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Summary Information

Repository:	Mississippi State University Libraries
Creator - cre:	Gordon, Carl J., Jr.
Title:	Carl J. "Jack" Gordon, Jr. collection
ID:	CPRC.JG
Date [inclusive]:	1955-2012
Date [bulk]:	bulk
Physical Description:	7 Cubic Feet
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical Note

Senator Carl J. "Jack" Gordon, Jr., holds the distinction of being the second-longest serving Mississippi legislator, serving 36 years - eight in the Mississippi House of Representatives and 28 in the State Senate. Senator Gordon was honored to serve under the leadership of eight governors, serving during his tenure as Chairman of Appropriations, Education, Public Employees & Retirement and Buildings & Grounds committees.

With a heart for education, Senator Gordon helped mold the 1982 Education Reform Act providing for public kindergartens and was instrumental in improving Mississippi's community colleges and universities. Dedicated to community base services, he helped establish mental health group homes and crisis prevention centers around his home state. Improving Mississippi's transportation system and those who protect our roads was also a passion. In 1981, Senator Gordon was appointed to the Southern Regional Education Board where, at the time of his death, he was serving as Treasurer.

A longtime businessman, Senator Gordon owned Polyfoam Manufacturing, Tupelo Oil, Bessemer Petroleum and various real estate properties. He was a member of the Okolona Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Exchange Club and the Chickasaw Development Foundation.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, he loved the Bulldogs, enjoying sports and supporting academics. In March 2011, Senator Gordon was honored with the founding of the Jack Gordon Scholarship which provides an opportunity for students to attend Mississippi State.

He loved his family and enjoyed campaigning, being at the beach and riding around his farmland. Living life to the fullest with a quick joke, a flashing smile and a heart of gold, Senator Gordon inspired life, character and determination in his family and friends.

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Scope and Content Note

The Jack Gordon Collection contains materials relating to the life and career of Mississippi State Senator Carl J. "Jack" Gordon, Jr. The collection contains newspaper clippings focusing on Gordon's legislative career, political campaign materials, constituent correspondence, personal tributes, family photographs, and a variety of awards and certificates. The collection encompasses 7 cubic feet of material, including oversized photographs, certificates, and plaques.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Education -- Mississippi.
- Mississippi politics and government -- 1951-
- Gordon, Carl J., Jr.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
<p>Box 1 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Cubic Feet</p>	
<p>Certificates/Resolutions, 1985-2011</p>	

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<p>Clippings</p>	
Title/Description	Instances
Clippings, Laminated Newsclippings, 1990-2011	
Clippings, 1959	
Clippings, 1976	
Clippings, 1981	
Clippings, 1982	
Clippings, 1985	
Clippings, 1987	
Clippings, 1989	
Clippings, 1990	
Clippings, 1992	
Clippings, 1994	
Clippings, 1997	
Clippings, 1999	
Clippings, 2000	
Clippings, 2001	
Clippings, 2002	
Clippings, 2003	
Clippings, 2004	
Clippings, 2005	
Clippings, 2007	

“My Family”

“My Life with the Gordons,” 2012

Report Cards, 1951-1962

Roundabout Dedication Program, 2011

Sunday School Certificates, 1950-1957

“Tribute by Leigh Carole (Gordon) Mullins,” 2012

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Sheet Music

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Box 2

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

Photographs

Family

Title/Description	Instances
Family-Small	
Family-Medium	
Family-Medium, Black and White	
Family-Small, Black and White	
Family-Large	

Political

Title/Description	Instances
Political-Small, Constituents	
Political-Small, Statehouse	
Political-Medium	
Political-Large	

Negatives/CDS

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Box 3

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

Scrapbooks/Albums

Title/Description	Instances
"May the work I have done Stand for my Life" Book of Political Photographs	
"The things I hold dear to my heart are only mine through the grace of God" Book of Family Photographs	
Green scrapbook of news clippings	
Blue and white album of family photographs	
Green album of family photographs and keepsakes	

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Box 4

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

Memorabilia

Title/Description	Instances
Mississippi Mentoring Network Plaque- January, 2001	
Mississippi Association of School Superintendents Plaque- February, 1986	
State Board for Community and Junior Colleges Plaque	
Agriculture and Home Economics Alumni Association Plaque	
Leadership in the State Senate Certificate	
Okolona's Outstanding Citizen Award- 1981	
Mississippi Association of Superintendents Award- 2003	
John Bragg Award- November 7, 2004	

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Box 5

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

Memorabilia

Title/Description	Instances
Okolona Municipal Separate School Board Plaque, 1981	
Jack Gordon to head Senate Appropriations Committee	
Outstanding Contribution to Education Plaque	
Girl in Photograph	
Jack Gordon and Faith Hill Photo	
Mississippi University for Women Plaque- June 29, 1984	
Campaign Materials	
Impact of Hurricane Katrina CD	
MSTA Legislative Leadership Award- 2006	
Mississippi Development Partnership Award- August 31, 2001	
Sons of Confederate Veterans Award- May 4, 2008	
Moving Forward Together Award	

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Box 6

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

Oversized

Title/Description	Instances
Bill Hobby, Lt. Governor of Texas, Photograph	
Certificates from the Governor, 1971-2008	
Mississippi Legislature Composite Photographs, 1972-2012	
Painting: Okolona Barbershop (5 copies)	

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Box 7

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

Oversized Memorabilia

Title/Description	Instances
"Seniority Counts" Jack Gordon Political Yard Sign	
Jack Gordon Endowed Scholarship, Certificate, Mississippi State University, March 3, 2011	
Marshall Ramsey Political Cartoon: "Moments Before Impact," March 28, 2001	
Southern Regional Education Board, Certificate, November 2010	

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