Wallace Got Tax Break On Papers

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7—Gov. George C. Wallace obtained a \$30,000 income tax deduction by donating some of his 1968 campaign papers to the Alabama archives, it was reported in today's Montgomery newspapers.

An article by Advertiser-Journal publisher Harold Martin reported that Wallace made the claim under the same law President Nixon used to reduce his taxes by donating his vice presidential papers.

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The Wallace gift was confirmed by Milo Howard, director of the state Department of Archives and History, although he would not confirm the value of the papers. "That's a personal matter between the governor and the archives." Howard said

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Howard said the papers will not be available to the public until 25 years have passed, according to a stipulation of the gift, but Wallace or the executor of his estate may remove them if another library is set aside for the Wallace family later.

The 1968 campaign broke new ground in American politics as the Wallace team placed its third party on ballots all over the country. By fall the campaign headquarters filled a warehouse-sized building in Montgomery.