accession Number:** 92-064

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Maps concerning the Superconducting Supercollider, 1987.

**Shelf Location:** 4584-4590, MD258

**Accession Number:** 95-073

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Videotapes, 1987-1993.

**Shelf Location:** 6148-6150

**Accession Number:** 95-079

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Speeches, 1987-1993. Topics include: Transportation; Finance/Budget; Elderly; Health & Public Services; Industrial Development; Women; Veterans; Military; Memorial Day; Water and Natural Resources; and Public Safety.

**Shelf Location:** 4693-4698

**Accession Number:** 96-144

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, Governor George S. Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** General Files, 1987. Files relate to different South Dakota Boards and Commissions.

**Shelf Location:** 4623

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/32

**Accession Number:** 96-036

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Newspaper Subject Clippings, 1986-1993.

**Shelf Location:** 6159-6163

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/35

**Accession Number:** 96-037

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photographs concerning many functions of the Governor's office, 1987-1993.

**Shelf Location:** 6144

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/30

**Accession Number:** 96-038

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Gubernatorial Division, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** General Files, 1986-1993. Files relate to Governor Mickelson's accomplishments, and positions on issues such as Industry and Taxation.

**Shelf Location:** 6146

**Classification Number:** 10A/1/35

**Accession Number:** 97-032

**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, George Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photographs, 1986-1987. Two color portraits of Governor George S. Mickelson.

**Shelf Location:** 4710D

**Accession Number:** 98-017

**Collection Name:** Office of the Governor, George S. Mickelson

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Five Year Strategic Plan, 1990-1991.

**Shelf Location:** 5247

**Accession Number:** 98-020  
**Collection Name:** Office of Executive Management, Governor George S. Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Centennial Education Summit Files, 1989.  
**Shelf Location:** 5261A

**Accession Number:** 94-109  
**Collection Name:** Executive Management, Governor George S. Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Newspaper Clippings, 1986-1988. This collection is comprised of microfilmed newspaper clippings of Governor Mickelson's activities.  
**Shelf Location:** 4230-4235

**Accession Number:** 94-110  
**Collection Name:** Executive Management, Governor George S. Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Newspaper Clippings, 1993. This collection is comprised of microfilmed newspaper clippings of Governor Mickelson's activities.  
**Shelf Location:** 4236-4237

**Accession Number:** 98-060  
**Collection Name:** Office of Executive Management, Governor George S. Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photographs and files of First Lady Linda Mickelson, 1989-1993.  
**Shelf Location:** MD20, FB355, 5351, 5340B

**Classification Number:** 15E/10/8  
**Accession Number:** 89-173  
**Collection Name:** Education and Cultural Affairs, Division of Cultural Affairs, Office of Educational TV  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Photos of Governor Mickelson on South Dakota Public Television, 1989.  
**Shelf Location:** 5719

**Accession Number:** 2002-032  
**Collection Name:** Department of Executive Management, Governor George S. Mickelson  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** 1941-1993; Photographs, Awards, Military, Campaign, USS Rushmore, Memorial, and Presidents  
**Shelf Location:** MD20, 5080B, 5081A

**Accession Number:** H93-068  
**Collection Name:** Photograph  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Governor George S. Mickelson, 1993.  
**Shelf Location:** MD20

**Accession Number:** H93-077  
**Collection Name:** George Speaker Mickelson Papers  
**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Family Photographs, 1946-1993. The collection consists of black and white negatives. Images include; elementary school group portrait; portrait as Governor of South Dakota; as a child 3-5 years of age; as a child of 10 riding a donkey; with wife Linda; with wife and son; with unidentified man (both wearing military dress).  
**Shelf Location:** 5687D

**Accession Number:** H93-078

**Collection Name:** George Speaker Mickelson Papers

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Family Photographs, 1944-1989. This collection consists of black and white negative strips. Images include; Governor George T. Mickelson, early family photos with George T. and son George S.; George S. and his wife Linda with their small children Mark and Amy; and Mickelson family members at a party honoring the newly elected Governor George S. Mickelson.

**Shelf Location:** 5687D

**Accession Number:** H98-093

**Collection Name:** Film Collection

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Tony Dean Outdoors: Remembering George Mickelson, video, 1998.

**Shelf Location:** **RESTRICTED**

**Accession Number:** H98-114

**Collection Name:** George S. Mickelson Papers

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Inauguration Photographs, 1987.

**Shelf Location:** 8527

**Accession Number:** 96-332

**Collection:** Governor, Inaugural Addresses

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Inaugural Address, State of the State Address, 1987.

**Shelf Location:** 7136C