

**MSS 126 Register to the John Kelly Cauthen Papers**  
**4 cubic feet**  
**21 VHS Tapes**  
**110 Photographs**

### **Introduction**

This collection was donated by Mrs. Deloris V. Cauthen on March 21, 1988 and May 5, 1988. Cauthen's donation was presented to Clemson through the efforts of Bryan F. McKown. MSS 126 was formerly accessions 88-26 and 88-48. Arrangement of accessions into MSS 126 was completed by Mark D. Smith in January 1992.

### **Biographical Sketch**

John Kelly Cauthen was born in North Augusta, South Carolina on June 6, 1906, the son of the Rev. Henry J. Cauthen and Mary Finlayson Cauthen. John Cauthen began his career as a newspaper man with the *News and Courier* in Charleston, SC, serving 11 years before joining the *Columbia Record* in 1936. He left the newspaper in 1941 to become Gov. J. Emile Harley's executive secretary. Gov. Harley was seriously ill and depended heavily upon Cauthen. Cauthen delivered the Governor's State of the State address in 1942, which was a very unusual procedure. After Gov. Harley died in 1942, Cauthen continued to be executive secretary under Gov. R.M. Jefferies. He joined the South Carolina Textile Manufacturing Association in 1943 as Secretary and stayed with the Association until his retirement as Executive Vice President in 1971.

During that nearly thirty year period, John Cauthen was involved and instrumental in the development of the SC Ports Authority, SC Educational Television and the SC Commission on Higher Education, of which he was chairman. He participated in the rapid expansion and transformation of South Carolina's textile industry during the decades following the Second World War.

John Cauthen was married to Deloris V. Cauthen and had two sons, John V. Cauthen and Henry Cauthen. He died in Columbia, SC, December 18, 1973.

## **Scope and Contents**

The papers span the years 1933 to 1980. They are divided into five sections: South Carolina Politics; Textile Industry; Boards and Commissions; Personal and South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The papers also include 21 VHS tapes and 110 photographs.

**South Carolina Politics:** The South Carolina Politics material includes correspondence (ca. 1935 - 1971), clippings (ca. 1935 - 1942, 1952 - 1973), radio schedules of John Cauthen's radio broadcasts of state government activities (ca. 1938-1942), reports on South Carolina government, Governor's McNair and West (ca. 1969 - 1971) and rough drafts of essays about Edgar A. Brown, Sol Blatt and South Carolina politics, (ca. 1930's to 1970).

**Textile Industry:** The textile industry (ca. 1943 - 1973) records include correspondence with fellow members of the South Carolina Textile Manufacturer's Association, material about meetings of the SCMTA, clippings concerning the textile industry (ca. 1943 - 1973) and reports of the South Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association. (ca. 1945, 1955, 1968 - 1971)

**Boards and Commissions:** The records include appointments (ca. 1941 - 1971), committee reports (ca. 1968 - 1972), correspondence with fellow board members and others (ca., 1961 - 1972) and clippings ( ca. 1950 - 1972).

**Personal:** The personal papers (ca. 1933 - 1973) include articles about John Cauthen, awards received by John Cauthen from various organizations, ETV material, honorary degrees, miscellaneous articles and publications, clippings, biographical material, resolutions from South Carolina State Government, tributes and obituaries.

**South Carolina Commission on Higher Education:** The largest part of the papers concern the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (ca. 1965 - 1973). These include committee reports, committee statements and press releases, commission goals, annual reports, correspondence, meetings, clippings, program proposals for

individual schools and reports on medical education in South Carolina.

**ETV Tapes:** There are twenty one VHS tapes from *John Cauthen's Journal*, an ETV production taped in 1972. They use the numbering sequence that SC ETV assigned when the tapes were created. Beginning at 0271-0001 and through 0271-0021. Transcripts for tapes # 2, 3, 5-8, 10, 20-21, 22 are in the political figures section of the papers. There is no tape for #22 transcript.

**Photographs:** Photographs have been removed from the general collection. They include family photos, photos from commissions and boards, photos of political figures in South Carolina government, photos used in Cauthen's book on Sol Blatt and photos used in newspaper articles.

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title
		<b>South Carolina Political Figures</b>
1	1	Articles on State Government by John Cauthen, ca. 1936 - 1940
	2	Tribute to Jeff B. Bates November 30, 1965 Sol Blatt
	3	Book on Sol Blatt...Rough Drafts, Letters, Correspondence ca. 1965 - 1966
	4	Press Releases, Statements, Speeches ca. 1969, 1972
	5	Rough Drafts, Working Copies..Materials by JK Cauthen
	6	Rough Drafts, Working Copies..Combined Material on Blatt, Brown and Brynes
	7	Tribute to Sol Blatt, Text, Rough Drafts ca. 1970s Edgar A. Brown
	8	Clippings ca. 1963 -1970
	9	Press Releases and Speeches, 1938 - 1942, 1969, n.d.
	10	Room Dedication, Clemson University, 1970
	11	Rough Drafts, Working Copies..Materials by JK Cauthen and others
	12	Tribute to Edgar Brown, 1970
	13	Charlie E. Daniel Speeches, n.d.
	14	Olin D. Johnson Speech, November 16, 1937
	15	Governor McNair/West Reports, Correspondence and Clippings, 1969 - 1971
	16	Radio Schedules John Cauthen Program 1939 - 1941, stations WAIM (Anderson), WCSC (Charleston), WFBC (Greenville), WIS (Columbia)
	17	Letters and Correspondence Concerning <u>Saturday Evening Post</u> Article, March 16, 1963
	18	Secretary to Governors J.E. Harley and Jefferies 1941 - 1942, Clippings and Correspondence
	19	Ben R. Tillman (d. 1918) Personal History Sketch, n.d.
	20	Lt. Governor John C. West Campaign, 1970

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		<b>Textile Industry</b>
1	21	South Carolina Textile Manufactures Association and Textile Industry Reports and Correspondence 1943 - 1973
	22	South Carolina Textile Manufactures Association, Meetings ca. 1945 - 1969
2	23	SCTMA Meeting, Sea Island, Ga. May 19-22, 1971
	24	Textile Industry Clippings ca. 1945 - 1970
		<b>Boards and Commissions</b>
	25	Appointments Secretary to Governor Harley, 1941; Board Member, South Carolina National Bank, 1965
	26	Appointments to State Boards, Commissions, Business Clippings, ca. 1941, 1956 - 1970
	27	James F. Brynes Statue Committee and Dedication, Columbia, S.C. May 6, 1972
	28	Columbia City Council, Correspondence and Clippings 1966 - 1967
	29	Education Resources Foundation 1970 - 1971
	30	Clippings Health, Welfare, Pollution Control, McNair 1968 - 1969
	31	Office of Industrial Conversion 1971
	32	New South Insurance Company, Board of Directors 1971 - 1973
	33	South Carolina Business Luncheon, Columbia, S.C. January 25, 1961
	34	South Carolina Committee to Study the Establishment of Plants or Facilities for the Recovery of Nuclear Fuel and the Storage of Waste Nuclear Materials 1971
	35	South Carolina Library Association National Library Week Program Clippings, 1967
	36	South Carolina Legislative Committee on Nuclear Energy Reports and Correspondence January - September 1971
	37	October - December 1971
	38	South Carolina Ports Authority Correspondence, Clippings ca. 1950s

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		<b>Personal</b>
2	39	Articles
	40	Awards, Invitations ca. 1950 - 1974
		Biographical Material
	41	Articles about John K. Cauthen
3	42	Honorary Degree, JK Cauthen, Clemson University, May 1966
	43	Honorary Degree, JK Cauthen, Lander College May 1967
	44	Honorary Life Membership University of South Carolina Alumni Association 1973
	45	Phi Psi "Man of the Year" Clemson University 1971
	46	Resolutions, South Carolina Government for JK Cauthen
	47	Rough Drafts, Working Copies Material on Cauthen, Personal History
	48	Correspondence 1933 - 1959
	49	1960 - 1967
	50	1968 - 1973, n.d.
		ETV Material
	51	Clippings, September 1973 <u>ETV Guide</u>
	52	<i>John Cauthen's Journal</i> Transcripts # 2, 3, 5-8, 10, 20-22
	53	John K. Cauthen Education Media Center Francis Marion College 1977
	54	John K. Cauthen Memorial and Scholarship Awards Clippings
4	55	Newspapers <u>Palmetto Progress</u> , May 1941; <u>Southern Textile News</u> , 1945
	56	Publications
	57	Tribute to John K. Cauthen and Obituaries
	58	Upcoming Retirement and Retirement 1970 - 1971, Letters and Correspondence
		<b>Commission on Higher Education</b>
	59	Annual Report 1973
	60	Appalachian Regional Commission ARC Contract #71-107
	61	Clippings Regional 2 Year Colleges; Purposed Merger of State Colleges; CHE, 1959, 1967 - 1970

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4	62	Clippings South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and John Cauthen
	63	Goals for Higher Education for 1980 Report Vol#1 1972
	64	Letters and Correspondence 1965 - September 13, 1968
	65	September 16, 1968 - 1973
5	66	Long Range Steering Committee July 31, 1971
	67	Meetings and Reports January - June 4, 1971
	68	June 24 - September 15, 1971
	69	September 24 - December 31, 1971
	70	January - July, 1972
	71	August - November 15, 1972
	72	November 16 - December 31, 1972
6	73	January - June 1973
	74	July - December 1973
		Medical University of South Carolina
	75	Clippings Medical University of South Carolina
	76	Clippings Purposed Establishment of a Second Medical School in South Carolina 1968 - 1972
	77	Medical Education in South Carolina, Report, 1967
	78	Meetings and Reports- January-August, 1971
	79	September-October 1971
	80	November-December 1971
	81	January-December 1972
7	82	January-December 1973-1974
	83	Minority Report, Medical Education December, 1971
	84	Moody Report., clippings and letters ca. 1968
		Program Reports
	85	College of Charleston/Citadel 1972
	86	Clemson University 1971
	87	Clemson University 1972
	88	Francis Marion College 1972
	89	Lander College 1972
	90	South Carolina State College 1972
	91	TEC Schools 1972

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Box	Folder	Folder Title
8	92	University of South Carolina 1972
	93	Winthrop College 1972
	94	Reports and Statements 1962-September 1968, undated
	95	Reports and Statements October 28, 1968-1973
	96	South Carolina State College Letters and Correspondence 1966-July 10, 1967
	97	Letters and Correspondences July 14, 1967-1969
	98	Race Relations Clippings, 1966-1969

Box	Tape #	Tape Title
9		<i>John Cauthen's Journal</i>
	0271-0001	South Carolina in the 1930's
	0271-0002	Ben Sawyer SC Highways
	0271-0003	TEC and ETV Training
	0271-0004	The Barnwell King [Ring?]
	0271-0005	The Barnwell King [Ring?]
	0271-0006	Brown and Blatt
	0271-0007	Byrnes and Brown
	0271-0008	Race Relations
	0271-0009	J. Strom Thurmond
	0271-0010	Textile Industry
10	0271-0011	Women's Rights
	0271-0012	Senator Brown
	0271-0013	Columbia Relations
	0271-0014	Orangeburg
	0271-0015	Lobbyist
	0271-0016	Educational TV
	0271-0017	ETV
	0271-0018	Education
	0271-0019	Congressman
	0271-0020	Odds and Ends
	0271-0021	John Cauthen Interview



Photo List

Photo Collection Inventory List.:

1. Sol Blatt's father ca. 1900
2. Sol Blatt's Mother ca. 1900.
3. 1908 Meeting Textile Industry leaders SC
4. John K. Cauthen Delivers Speech in State House, ca 1941-1942.
5. John K. Cauthen and Governor Harley , ca. 1941-42 (4 copies)
6. Governor Harley ca 1940 (2 photos).
7. Sol Blatt, ca 1940`s
- 8 J. Strom Thurmond, 2 women, ca. 1948.
9. J. Strom Thurmond and Beauty pageant ca 1948.
10. Maid of Cotton judges, ca. late 1940's.
- 11 Robert C. Jackson, Vice President of the American Cotton  
Manufactures Institute.
12. Meeting of Advisory Council July 14, 1955.
- 12a. Board Meeting (?) ca. 1950's
13. Ports Authority, John K. Cauthen ca. 1950's
14. 3 photos, Fish Fry and Meeting, Textile Industry, ca. 1950's.
15. Edgar A Brown, ca 1959. (2 photos)
16. Ernest Hollings, ca. 1959
17. John K. Cauthen, Formal Dinner, ca. 1959 (3 photos).
18. Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, Dr. Wernher Von Braun, S.C. Business . .  
Luncheon, Wade Hampton Hotel, Columbia, SC 1961. (29 Photos).
19. Guy F. Lipscomb, David G. Ellison, John Cauthen, 1/31/1962.
20. John K. Cauthen, ca. 1960(?). (2 photos)
- 21.. John K. Cauthen, Committee Meeting, 10/19/62.
22. John K. Cauthen and Lyndon B. Johnson, ca 1965 (5 photos)
23. John Cauthen, Edgar Brown, others, Paris 1966.
24. John Cauthen, ca. 1967.
25. John Cauthen, ca. 1967 (4 photos)
- 25A. John Cauthen and Deloris Cauthen, ca 1967.
26. Columbia City Council , 1966.
27. John Cauthen, writer, ca 1965 (3 photos)
28. Sirrine Foundation Trustees ca 1967.
- 29 Board Meeting (?) John Cauthen, ca 1968.
30. John Cauthen, Formal Dinner, ca 1969.
31. John Cauthen, Dr. William McCord, Dr. Frank Kinard, Dr. Donald

- Saunders, Commission on Higher Education, 1/5/1968.
32. John Cauthen, Sol Blatt and family/friends(?), May 1969 (14 Photos)
  33. President Richard M. Nixon, 1969
  34. John Cauthen Fishing Trip, July 1969.
  35. Edgar A. Brown and Family, ca 1970.
  36. Edgar A. Brown, ca 1970.
  37. Edgar A. Brown Tribute, 1970 (4 photos).
  38. South Carolina Textile Manufactures Association Meeting, May, 1971. (2 photos)
  39. John Cauthen, ca. 1971. (2 Photos)
  40. Psi Psi "Man of the Year" Award for John Cauthen, 1971. Being accepted by son Henry Cauthen, Clemson University.
  41. John Cauthen's Journal Photo, Office, 1972.
  42. John Cauthen at home, ca 1973.
  43. Deloris Cauthen, friends ca 1972.
  44. John Cauthen Plaque, Francis Marion College, 1977.
  45. John Cauthen Bronze Portrait, Francis Marion College, 1977

Photo Collection Divided by Sections:

South Carolina Politics:

#1-2, 4-9, 15-16, 18, 23, 32, 35-37.

Textile Industry:

#3, 10-11, 14, 38

Boards and Commissions:

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# 17, 20, 22, 25-25A, 27, 30, 32-34, 40-45

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