

Mss 80, Benjamin Ryan Tillman Papers

Series 3: Personal Unprocessed (P.U.) Correspondence (1848-1940)

Extent: 7.15 cubic feet

The P.U. series consists of primarily incoming correspondence from the period 1890-1899. Within this period there are major gaps, with no correspondence for 1891 and little for 1892 and 1893. The series title was designated by staff at the South Caroliniana Library as part of their system of classifying collections. Apparently this part of the Tillman Papers was processed at a later date than the Incoming and Outgoing series. There is some evidence that these papers may have been gathered by John Walker McCain, a professor of English at Winthrop College, and given to the Caroliniana Library. This series also includes a few early documents and some items spanning Tillman's later career in the U.S. Senate.

The series includes correspondence with state and national political leaders, family members, and a wide variety of individuals seeking to influence Tillman or obtain favors from him. Among the subjects of the correspondence are populism and agrarian radicalism, efforts to inflate the currency, race relations, Clemson and Winthrop Colleges, the South Carolina Dispensary system for the regulation of the sale of alcohol, the Spanish-American War, and Tillman's campaigns to be elected governor of South Carolina, U.S. Senator, and President of the United States. There is approximately two cubic feet of correspondence related to the national reaction to Tillman's January 29, 1896 speech, "Bi-Metalism or Industrial Slavery". Prominent correspondents include: E.B. Craighead, President of Clemson College; W.H. Ellerbe, Governor of South Carolina; O.B. Johnson, President of Winthrop College; J.L. McLaurin, U.S. Senator; Tillman's wife, Sally Stark Tillman, and son, Ben Tillman, Jr.; Richard W. Simpson, Clemson College Trustee; and Stonewall Thompson, Clemson College professor.

There are a variety of items at the end of the series including fragments of letters, petitions, and other items. These files include copies and drafts of some of Tillman's speeches, an 1865 affidavit stating that Tillman was unfit to serve in the Confederate Army, material related to Tillman's participation in the Hamburg, South Carolina riot of 1876, an autograph book (1897-1901) that was given to Senator Strom Thurmond and then was donated to Special Collections by the Senator in accession 93-15, minutes of the Clemson College Board of Trustees, January 5, 1912, reports from department heads at Winthrop College, 1913 and 1915, and a variety of printed material such as advertisements, government documents, and speeches. There are processors' notes for part of this series up to 1896. Additional material was added to the series after these notes were taken.

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1	1-16	Feb. 2, 1848 - April 4, 1894
2	17-29	April 4, 1894 - April 4, 1895
3	30-42	April 4, 1895 - Jan. 31, 1896
4	43-56	Jan. 31, 1896 - Feb. 10, 1896
5	57-69	Feb. 10, 1896 - Feb. 20, 1896
6	70-82	Feb. 20, 1896 - March 3, 1896
7	83-96	March 3, 1896 - March 31, 1896
8	97-111	March 31, 1896 - May 5, 1896
9	112-126	May 5, 1896 - March 1, 1897
10	127-140	March 2, 1897 - July 16, 1897
11	141-153	July 16, 1897- May 4, 1898
12	154-168	May 4, 1898 - Feb. 13, 1906
13	169-178	March 2, 1906 - Feb. 12, 1919
	179	Undated Correspondence A - M
	180	Undated Correspondence N - Z
	181	Undated - Fragments - Undated
	182	Address to the Alumni of Clemson College - B. R. Tillman, Jr., May 18, 1946
	183	Addresses and Speeches, 1899 - 1930, undated
14	184	Advertisements, 1873-1917, undated
	185	Aeronautical Matters, 1917
	186	Agricultural Information, 1881 - 1918
	187	Application for Position at Clemson College, 1890
	188	Appointment Book, 1899
	189	Armenian Relief Association - Bulletins, 1895
	190	Astrological Sketch, undated
	190A	Autograph book, 1897-1901
	191	<u>Bliss Quarterly</u> , 1895
	192	Cancelled Checks, 1896 - 1900
	193	Census Statistics - undated
	194	Certification of Benjamin Tillman's Medical Condition, March 15, 1865
	195	Clemson College - Board of Trustees Meeting January 5, 1912
	196	Clemson College - Experiment Station and Inspection Work, 1907
	197	College and University Classification, undated
	198	Commerce - General, 1903 - 1914
	199	Congressional - Reports and Documents, 1906 - 1916
	200	Contracts, 1908 - 1912
	201	Copy of Ordinance of Seccession, undated
	202	<u>Edison Works Monthly</u> , December, 1914
	203	Education, 1896 - 1916
	204	Envelopes, 1860's - 1918
15	205	Extracts from L. W. Youman's Scrapbook, 1886 - 1887
	206	Inventory of Furnishings of Governor's Mansion, Nov. 20, 1890
	207	Invitations 1892 - 1914
	208	Kentucky Equal Rights Association, 1894

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	209	Hamburg Riot, Certification of Tillman's Part, 1894
	210	Mailing List, 1897 - 1898
	211	Government Publications, 1899 -1917, undated
	212	House of Representatives Bills 1905 - 1918
	213	House of Representatives Acts 1913 - 1916
	214	Foreign Policy 1915 - 1917
16	215	Lists of Books (Tillman Estate?) undated
	216	Family Code of Arms, undated
	217	Financial Matters, undated
	218	Gridiron Club, undated
	219	Orangeburg Fish Hatchery, 1914
	220	Military Preparedness, 1914 - 1917
	221	Memorial to Senator B. R. Tillman, 1919, 1940
	222	Military - Governments Armor Plant, 1916-1917
	223	Military - Miscellaneous, 1904 - 1917
	224	Name Cards, undated
	225	Patents - 1903 - 1916
	226	Patriotic Songs, 1916 - 1917
	227	Political and Legislative Material, 1890 - 1894, undated
	228	Quotations and List of Books, 1860's
	229	Receipts, April 10, 1877 - October 26, 1893
	230	Receipts, March 24, 1894 - December 22, 1896
	231	Receipts, February 8, 1897 - October 24, 1907
	232	Receipts, March 9, 1908 - April 25, 1914
17	233	Resolutions - House and Senate, 1913 - 1917
	234	Senate - Bills, 1905 - 1918
	235	Speaking Engagements, 1906 - 1907
	236	Speeches - Miscellaneous, 1908 - 1914
	237	Speeches - Tillman, 1886 - 1899
	238	Speeches - Tillman, 1903 - 1909
	239	Speech Notes, 1890's
	240	Speeches - Tillman, 1912- 1918
	241	State Teachers Association - Annual Meeting - Program, 1891
	242	Supreme Court Cases, 1903, undated
18	243	Tax Matters, 1917
	244	Tillman Funeral, July 4, 1918
	245	U. S. S. Tillman, 1941
	246	Winthrop College - Report of Heads of Departments - May 1, 1913
	247	Winthrop College - Reports of Heads of Departments - May 1, 1915
	248	White House Invitations, 1916 - 1917
	249	Will - Tillman, Benjamin Ryan - January, 1918
	250	Will - Tillman, Sallie Stark, 1920