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Hastings Wyman

(b. 1939)

Papers, 1957 -2015 (bulk, 1985-2010)

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Biographical Note:

Hastings Wyman has written and published the *Southern Political Report* since 1978. The bi-weekly publication provides expert analysis of politics and politicians in the South (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia).

In 1939, Wyman was born in Aiken to Hastings Wyman Sr., and Elizabeth Babb Wyman. He attended public schools in Camden and Aiken and received his B.A. in American Government from Harvard College in 1961 and his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1964. Wyman was elected chair of the Aiken County Republican Party in 1965 at the age of twenty-six. A year later he became a field representative in the southern states for the Republican National Committee, traveling throughout the South presenting workshops on campaigning. In late 1967 Wyman became a Capitol Hill staffer, working as a legislative assistant for Senator Strom Thurmond. He held that position until 1973, excluding a leave of six months in 1970 to manage the unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign of Albert Watson. In 1973 he was employed as a special assistant to Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent. From 1975 until 1998 Wyman worked in the public affairs department of the American Petroleum Institute. In addition to publishing the *Southern Political Report*, Wyman has written for national publications including the *New York Times*, *Roll Call*, *Spectator*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*, and has provided political commentary on television and radio.

Scope and Content Note:

The Wyman papers consist of papers, 1957-2015 (bulk dates 1985-2010), chiefly including correspondence, writings, topical files, and speeches. Writings include unpublished and published articles, annual editions of the *Guide to Southern Politics* (1985-1989), and *Southern Political Report* newsletters (2003, 2008, 2010). Speeches are often annotated, and occasionally include related correspondence, programs, and other associated materials. Topical files include information about political developments in Georgia between 2001 and 2010, and contain materials sent to Wyman by Georgia correspondent and friend, Dan O'Connor. Topical files also include materials gathered about 1958 South Carolina local elections and the 1960 National elections for his undergraduate thesis. Clippings from 1957-1960 are newspaper items collected by Wyman for this thesis. Clippings from 1979-2009 include quotes, commentary, and mentions of Wyman and the *Southern Political Report* in various newspapers and magazines. Vertical File Materials contain information gathered by SCPC relating to Wyman and may duplicate information already present in the collection.

Editions of the *Southern Political Report* from 1978-2003 are available through the Books Division of the South Caroliniana Library.

Collection Inventory

Correspondence:

Box 1

1977-2005

2006-2007

2008-2010

Manuscripts (unpublished), 1959-2002

Publications:

Articles (by Hastings Wyman):

General:

1978-1990

1991-1999

2000-2006

“Back Porch Politics”:

2008

2009-2010

Southern Political Report:

Article Drafts:

2005, Oct.-Dec.

2006:

Jan.-Apr.

May-Aug.

Sept.-Dec.

2007:

Jan.-May

June-Sept.

Oct.-Dec.

2008:

Jan.-Apr.

May-July

Aug.-Oct.

Nov.-Dec.

2009:

Jan.-Mar.

Apr.-June

July-Sept.

Oct.-Dec.

2010:

Jan.-May

June-Dec.

2011:

Jan.-May

June- Dec.

2012:

Jan.-Apr.

May-Dec.

2013:

Jan.-July

Box 2

- Aug.-Nov.
- 2014:
 - Jan.-Mar.
 - Apr.-Sept.
 - Oct.-Dec.
- 2015, Jan.-May
- Guide to Southern Politics* (bound):
 - 1985
 - 1986
 - 1987
 - 1988
 - 1989
- Newsletters:
 - 2003, 2008
 - 2010
- Special Report: Diversity in Dixie*, Sept. 2001(bound)
- Speeches:
 - 1986-1988
 - 1989-1990
 - 1992-1997
 - 1998-1999
 - 2002-2004
 - 2008
 - 2010 and n.d.
- Topical:
 - Elections:
 - National, 1960
 - South Carolina, Local, 1958-1960
 - Georgia Politics (correspondence and clippings from Dan O'Connor):
 - 2001
 - 2002
 - 2003 (2 folders)
 - 2004 (2 folders)
 - 2005
 - 2006-2007
 - 2008
 - 2009-2010 and n.d.
- Southern States Republican Campaign Management Seminar, 1967
- Audiovisual:
 - Audio Cassette, Interview with Wilbur Hall, 1959
 - CD, Southern Political Outlook, 2004
- Clippings:
 - 1957-1959
 - 1960-1961:
 - Feb.-Mar.
 - Apr.-Aug. 1961, c. 1960-1961
 - 1979-1989
 - 1990-1998
 - 1999-2003
 - 2004-2005

Box 3

2006-2007

2008-2009:

Jan.-July

Aug. 2008-Dec. 2009

Vertical File Materials, 2003