

Mss 100, Strom Thurmond Collection  
Personal Series Description and Container List

Personal Series, 1923–1956, 16.2 cu. ft.

The records in this series concern Strom Thurmond's personal life, excluding his legal and military careers, which are represented in series of their own. The series is divided into four subseries: College Days, Educational Career, General Correspondence and Subject Correspondence. The College Days, Educational Career, and Subject Correspondence subseries are arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically within each folder. The General Correspondence sub-series is arranged alphabetically, then chronologically within each letter of the alphabet. There are some family trees on the Thurmond/Strom families stored in the Special Collections' oversize section.

The College Days subseries (Subseries A, 1919–1923; .30 cu. ft.) has records concerning Thurmond's attendance as a student at Clemson Agricultural College. Materials include class notes, college schedules, grade reports and some articles from the *Tiger*. There are also dance and commencement programs, a copy of his college transcript, and a *Taps* description of him in this subseries.

The Educational Career subseries (Subseries B, 1922–1942; .15 cu. ft.) concerns Thurmond's years as a teacher and as the Superintendent of Education for Edge-field County. There is information on teaching, such as the qualifications and salaries of teachers, and lists of students. Included in a small group of financial correspondence from Thurmond's period as Superintendent of Education for Edgefield County, there is a letter on a program for health exams for black and white students in the county. During this same period, Thurmond did a report on the Edisto Academy, which is in the subseries. Thurmond's teaching certificate and education record can also be found in this subseries.

Much of the General Correspondence (Subseries C, 1923–1954; 9.9 cu. ft.) deals with Thurmond's private efforts to aid constituents by using his state senatorial contacts with various New Deal agencies, such as the Works Progress Administration. Two groups he aided frequently were servicemen and their families seeking pensions or hardship discharges, and farmers hard-hit during the Depression and times of natural disasters, such as the drought of 1936. Also included are many incoming and outgoing letters of congratulation for election victories and other achievements, letters of condolence received by Thurmond when his father died in 1934, and letters of solicitation asking for job recommendations and for financial or other assistance. A number of family letters are part of this subseries, especially from 1942 to 1946 when Thurmond was serving in the army during World War II. However, most of the personal correspondence for 1946–1951 is in the Gubernatorial series. Thurmond's post-gubernatorial legal practice is also reflected in these files. There are a few letters that give Thurmond's (and others, like Robert McC. Figg) reactions to the Brown decision regarding desegregation.

The Subject Correspondence (Subseries D, 1922–1956; 5.4 cu. ft.) reflects Thurmond's many private and public interests and activities, from social activities and personal and family financial investments to his membership in and leadership of various fraternal, political, and public service organizations. Thurmond contributed his talents to various local and state public service projects, such as the Clark's Hill Power Project, the Edgefield County Home and the Tillman Memorial Commission. Management of his many investments both in stock and land purchases

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and rentals during this period are reflected in this subseries. Included also are outgoing letters of condolence as well as invitations to family gatherings, graduations, and weddings.

Correspondents consist mainly of attorneys; bankers; businessmen; college and university officials; congressmen and senators (both state and federal); family; friends; federal, state and local officials; with some communications from local farmers, servicemen, students, and constituents in general. Important correspondents include D. Gordon Baker, Ira C. Blackwood, Cole L. Blease, Eugene S. Blease, Edgar A. Brown, J. Fred Buzhardt, Harry F. Byrd, James F. Byrnes, John M. Daniel, John W. Davis, James A. Farley, Robert McC. Figg, Jr., Burton B. Hare, Butler B. Hare, John Edgar Hoover, Mildred Huggins, Olin D. Johnston, Burnet R. Maybank, Henry Morgenthau, Sam J. Nicholls, George S. Patton, Paul Quattlebaum, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eugene Talmadge, John C. Taylor, Lowell Thomas, George Tell Timmerman, Jr., Ray Lyman Wilbur, and Ransome J. Williams.

### **Separation List**

Thurmond Oversize from Series (Map Case Drawer 44)

1. Macon–Massie–Moss–Thurmond Record
2. Reynolds Family Tree
3. Strom Family Tree
4. Thurmond Family Record
5. Thurmond Family Tree

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A. College, 1919–1923

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1		Agricultural Economics Seminar; February, 1923 Agronomy Notes; 1920–1921 Animal Husbandry Notes; 1921 Botany Notes; 1921 Chemistry Notes; 1920–1921 [College Schedules]; 1920–1923 [College Transcript]; 1923 [Commencement Exercises]; June, 1923 Dance Programs and Reports to the Parents; March, 1920–June, 1923 [Dairying]; [c. 1922] [Economics]; 1922 English Notes; 1923 Entomology Notes; [1921] Entomology Notes (Second Semester); 1922–1923 Floriculture Notes; [1923] Grade Reports; September, 1919–March 1923
2		Landscape Gardening Notes; 1923 Miscellaneous; 1919–1923 Olericulture Notes; 1922–1923 Plant Pathology Seminar; February, 1923 Pomology Notes; 1923 [ <i>Taps</i> Description of James Strom Thurmond]; 1923 <i>Tiger</i> Articles; 1919–1923 Zoology Notes; 1920–1921

B. Educational Career, 1922–1942

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
2		County Superintendent of Schools, Edgefield; 1929–1932 Education Record of James Strom Thurmond; September, 1922– March, 1942 Horticulture Notes [McCormick High School]; 1923–1924 Report of Edisto Academy (Summer School); [c. 1929–1932] School Registers (McCormick, Ridge Spring, and Edgefield, S.C.); 1923–1927 [Restricted] Teacher: [Lists of Students]; 1923–1932 [Teacher's Certificate]; July, 1923 [Teaching Information]; 1922

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C. General Correspondence, 1923–1954

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
3	A	January 18, 1951–December 24, 1952 January 18, 1953–December 29, 1954
	B	August 30, 1923–December 29, 1932 January 10, 1933–December 31, 1934 January 1, 1935–December 28, 1936 January 2, 1937–December 24, 1938
4		January 1, 1939–December 31, 1940 January 1, 1939–December 31, 1942 January 3, 1941–December 30, 1945 January 5–November 9, 1946 November 11–December 30, 1946 February 8, 1947–January 22, 1951 January 20–June 30, 1951
5		July 12–December 31, 1951 January 3–June 27, 1952 July 1–December 29, 1952 January 2–June 30, 1953 July 2–December 31, 1953 January 2–May 29, 1954 June 9–December 29, 1954
6	C	June 15, 1931–December 28, 1933 January 2, 1934–December 29, 1936 January 20, 1937–December 21, 1939 January 19, 1940–November 10, 1945 January 10–October 26, 1946 October 29–December 28, 1946 January 25, 1947–February 9, 1951 January 18–December 31, 1951
7		January 3–December 29, 1952 January 2–December 28, 1953 January 13–December 30, 1954
	D	November 29, 1929–December 23, 1936 January 5, 1937–December 1, 1939 January 4, 1940–December 25, 1945 January 15–October 20, 1946
8		October 21–December 30, 1946 March 1, 1947–January 16, 1951 January 22–December 29, 1951 January 23–December 29, 1952 January 3–December 30, 1953 January 2–December 30, 1954
	E	December 24, 1923–December 28, 1954 January 15–December 19, 1946

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8	E	January 18, 1947–January 16, 1951 January 25, 1951–December 30, 1952 January 15, 1953–December 29, 1954
9	F	February 15, 1931–October 1, 1938 January 3, 1939–December 1, 1945 January 2, 1946–March 31, 1948 April 9, 1948–January 16, 1951 January 22–December 15, 1951 January 16–December 31, 1952 January 2–December 28, 1953 January 13–December 28, 1954
10	G	November 3, 1924–December 7, 1935 March 25, 1936–December 28, 1939 January 7, 1935–December 30, 1936 January 25, 1940–December 3, 1945 January 5–December 31, 1946 February 25, 1947–January 16, 1951 January 17–December 26, 1951 January 3–December 26, 1952 January 21–December 23, 1953 January 6–December 27, 1954
11	H	April 11, 1923–November 16, 1934 January 4, 1937–December 12, 1938 January 2, 1939–December 31, 1940 January 3, 1941–December 26, 1945 January 5–October 8, 1946 October 8–December 31, 1946 April 6, 1947–January 15, 1951 January 17–December 31, 1951 January–June, 1952 July–December, 1952
12		1953 1954 January 17, 1951–1954
	I	1931–1940 September 12, 1946–January 2, 1947 January, 1951
	J	1930–1937 1938–1945 January 19, 1946–January, 1947 July 7, 1947–January 16, 1951 January 17, 1951–1952 1953–1954

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12		K 1931–1945
13		February 2–December 25, 1946 January 30, 1948–January 15, 1951 January 17–December, 1951 1952 1953–1954
		L 1925–1936 1937–1939 1940–1946 January 15–October 12, 1946 October 14–December 26, 1946 January 17, 1947–December 9, 1951 January 17–December, 1951
14		1952 1953 1954
		M 1923–1934 1935–1936 1937–1938 1939–1940
15		1941–1945 January 24–September 27, 1946 October 3–November 23, 1946 November 26–December 28, 1946 January 9, 1947–January 16, 1951 January 17–June, 1951 July–December, 1951 January–June, 1952 December, 1952 January–June, 1953
16		July–December, 1953 January–June, 1954 July–December, 1954
		N 1923–1936 1937–1944 March 15–December 28, 1946 July 8, 1949–February 15, 1950 January 17, 1951–1954
		O 1931–1946 January 3–December 31, 1946 April 7, 1947–October 5, 1949 January 17, 1951–1954

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16	P	1924–1935
17		1936–1938
		1939–1945
		January 7, 1946–December 30, 1946
		May 20, 1947–January 16, 1951
		January 17–December, 1951
		1952
		1953
		1954
	Q	1931–1942
		October 30, 1946
		January 17, 1951–1954
18	R	1923–1935
		1936–1938
		1939–1945
		January 21–December 26, 1946
		April 17, 1947–January 16, 1951
		January 17–December, 1951
		1952
		1953
		1954
19	S	1926–1933
		1934–1935
		1936–1937
		1938–1940
		1941–1945
20		January–October, 1946
		October–December, 1946
		March 13, 1947–January 18, 1951
		January 17–June, 1951
		July–December, 1951
		January–June, 1952
		July–December, 1952
		January–June, 1953
		July–December, 1953
21		January–June, 1954
		July–December, 1954
	T	1930–1933
		1934–1935
		1936–1937
		1938–1940
		1941–1942

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22		T 1943–1945 January 26–December 26, 1946 January 31, 1947–January 15, 1951 January 17–June, 1951 July–December, 1951 1952 1953 1954
		U 1936–1939 April 17–December 17, 1946 January 17, 1951–1954
		V 1932–1940 October 8–December 26, 1946
23		January 31, 1950 January 17, 1951–1954
		W 1923–1934 1935–1936 1937–1938 1939–1941 1942–1945 January 2–October 21, 1946 October 25–December 30, 1946 August 30–October 16, 1950 January 17–May, 1951 June–December, 1951 January–June, 1952 July–December, 1952 January–May, 1953 June–December, 1953
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
25		Agriculture; March 26, 1949 Aiken Federal Savings and Loan August 28, 1951–October 31, 1952 November 1, 1952–June 30, 1953 July 2, 1953–January 31, 1954 February 2, 1954–January 11, 1955 American Bar Association 1935–1949 1951–1952 American Legion 1935–1946 January 2, 1947 1951 1952 1953 1954
26		Anonymous Letters; January, 1953–January 1, 1954 Army; April 27, 1949 Attorney; March 1951–1954 Banks; 1931–1945 Citizens and Southern Bank; 1936–1941 Baptist Sunday School; 1936–1942 Bills and Receipts Miscellaneous; 1929–1945 Public; 1928–1945 Bob Jones University January 17, 1951–1952 1953–1954 Business Openings; 1933–1945 Chamber of Commerce; January 3, 1953–March 25, 1954 Child Welfare Committee (Advs); 1939–1942 Clemson Agricultural College 1927–1938 1939–1946 April 26, 1948–January 15, 1951 January 17, 1951–1952 Community Chest; February 9, 1953–December 21, 1955 Condolence Letters, Outgoing 1932–1938 1939–1945 1951 1952 1953
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
28		Condolence Letters, Outgoing (cont.) 1954
		Democratic National Convention Correspondence; 1932–1936 Printed Material; 1932–1936 July 21, 1952 Education; May 12, 1947–January 19, 1951 Edgefield County Council for National Defense; 1942 Home Matter; 1938–1942 Edgefield Court House Centennial; 1939 Extracts of Letter; 1947–1950 Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust Company; 1940–1943 Governor's Inauguration; January, 1947 Congratulatory on Governor Inaugural; January, 1947 Greeting Cards & Replies (Birthday, Christmas, etc.); 1922–1943 Gudmundson & Smith; January 17, 1951–1954 Heart Campaign July 28, 1951–July 28, 1953 August 21, 1953–December 2, 1954 Insurance; 1931–1945 Interior Correspondence; 1951 Investments (General); 1931–1942 Investments, Life Insurance Stock Franklin National Company; 1934–1946 Palmetto State Company; 1936–1946 Investments, Perry Nut–Lock Company; 1935–1938 Invitations Accepted; 1934–1942 Declined, Miscellaneous; 1932–1942 Wedding; 1934–1945 Wedding Announcements; 1932–1942 Accepted; 1951–1954 Declined Graduations 1951 1952 1953 1954
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30		Miscellaneous 1951 1952

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
		Invitations
		Miscellaneous, cont.
		1953
		1954
		Weddings
		1951
		1952
		1953
		1954
31		Wedding Announcements; 1951–1954
		Junior Order United American Mechanics
		1930–1934
		January–June, 1935
		July–September, 1935
		October–December, 1935
		January–March, 1936
		April–December, 1936
		1937–1938
32		1939–1946
		1951–1953
		Labor–Government; January 16, 1949
		Law Enforcement and Sheriff’s File; February 22, 1947–October 23, 1950
		Lions Club
		1939–1940
		1941–1946
		Miscellaneous Reports; 1939–1940
		1951
		Mealing Heights
		December 26, 1951–March 18, 1954
		April 12, 1954–November 17, 1955
		Office Supplies; 1933–1945
33		(Frances Wilkerson) Pickens Park Committee; 1936–1937
		Real Property
		(General)
		1928–1937
		1938–1945
		Commodity Distribution Warehouse Space; 1935–1937, 1941
		Edgefield Hotel
		1936–1938
		1939–1941
33		1942–1946
		Invoices and Inventories; 1933–1942

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		Real Property
		Edgefield Hotel, cont.
33		Reports (Financial); 1937–1941
34		(South Carolina Power Company); 1937–1946
		Farm Papers
		( Georgia); 1933–1936
		1933–1938
		Florida Lots; 1925–1929
		Fox Lots (Batesburg); 1939–1946
		Fox F.S. Reports (Batesburg); 1940–1946
		Harmon F. S.
		Reports (Lexington); 1937–1946
		[Rent Receipts] Lexington; 1937–1946
		Harmon Lots (Lexington); 1937–1946
		Hollingsworth; 1941, 1946 (Edgefield 79)
		Rent Book; 1941–1948
35		Sprinkler System; 1939–1941
		Swearingen; 1941
		Watson Bamberg Hotel
		1939–1940
		1941–1949
		Invoices and Inventories; 1941, 1944
		Watson F. S. Reports (Bamberg); 1940–1947
		Watson Lots (Bamberg); 1940–1947
		R. L. Bryan Company
		1933–1940
		January 17, 1951–1954
		January 17, 1951–1954
		States Rights; February 19, 1948–November 25, 1950
		Tax Commission vs. Various Persons; April 23, 1952–June 2, 1953
36		Thurmond Gift Fund; January 18–July 11, 1951
		Thurmond, J. William.
		Condolence Messages and Replies; June–November, 1934
		<i>Thurmond's Key Cases</i> ; January 11, 1935–February 12, 1938
		Tillman Memorial Commission; 1937–1940
		U. S. Senate Race; May 16, 1949–November 30, 1950
		Washington Apartments (Before Purchasing on Virginia Avenue);
		1954–1956
		Winthrop College
36		1936
		1937–1941
		1951–1952