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Source: Wilhite, Sam
Source: Wilhite, Sam Yates
Source: Williams, John Bell
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Title: Sam Wilhite Papers

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Physical Description: 6 Cubic Feet 5 each 1 cubic foot boxes, 2 each oversized folders, 2 unboxed items.

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Biographical Note

Sam Yancy Wilhite was born on April 20, 1919 to Sam and Mae Wilhite at West point, Mississippi and grandson of Sam Yates and Ollie Brown Wilhite. He graduated from West Point High School in 1937 and from Mississippi State College in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree. While attending Mississippi State College he was editor of The Reflector and Class President. From 1941 to 1947 he served as enlisted sailor and later commissioned officer in the United States Navy assigned to duty aboard the USS Concord (CL-10). In 1948 Sam Wilhite was appointed Secretary, Clay County Chamber of Commerce West Point, Mississippi. He remained in that office until he became Secretary, Mississippi Public Service Commission in 1950. He campaigned for Hugh White for governor of Mississippi during 1951 and was executive assistant to Governor Hugh White between 1952 and 1955. In 1952 Sam Wilhite campaigned in Mississippi for Adlai Stevenson for president. He was a candidate for Mississippi Public Service Commissioner during 1955. From 1955 to 1963, he was Director, Aberdeen Mississippi Chamber of Commerce. Sam Wilhite campaigned in Florida and Mississippi for Adlai Stevenson for president between 1956 and 1957. After his work with the Adlai Stevenson campaign, from 1957 to 1959, Sam Wilhite was a Southern regional representative for the Democratic National Committee. Following his service as Director, Aberdeen Mississippi Chamber of Commerce, Sam Wilhite was Executive director, Florence-Lauderdale Industrial Expansion Committee, Florence, Alabama between 1963 and 1969. In 1969 Sam Wilhite became general manager of Mark Farms and P. L. Blake Real Estate Company, Greenwood, Mississippi and in 1975 became member of the board of directors of the Columbus and Greenville Railroad. Sam Wilhite died August 6, 1998.

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Scope and Content

The collection documents the activities of Sam Wilhite (1919-1998), who served as executive assistant to Mississippi Governor Hugh White in his second term (1952-1956) and was deeply involved in Democratic political work on the state, regional, and national levels during the late 1940s and 1950s. Among the candidates for whom he campaigned were Adlai Stevenson, John C. Stennis, and Hugh White. Wilhite also worked with the chambers of commerce in Florence, Alabama, and in West Point and Aberdeen, Mississippi. He has always maintained close relations with his alma mater, Mississippi State University.

The collection dates from 1871 to 1976 with the main body of the files dating from 1940 to 1975. Included are correspondence, speeches, press releases, political broadsides, an architectural drawing, clippings, a scrapbook, photographs, and publications.

The collection is arranged in the following series: correspondence, subject files, miscellany, clippings and scrapbook, publications, and Robert C. Stovall. With the exception of the last series, the documents pertain to Wilhite and his activities. The Stovall series, composed of correspondence, speeches, campaign

literature, and clippings, concern the efforts of Robert Stovall, a Mississippi Democrat, to campaign for Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 1952 presidential election.

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- Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (Ala. and Miss.)

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- West Point (Miss.)
- World War I.
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- Carmichael, Gil (Gilbert E.)
- Coleman, J.P. (James Plemon)
- Collins, Ross A.
- Colmer, William Meyers
- Colvard, Dean W.
- Eastland, James O. (James Oliver)
- Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David)
- Fair, Charles D.
- Gartin, Carroll
- Griffin, Charles H.
- Hilbun, Ben
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines)
- Johnson, Paul B. , Jr.
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald)
- Mitchell, Fred T.
- Mitchell, Stephen A.
- Montgomery, G.V. (Gillespie V.)
- Murphree, Dennis
- Overstreet, Dennis
- Phillips, Rubel L.
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- Smith, Frank
- Sorensen, Theodore C.
- Stennis, John C. (John Cornelius)
- Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing)
- Stovall, Robert C.
- Sullens, Frederick
- White, Hugh L. (Hugh Lawson)
- Whitten, Jamie L.
- Whittington, Will M. (William Madison)
- Wilhite, Ollie Brown
- Wilhite, Sam
- Wilhite, Sam Yates
- Williams, John Bell
- Winstead, Arthur
- Winter, William F.
- Wright, Fielding (Fielding Lewis)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence, 1871-1975

Physical Description: 2.5 Cubic Feet

Title/Description	Instances	
1871-1914	box 1	folder 1
1940	box 1	folder 2
1941	box 1	folder 3
1942	box 1	folder 4
1943	box 1	folder 5
1944-1945	box 1	folder 6
1948	box 1	folder 7
January-April, 1949	box 1	folder 8
May-November, 1949	box 1	folder 9
January-April, 1950	box 1	folder 10
May-September, 1950	box 1	folder 11
October-December, 1950	box 1	folder 12
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June-September, 1951	box 1	folder 14
October-December, 1951	box 1	folder 15
January-April, 1952	box 1	folder 16
May-August, 1952	box 1	folder 17
September 2-18, 1952	box 1	folder 18
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October 1-13, 1952	box 1	folder 20
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December, 1952	box 1	folder 24
January-March, 1953	box 1	folder 25
April-May 15, 1953	box 1	folder 26

May 16-25, 1953	box 1	folder 27
May 26-31, 1953	box 1	folder 28
June, 1953	box 2	folder 29
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September-October, 1953	box 2	folder 31
November-December, 1953	box 2	folder 32
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September-October, 1954	box 2	folder 40
November, 1954	box 2	folder 41
December, 1954	box 2	folder 42
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January 17-31, 1955	box 2	folder 44
February-March, 1955	box 2	folder 45
April-May, 1955	box 2	folder 46
June-August, 1955	box 3	folder 47
Septemer-November, 1955	box 3	folder 48
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January-February, 1956	box 3	folder 50
March-April, 1956	box 3	folder 51
May-June, 1956	box 3	folder 52
July-December, 1956	box 3	folder 53
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Title/Description	Instances	
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Barkley, Alben	box 3	folder 3
Columbus and Greenville Railway Company	box 3	folder 4
Democratic Party: National: Finance Committee 1952-1954	box 3	folder 5
Democratic Party: National: General 1952-1959	box 3	folder 6
Democratic Party: National: Wilhite (Sam) Reports 1958	box 3	folder 7
Democratic Presidential Campaign in Mississippi (1952): General 1949-1952	box 3	folder 8
Democratic Presidential Campaign in Mississippi (1952): Press Releases	box 3	folder 9
Democratic Presidential Campaign in Mississippi (1952): Speeches 1952	box 4	folder 10
Democratic Presidential Campaign (1956): Florida 1954-1956	box 4	folder 11
Democratic Presidential Campaign (1956): General 1956	box 4	folder 12

Florence, Alabama, Chamber of Commerce 1966	box 4	folder 13
Foster, Cedric 1966	box 4	folder 14
Mark Farms and P. L. Blake Real Estate n.d.	box 4	folder 15
Miscellaneous 1976	box 4	folder 16
Miscellaneous Notes and Lists 1952-1969	box 4	folder 17
Mississippi Constitution: Coleman (J. P.) Recommendations on Carmichael (Gil) Position on the Constitution 1975	box 4	folder 18
Mississippi Constitution: Proposed Amendments Concerning Literacy as a Requirement for Voting 1952	box 4	folder 19
Mississippi County Democratic Executive Committee Officers 1952	box 4	folder 20
Mississippi Democratic Dinner (1953) 1953	box 4	folder 21
Mississippi Democratic Dinner (1955) 1955	box 4	folder 22
Mississippi Democratic "Dollars for Democrates" Fund Raising Drive 1958	box 4	folder 23
Mississippi Democratic Party: General 1954-1958	box 4	folder 24
Mississippi State University: Agricultural Extension Service 1954, n.d.	box 4	folder 25
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U.S.S. Concord: Reunions (World War II Service) 1951-1955	box 4	folder 30
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Wilhite (Sam) Campaign for Public Service Commissioner 1955	box 4	folder 33
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Series III: Miscellany

Physical Description: .5 Cubic Feet

Title/Description

Instances

Architectural drawing of the Mississippi State College Alumni Building by N. W. Overstreet, ca 1953. Originally filed with Correspondence (March 1953). [Oversized FF 2] 1953	box 5	folder 1
Broadsides for political campaigns, broadsides concern the presidential campaign of Adlai Stevenson and John Sparkman in 1952. [Oversized FF 2] 1952-ca. 1959.	box 5	folder 2
Calendars November 1963 - January 1969	box 5	folder 3
Wilhite (Samuel Yates and Ollie Brown) Papers (Sam Wilhite's grandparents) [moved from Box 4, FF 35] 1874-1903	box 5	folder 4
Checkbook stubs for payments probably for a political campaign RESTRICTED October - November 1958	box 5	folder 5
Map of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway "to be constructed" [Oversized, FF 1] n.d.	box 5	folder 6
"Okinawa Gunto . . . CINCPAC-CINCPA Bulletin No. 53-45, 25 February 1945." Mimeographed volume containing maps and information about the Japanese-held island of Okinawa. During World War II, Sam Wilhite served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Concord. 1945	box 5	folder 7
Photographs ca. 1952 - 1969	box 5	folder 8
Stationery (blank)	box 5	folder 9

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Series IV: Newspaper Clippings 1950 - 1975

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Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper Clippings 1950-1955	box 5	folder 1
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Newspaper Clippings 1957-1959	box 5	folder 3
Newspaper Clippings 1960-1963	box 5	folder 4
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Series V: Publications

Physical Description: .3 Cubic Feet

Title/Description	Instances	
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The Aberdeen Examiner, May 10, 1962. "Bon Accord Edition" (125th anniversary of Aberdeen [Oversized])	box 5	folder 1
Chemical Process Industrial Sites at Florence, Alabama (4 copies)	box 5	folder 2
The Democrat, October 25, 1952 [Oversized]	box 5	folder 3
Democratic Digest, January-February 1961	box 5	folder 4
The Economy of Florence and the Muscle Shoals Region (2 copies) n.d.	box 5	folder 5
Florence, Alabama: A Guide to Profitable Industrial Expansion	box 5	folder 6
Gulfport Pictorial Review, September 4, 1952 (3 copies). Headline: "Tom Wallace to Head Eisenhower Campaign in Harrison County [Oversized]"	box 5	folder 7
Industrial Resources of the Muscle Shoals Area at Florence, Alabama (2 copies)	box 5	folder 8
Jet, February 27, 1958. Article on p 16 mentions Wilhite.	box 5	folder 9
Plan for the Future Development of the Florence Urban Area (2 copies)	box 5	folder 10
River Oriented Heavy Industrial Sites at Florence, Alabama	box 5	folder 11
Time, June 11, 1956 (2 copies). Article on p. 28 mentions Sam Wilhite	box 5	folder 12

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Series VI: Robert C. Stovall Series 1952-1953

Physical Description: .3 Cubic Feet

Title/Description	Instances	
Campaign literature for Eisenhower-Stevenson Presidential campaign 1952	box 5	folder 1
Correspondence Aug-Oct 1952	box 5	folder 2
Correspondence Nov 1952-Apr 1953	box 5	folder 3
Miscellany: Hugh White for governor brochure, 1951; Tear out sheet regarding 1953 inauguration 1951-1953	box 5	folder 4
Speech notes and drafts ca. 1952	box 5	folder 5
Speeches Aug 1952	box 5	folder 6
Speeches Oct 1952	box 5	folder 7
Speeches: Hugh White, Mississippi Democratic Convention, June 26, 1952 1952	box 5	folder 8
Clippings July 25, 1952-Sept 30, 1952	box 5	folder 9

Clippings October 25, 1952	box 5	folder 10
Clippings October 26-31, 1952	box 5	folder 11
Clippings November 1-14, 1952	box 5	folder 12
Clippings n.d.	box 5	folder 13

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Series VII: Oversized

Physical Description: .1 Cubic Feet

Title/Description	Instances		
Map of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway "to be constructed" n.d.	map-case 1	drawer 8	folder 1
Broadsides, Architectural drawings, newspapers various dates	map-case 1	drawer 8	folder 2

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