

## **Mss 80, Benjamin Ryan Tillman Papers**

Series 2: Incoming Correspondence, 1848-1919, undated  
Extent: 24.5 cu. ft.

The incoming correspondence deals primarily with Tillman's senatorial years, 1894-1918. Included is correspondence from constituents regarding issues such as railroad regulation, race relations, the Dispensary Law, a variety of controversies with Presidents McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, and the proposed repeal of tariffs on lumber from Canada; appointments to the military academies; and requests for positions in the federal and state governments as well as letters regarding positions at Clemson College. There is also correspondence regarding operations and construction activity at Clemson College, primarily from President Walter Merritt Riggs.

Important correspondents include President Woodrow Wilson, Circuit Solicitor J. William Thurmond, Franklin Roosevelt, South Carolina Governors Miles B. McSweeney, Duncan C. Heyward, and Cole Blease, R. G. Rhett, Mayor of Charleston, Congressman James F. Byrnes, George Legare, Asbury C. Latimer, and William Jasper Talbert, and Clemson College Presidents Walter Merritt Riggs, P. H. Mell, and Henry S. Hartzog. There is also correspondence with his children Ben, Henry, and Sallie May. Most of the correspondence is of a political nature. The processor's notes identify the location of many prominent correspondents.

The incoming correspondence is arranged in strictly chronological order. There are a number of items that are undated and, therefore, could not be arranged chronologically. These items are arranged alphabetically by correspondent at the end of the series. There are also a few folders of miscellaneous unrelated items which were found in this series including poetry, legal documents and so forth which are filed at the end of this series. There are four binders listing the names of most of the correspondents in this series alphabetically by the first letter of their last name and chronologically thereafter.

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<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>Folders</u></b>	<b><u>Title (Dates)</u></b>
1	1-14	March 29, 1848 - Dec. 31, 1891
2	15-30	July 1, 1892- July 2, 1902
3	31-45	July 2, 1902 - February 2, 1903
4	46-61	February 2, 1903 - December 28,1903
5	62-76	December 30, 1903 - October 28, 1904
6	77-93	October 31, 1904 - January 8, 1906
7	94-109	January 8, 1906 - March 8, 1906
8	110-124	March 8, 1906 - April 23, 1906
9	125-138	April 23, 1906 - January 14, 1907
10	139-153	January 14, 1907 - August 3, 1907
11	154-166	August 5, 1907 - January 22, 1908
12	167-183	January 23, 1908 - October 10, 1908
13	184-200	October 12, 1908 - February 6, 1909
14	201-215	February 6, 1909 - July 17, 1909
15	216-230	July 18, 1909 - November 17, 1909
16	231-246	November 17, 1909 - March 31, 1910
17	247-262	March 31, 1910 - September 10, 1910
18	263-278	September 11, 1910 - January 23, 1911
19	279-293	January 23, 1911 - October 5, 1911
20	294-308	October 3, 1911 - August 29, 1912
21	309-324	August 29, 1912 - January 11, 1913
22	325-340	January 11, 1913 - February 8, 1913
23	341-356	February 8, 1913 - March 15, 1913
24	357-371	March 15, 1913 - April 18, 1913
25	372-386	April 18, 1913 - May 15, 1913
26	387-402	May 15, 1913 - June 20, 1913
27	403-418	June 20, 1913 - July 22, 1913
28	419-434	July 22, 1913 - August 20, 1913
29	435-449	August 20, 1913 - September 22, 1913
30	450-465	September 22, 1913 - November 3, 1913
31	466-480	November 3, 1913 - December 11, 1913
32	481-494	December 12, 1913 - January 28, 1914
33	495-510	January 28, 1914 - March 7, 1914
34	511-525	March 7, 1914 - April 21, 1914
35	526-540	April 21, 1914 - June 10, 1914
36	541-555	June 11, 1914 - August 6, 1914
37	556-571	August 6, 1914 - October 19, 1914
38	572-585	October 19, 1914 - January 4, 1915
39	586-601	January 4, 1915 - February 7, 1915
40	602-617	February 7, 1915 - March 20, 1915
41	618-632	March 20, 1915 - May 27, 1915
42	633-647	May 27, 1915 - September 10, 1915
43	648-662	September 10, 1915 - November 29, 1915
44	663-678	November 29, 1915 - January 6, 1916
45	679-694	January 6, 1916 - January 31, 1916

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46	695-710	January 31, 1916 - February 22, 1916
47	711-726	February 22, 1916 - March 16, 1916
48	727-742	March 16, 1916 - April 11, 1916
49	743-757	April 13, 1916 - May 19, 1916
50	758-772	May 19, 1916 - June 28, 1916
51	773-786	June 28, 1916 - July 28, 1916
52	787-802	July 28, 1916 - November 9, 1916
53	803-818	November 10, 1916 - January 16, 1917
54	819-833	January 16, 1917 - February 10, 1917
55	834-848	February 10, 1917 - March 1, 1917
56	849-864	March 1, 1917 - April 30, 1917
57	865-880	April 30, 1917 - May 25, 1917
58	881-895	May 25, 1917 - June 30, 1917
59	896-910	June 30, 1917 - August 27, 1917
60	911-925	August 27, 1917 - October 9, 1917
61	926-942	October 9, 1917 - December 4, 1917
62	943-957	December 4, 1917 - January 29, 1918
63	958-572	January 29, 1918 - March 21, 1918
64	973-988	March 21, 1918 - May 12, 1918
65	989-1001	May 12, 1918 - June 20, 1918
66	1002-1008	June 20, 1918 - July 7, 1949
	1009-1013	Fragments, June 6, 1896 - Jan. 13, 1917
67	1014-1015	Fragments January 15, 1917 - May 21, 1919
	1016-1024	Undated Correspondence A-L
68	1025-1036	Undated Correspondence M-Moo, Undated Amendments, Bills, Resolution, Undated Application
69	1037	Undated Biographical Information
	1038	Blueprints
	1039	Undated, Contracts
	1040	Undated, Discharges and Court Martials
	1041	Undated, Dispensary Matters
	1042	Undated, Essays and Speeches, Correspondence
	1043	Undated, Essays and Speeches, Fragments
	1044	Undated, Exercises and Diets
	1045	Undated, Fragments - Clemson Matters
	1046-1051	Undated - Fragment - Correspondence A - Y
	1052	Undated- Fragments- IllegibleCorrespondence
	1053	Undated - Fragments - Unsigned
70	1054-1056	Undated - Fragments - Unsigned
	1057	Undated, Invitations
	1058	Undated, Law School Notes
	1059	Undated, Lyceum Bureau Information
	1060	Undated, Memorandum #1
	1061	Undated, Memorandum #2
	1062	Undated, Military Matters

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	1063	Undated, Navy Matters
	1064	The Origin of Clemson College
	1065	Undated, Personal Finances
	1066	Undated, Petitions #1
	1067	Undated, Petitions #2
71	1068	Undated, Poetry
	1069	Undated, Promotions and Special Legislation
	1070	Undated, Railroad Matters
	1071	Undated, Receipts
	1072	Undated, Reference Material
	1073	Undated, South Carolina Statistics
	72	1074-1078 Undated, Telegrams and Telegraphs
	1079	Undated, Testimonials and Recommendations
	1080	Undated, U. S. Senators Statistics