

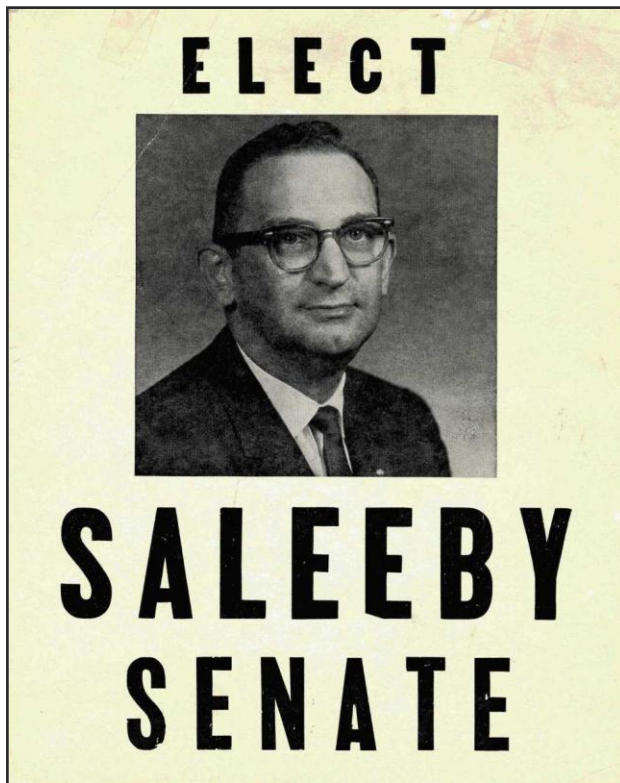
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Edward E. Saleeby
(1927-2002)
Papers, 1968-2005

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Biographical Note:

Edward E. Saleeby opposed and defeated powerful incumbent South Carolina state senator “Spot” Mozingo in a fiercely competed Democratic primary contest in 1972 and served in the Senate from 1972 until his death. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment during a distinguished career was his role in reforming South Carolina’s automobile insurance industry.



A native of Hartsville, Saleeby was born September 8, 1927 to Elias Anton and Creola Stokes Saleeby. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1949, and served as President of the Junior Class, 1946-1947, and Vice President of the student body, 1948-1949. After graduation, he opened a law practice in Hartsville, and in 1950, was elected as a Democrat to the South Carolina House of Representatives. He served in the House from 1951 to 1959 and led the drive to create the state Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

James P. “Spot” Mozingo, III (1913-1972) is a legendary figure in South Carolina politics and as a trial attorney. Mozingo served in the South Carolina House from 1935 to 1938 and represented Darlington County in the

Senate from 1938 until his fatal heart attack in September, 1972, just days after Saleeby’s victory was certified. Mozingo had charged voter fraud in contesting Saleeby’s August 29 victory. A recount on September 8 showed Saleeby had won by 773 votes out of 15,525 cast, the largest voter turnout in Darlington County history to that time. Saleeby turned back Republican candidate Vinton “Dee” Lide in the general election, 8,728 to 7,281 votes.

In the Senate, Saleeby chaired the Automobile Insurance Study Committee, 1976-1985; the Ethics Committee, 1984-1992; and the Banking and Insurance Committee, 1992-2000. He authored legislation to extend health insurance benefits to all state employees.

Saleeby served as a trustee of the University of South Carolina from 1961 to 1972 and 1988 to 1991, and as president of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association from 1970 to 1971.

Description:

The Saleeby Collection consists of approximately 2" of material, 1968-2005, chiefly consisting of copies of newspaper clippings documenting his 1972 Senate campaign and 1981 automobile insurance effort. Also included are campaign ephemera; the *Omar Temple News* of 1968 introducing Saleeby as the new Potentate; *Fox Findings*, May 1983, a Hartsville High School publication including an interview with Saleeby; the program, Nov. 2000, from the Pee Dee Area BSA Council event at which Saleeby was recognized as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year; a letter, 19 Sept. 2003, from the Hon. Walton McLeod regarding the USC Law School's "Memory Hold The Door" induction of Saleeby; and the program, 12 Jan. 2005, for a portrait unveiling. There are also several scanned photographs and editorial cartoons. Saleeby is also represented in SCPC by an extensive 1999 oral history interview.



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General, 1968-2005

Clippings:

1972 Campaign:

Saleeby v. Mozingo

Saleeby v. Lide

1981, Auto Insurance

2002, Obituaries