

Mss 100, Strom Thurmond Collection
Jean Crouch Thurmond Series, 1943–1962

19 boxes (9.5 cu. ft.) and 3 volumes of oversize scrapbooks

Jean Crouch Thurmond was born on July 14, 1926 in Elko, Barnwell County, South Carolina. She was the youngest of four children of Horace J. Crouch and Inez Breazeale Crouch. Her siblings were Horace J. Crouch, Jr., Frances (“Sis”) Crouch (Mrs. David Kennedy), and Robert D. Crouch. Miss Crouch attended Winthrop College at Rock Hill, South Carolina, and graduated cum laude in June, 1947. On November 7, 1947, at the Executive Mansion in Columbia, South Carolina, she married Governor J. Strom Thurmond. Jean Thurmond died from a malignant brain tumor on January 6, 1960, at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Jean Crouch Thurmond series primarily covers the period 1947–1960, from her courtship with Governor Thurmond to her death. The records are divided into five subseries: Wedding Correspondence, General Correspondence, General Subject File, Illness/Sympathy, and three oversize volumes of Scrapbooks. The **Wedding Correspondence** (Subseries A, 1947; .75 cu. ft.) is arranged alphabetically. This subseries contains correspondence concerning the pending Thurmond–Crouch marriage and open house invitations following their honeymoon. All of the responses were handled by the governor’s office staff.

The **General Correspondence** subseries (Subseries B, 1947–1959; .33 cu. ft.) is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically within each letter of the alphabet. This subseries contains correspondence between Jean and Strom during their courtship and marriage. In addition, there are letters from Jean’s mother and sister.

The **General Subject File** subseries (Subseries C, 1947–1962; 2 cu. ft.) is arranged alphabetically by folder title and then chronologically within each folder. This subseries deals with the various activities of Jean Thurmond during the early senatorial years. However, there are newspaper clippings covering the period from the Thurmonds’ engagement to Mrs. Thurmond’s death, and information about the families’ lineages. Other items of interest include a guestbook from the wedding, a copy of the marriage license, and some material connected to Alberta Lachicotte’s *Rebel Senator*.

The **Illness/Sympathy** subseries (Subseries D, 1959–1960; 8.25 cu. ft.) is divided into two sub-subseries: General Correspondence and Subject File. The **General Correspondence** is divided into two areas: illness and sympathy. Each section is arranged alphabetically by folder title and then alphabetically within each folder. This large sub-subseries contains correspondence relating to Jean Thurmond’s illness and death. There are letters, cards, and telegrams from people inside and outside of South Carolina which were basically answered by the Senator’s office staff.

The second sub-subseries of the Illness/Sympathy subseries, **the Subject File**, is arranged alphabetically by folder title and then generally alphabetically within each folder. This sub-subseries deals with other matters connected to Jean Thurmond’s illness and death, including the sending of flowers and gifts, as well as donations and contributions to various organizations. In addition, there is a copy of the death certificate, two medical reports, two funeral registers, and an album paying tribute to the late Jean Thurmond.

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The **Scrapbooks** subseries (Subseries E, 1943–1960; three oversize volumes) are roughly arranged in chronological order. These scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings and other material covering Jean Thurmond's life. Many of the clippings are duplicates of those found in Strom Thurmond's scrapbooks. These volumes will eventually be microfilmed for preservation purposes.

Important correspondents in this series from South Carolina include James F. Byrnes, Harry Dent, William Jennings Bryan Dorn, Robert C. Edwards, and George Bell Timmerman, Jr. Other important correspondents include Robert C. Byrd, Thomas E. Dewey, Dwight D. Eisenhower, J. Edgar Hoover, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Richard M. Nixon, Richard B. Russell and Herman Talmadge.

Separation List

Oversize

- 1 The Mary Mildred Sullivan Award, established in 1940 by The Mary Mildred Sullivan Chapter of the New York Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, awarded by Winthrop College to Jean Crouch Thurmond, May 25, 1962

A. Wedding Correspondence, 1947

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
		Congratulations on Marriage; Open House Invitations October, 1947– February, 1948
1	1	A–B
	2	C–F
	3	G–K
	4	L–M
	5	N–S
	6	T–Z

B. General Correspondence, 1947–1959

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	7	A–C
	8	D–M
2	9	N–T
	10	T
	11	U–W, Miscellaneous

C. General Subject File, 1947–1962

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
2	12	Article Prepared by Mrs. Thurmond for the <i>Gamecock</i> for use after September 30, 1959
	13	Business Correspondence; April, 1952–November, 1959
	14	Certificates (Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Notary Public); 1946–1947, 1950
	15	Congressional Club; 1953–June, 1959
	16	Contributions List–Miscellaneous; [No Date]
	17	DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution]; February, 1949
	18	Democratic Wives Forum; January, 1957–July, 1959
	19	84th Congress; February, 1955–June, 1959
	20	85th Congress; January, 1957–May, 1958
	21	Family Lineage: Crouch and Thurmond; November, 1947–October, 1962, [n.d.] Guest Books
	22	From Wedding of Jean Crouch and Strom Thurmond; November 7, 1947
3	23	From Open House at Executive Mansion; November 30, 1947
	24	From Reception for Governor and Mrs. Thurmond at Edgefield, South Carolina; November, 1947
	25	From Reception; November 19, 1954
	26	International Neighbors Club; 1956–1959
	27	<i>Life</i> Magazine Article; November 17, 1947

C. General Subject File, 1947–1962, cont.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	
3	28	Marriage License; November 7, 1947	
	29	Miscellaneous; April, 1947–January, 1960 Newspaper Articles	
	30	October 1–November 30, 1947	
	31	December 1, 1947–June 6, 1960	
	32	Organizations–List; [No Date]	
	33	<i>Promenade Magazine</i> ; June, 1957	
	34	Public Speaking Class; December, 1955–January, 1957	
	35	Real Estate; January–December, 1958	
	4	36	<i>Rebel Senator</i> . Notes and Teletype News of '48 Election (Copy); [November, 1948–June 13, 1963, [n.d.]
		37	Senate Ladies; 1955–1959
38		<i>South Carolina Magazine</i> ; January, 1948	
39		Speeches; April 10, 1948–November 8, 1950	
40		Winthrop Alumnae; February–May, 1959	

D. Illness/Sympathy 1. General Correspondence, 1959–1960

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
		Correspondence to Mrs. Thurmond Relating to Her Illness; September–December, 1959
4	41	A
	42	Ba–Be
	43	Bi–Bo
	44	Br–By
5	45	Ca–Cl
	46	Co–Cu
	47	D
	48	E
	49	F
	50	G
	51	Ha
6	52	He–Hu
	53	I–J
	54	K
	55	L
	56	Ma–Me
	57	Mi–Mu
	58	N–O
	7	59
60		R
61		Sa–Sl
62		Sm–Sy

D. Illness/Sympathy 1. General Correspondence, 1959–1960, cont.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
		Correspondence to Mrs. Thurmond Relating to Her Illness; September–December, 1959, cont.
7	63	T
8	64	U–Z
	65	Miscellaneous
	66	Correspondence to Mrs. Thurmond Relating to Her Illness from Organizations; 1959
	67	Letters and Cards Answered by Senator Thurmond, A–W; September–October, 1959
		Letters and Telegrams to Senator Thurmond About Mrs. Thurmond’s Illness; September–October, 1959
	68	A–B
	69	C
	70	D–F
	71	G–H
9	72	I–L
	73	M–O
	74	P–R
	75	S
	76	T–Z
	77	Letters of Thanks to National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.) Staff Members from Senator Thurmond; October 8–23, 1959
	78	V.I.P. Letters and Telegrams to Senator Thurmond About Mrs. Thurmond’s Illness; September–October, 1959, B–P
		Letters of Sympathy from Out-of-State; January–March, 1960
	79	A
	80	B
	81	C
10	82	D
	83	E–F
	84	G
	85	H
	86	I–K
	87	L
	88	M
	89	N–Q
	90	R
11	91	S
	92	T–V
	93	W–Z
		Letters of Sympathy from South Carolina; January–March, 1960
	94	A
	95	Ba–Be

D. Illness/Sympathy 1. General Correspondence, 1959–1960, cont.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
		Letters of Sympathy from South Carolina; January–March, 1960, cont.
11	96	Bi–Bo
12	97	Br–By
	98	Ca–Cl
	99	Co–Cz
	100	Da–De
	101	Di–Dy
	102	E
13	103	F
	104	Ga–Gl
	105	Go–Gy
	106	Ha
	107	He–Hi
	108	Ho–Hy
14	109	I–J
	110	K
	111	La–Le
	112	Li–Ly
	113	Ma
	114	Mc
	115	Me–Mi
15	116	Mo–My
	117	N
	118	O
	119	Pa–Pe
	120	Ph–Pu
	121	Q
	122	Ra–Ri
	123	Ro–Ru
	124	Sa–Sh
16	125	Si–Sp
	126	St–Sy
	127	Ta–Ti
	128	To–Ty
	129	U–V
	130	Wa–Wh
17	131	Wi–Wy
	132	X–Z
	133	Names on Cards; January, 1960
	134	Organizations–Expressions of Sympathy, A–Y; January, 1960
	135	Replies to Letters of Sympathy (Returned to Sender), B–S; January, 1960
	136	Replies to V.I.P. Letters of Sympathy, A–M; January, 1960

D. Illness/Sympathy 1. General Correspondence, 1959–1960, cont.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
17	137	Unidentified Telegrams, Cards, Letters, Flower Cards, A–Y; January, 1960 V.I.P. Letters and Telegrams of Sympathy; January, 1960
	138	A–G
	139	H–P
18	140	Q–P

D. Illness/Sympathy 2. Subject File, 1959–1960

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
18	141	Album–Tribute to Jean C. Thurmond; August, 1960
	142	Death Certificate and Medical Reports (Copies); January, 1960
	143	Donors to Duke University Neurosurgical Service, A–Y (Lists); January 5, 1960 Donors of Flowers
	144	A–W; January, 1960
	145	Cards, A–R; January, 1960 Donors to Jean C. Thurmond Scholarship Fund at Winthrop College
	146	A–Y (List); January–April, 1960
	147	Cards, A–Y; 1960 Flowers Sent to Mrs. Thurmond; Acknowledged by
	148	David Crum, B–N (List); October 30–November 19, 1959
	149	Mrs. Thurmond, A–W (List); 1959
	150	Senator Thurmond, A–Z (List); September–November, 1959 Funeral Register:
19	151	Book I of Two; January 8, 1960
	152	Book II of Two; January 8, 1960 Gifts other than Flowers: Answered by
	153	David Crum, B–W (List); October–November, 1959
	154	Mrs. Thurmond, B–S (List); 1959
	155	Senator Thurmond, A–Y (List); September–October, 1959
	156	Inscription on Grave of Jean Crouch Thurmond; January, 1960
	157	List of Those who Gave Flowers; January, 1960 Miscellaneous
	158	Contributions, A–W (Food List); January–September, 1960
	159	Visits, etc.: Answered by Senator Thurmond; August–December, 1959 Telephone Calls
	160	About Mrs. Thurmond: Answered by Senator Thurmond, A–W; September–October, 1959
	161	and Funeral Register; January, 1960
	162	Tribute to Jean Crouch Thurmond by Her Husband Senator Strom Thurmond; January 6, 1960

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E. Scrapbooks, 1943–1960

Microfilm Roll #1: September 1943 – January 1955

Microfilm Roll #2 January 1955 – January 1960