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**Heyward Elliott McDonald**  
*(1925-2000)*

**Papers, 1962-2000, 2005**

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## **Biographical Note:**

Heyward E. McDonald served in the South Carolina General Assembly from 1963 until 1984. His supporters regarded him as an honest politician with a heart for his community, unafraid to take a stand even when it wasn't popular. His service in the House representing Richland County spanned from 1963 to 1966. This term was followed by election to the Richland County school board, where he served from 1968 to 1970. He then served in the S.C. Senate representing Richland, Fairfield and Chester counties from 1977 to 1984. In a speech given at the dedication of the McDonald Interchange in May of 2000, Alex Sanders, a former state Senate colleague, described McDonald as, "...the most ethical human being I have ever known...He had the courage to persevere in the face of overwhelming odds. He had the courage to buck the tide. He had the courage to speak rather than remain silent. He had the courage to stand up when sitting down would have been more comfortable."

Heyward McDonald was born September 27, 1925, to James E. McDonald, Jr., an attorney, and Lucy Pride Heyward McDonald in Winnsboro, S.C. The family soon moved to Chester, S.C., where Heyward attended public schools, took up boxing, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

After one year at Davidson College, McDonald entered the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned an officer in 1946. He married Sylvia Jean Buck of San Diego, California, on March 5, 1949. The couple had three daughters.

In 1953, after serving in the Korean War, McDonald contracted polio which ultimately deprived him of the full use of his legs. He was discharged from the Navy as 100 percent disabled. With hard work and strenuous rehabilitation, McDonald eventually was able to walk again with the aid of leg braces and crutches.

He had never considered a career in law like his father and grandfather before him, but a legal education now seemed logical. So, in 1954, he entered Law School at the University of South Carolina. "I decided to go to law school because I knew I could be a lawyer and get around with braces," McDonald noted. He graduated *magna cum laude* in 1958 and eventually became a renowned trial lawyer in Columbia.



Dedication to the service of others characterized McDonald's tenure in the General Assembly. As a House member in 1963 he introduced a precedent-setting bill that required all state buildings to meet certain requirements making them handicapped accessible. Some of these requirements included entrance ramps and elevators. South Carolina was the first state to pass such a law, and since doing so, each state in the U.S. has passed similar legislation. Advocacy for the handicapped was a theme throughout McDonald's public life. McDonald also was dedicated to improving the

quality of education in South Carolina. While serving in the Senate, he oversaw the development and passage of the Education Improvement Act.

McDonald regarded himself as a politician who identified less with a certain political party and more with connecting to humans and serving their needs. One of his campaign slogans exemplified this trait, urging voters to, "Vote for the Man, Not the Party." Following a reapportionment, McDonald was not reelected to the Senate in 1984. This defeat led to an outpouring of support from the community and suggestions that he run for governor. In a personal letter to McDonald, attorney Walton J. McLeod, III, wrote, "I urge you to make some noises about running for governor. I do not know what your pocketbook will stand, but if you could take one solid month off from work; make a speech every other day to a different group in a different town; and project some of that hardcore leadership ability which you possess and the other likely candidates lack, it is my opinion that you will be very pleasantly surprised."



Following the unsuccessful reelection bid of 1984, McDonald became Governor Dick Riley's appointee to the State Board of Education. He also served on several college and hospital boards, and received countless honors and awards, including the Order of the Palmetto in 1986, the highest honor the State can bestow. He ran for the Senate again in 1988.

During a distinguished career, McDonald tried cases in Family Court, County Court, Circuit Court, and Federal District Court. He also handled appeals before all South Carolina appellate courts, the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. McDonald was an active member of Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, where he sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, and was a member of its Session. McDonald died January 5, 2000, at the age of seventy-four.

## **Scope and Content Note:**

The McDonald Papers consist of 4 linear feet of material, chiefly 1962 to 2000, documenting his career in public service and personal life. The Collection is arranged in five series: Public Papers, Personal Papers, Speeches and Writings, Audio-Visual Materials, and Clippings.

Public Papers are comprised mostly of correspondence generated during McDonald's terms in public office. Programs from events at which McDonald either spoke or was honored also are included.



Personal Papers chiefly reflect McDonald's campaigns for election to the state House and state Senate, along with his unsuccessful 1970 campaign for U.S. Congress. Most extensive are the records for the 1984 and 1988 Senate campaigns. Records for both campaigns include donations received and telephone canvassing results. Radio advertisement scripts exist from the 1988 campaign.

Other items in the Personal Papers include correspondence, biographical information, law school notes, papers relating to McDonald's legal career, and material related to his religious activities. The biographical material includes accounts written by McDonald himself as well as material written by others, including a sixth grade student who interviewed McDonald for a class project.

Speeches and Writings, 1962-1996, are arranged by title, and an inventory is provided in the Speeches and Writing appendix. These files (bulk 1970s-1980s) consist of speeches, writings, notes, outlines, and reference material developed and kept by McDonald. Topics range from campaign speeches to teenage pregnancy, education, local and state government, crime, capital punishment, Christianity, drug use, veterans, healthcare, and persons with disabilities. Of particular interest are the speeches and notes related to teenage pregnancy in South Carolina. The possibility of sex education curriculum in the South Carolina public schools was a hot topic during the 1980s. McDonald attended various events as guest speaker in order to discuss the issue and urge those listening to support the bill (S. 546) for a program of instruction for South Carolina schools. The bill faced resistance from some South Carolinians, and McDonald addressed their concerns while continuing to advocate for the bill.

Audiovisual Materials in the collection consist of one audio cassette recording of a radio advertisement and eight folders of photographs. Among the photographs are images of McDonald giving speeches, interacting with other political figures, including South Carolina Governor Dick Riley and U.S. Senator Fritz Hollings, and working on his 1988 campaign.

Clippings are arranged alphabetically by topic. Major topics include the sex education act, education improvement act and indigent health care. Two scrapbooks are comprised primarily of newspaper clippings that have been arranged in date order.

### *McDonald Timeline*

- 1925 Born to James E. McDonald, Jr. and Lucy Pride Heyward in Winnsboro;  
reared in Chester, SC
- 1942 Attended Davidson College for about one year
- 1946 B.S. degree from US Naval Academy  
Entered US Navy
- 1949 Married Sylvia Jean Buck of San Diego, California
- 1953 Contracted polio
- 1954 Medically retired from Navy as lieutenant  
Entered USC Law School
- 1958 Graduated from Law School, *magna cum laude*; admitted to the Bar
- 1959 Chaired Richland County March of Dimes
- 1962 Elected from Richland County to SC House, served 1963-1966
- 1963 Named South Carolina's Outstanding Handicapped Citizen
- 1968 Elected to the Richland I School Board
- 1970 Candidate for US House in 2<sup>nd</sup> District
- 1976 Elected to SC Senate from Richland County, served 1977-1984
- 1984 After reapportionment, lost reelection
- 1985 Appointed to the State Board of Education
- 1986 Awarded Order of the Palmetto
- 1988 Campaign for the SC Senate
- 2000 Died, Jan. 5

**SERIES:**

*Public Papers*  
*Personal Papers*  
*Speeches and Writings*  
*Audio-Visual Materials*  
*Clippings and Scrapbooks*

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**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**Public Papers:**

**Box 1**

General  
Education:  
    General  
    Richland 1 School Board  
    State Board of Education  
Events:  
    General (2)  
    Mental Health Tribute Dinner  
Handicapped  
S.C. House of Representatives:  
    Correspondence  
    State Parks Bill  
S.C. Senate:  
    General  
    Correspondence  
Teenage Pregnancy: [see also: Speeches and Writings]  
    General  
    Correspondence

**Personal Papers:**

General:  
    1981-2005  
    n.d.  
Biographical Material  
Campaigns: [see also: Speeches and Writings]  
    General, 1962-1988  
    1962, S.C. House of Representatives:  
        General  
        Correspondence  
        Finance  
    1968, Richland 1 School Board  
    1970, U.S. Congress:

General  
1976, S.C. Senate  
1984, S.C. Senate:  
    General  
    Canvassing  
    Correspondence, sympathy for defeat  
    Finance  
    Reapportionment  
1988, S.C. Senate: **Box 2**  
    General  
    Canvassing  
    Donation letters  
    Gene Rogers/Airport issue  
    Opposition Research  
    Radio spot scripts  
    Schedules

Confederate Flag

Law School Notes

Legal Career:

    General  
    American Arbitration Association  
    DuRant Distinguished Public Service Award  
    Professional Papers [presented at conferences, etc.]

Religious:

    Annotated Books  
    Annotated Guides (3 folders)  
    *Book of Romans*, Notes and Transparencies (4 folders)

    Capital Punishment Speech Notes **Box 3**  
    Church Officer Duties Talk, Notes and Transparencies  
    *Mere Christianity*, Notes and Annotations  
    Miscellaneous Index Card Notes (4 folders)  
    Notes and Miscellany (2 folders)  
    Sunday School Notebook (3 folders)

**Speeches and Writings** [See: Speeches and Writings Appendix]

**Box 4**

**Audio/Visual Material:**

    Audio Cassette, Radio Ad

    Photographs:

        General  
        Campaign, 1988  
        *Carolina Journal*  
        Events

Family  
Portraits  
Riley, Governor Dick  
Winthrop University, Board of Visitors, 1989-1993

**Clippings:**

General  
Awards and Honors  
Campaigns  
Education:  
    General  
    Education Improvement Act  
    Sex Education  
Health  
Judiciary  
Obituary  
Opinions/Letters to the Editor  
Reapportionment  
Senate  
Welfare

**Scrapbooks:**

**Housed with Scrapbooks**

1934-1964  
1979-1984

**Speeches and Writings Appendix:**

“Teenage Pregnancy: A Time for Reason, A Time for Courage”, 5 copies/drafts/outlines,  
September-December 1986

Speech for South Carolina educators pushing for sex education in order to prevent teen pregnancy. Also tackles topics such as contraceptives and the role of school and the family in sex ed

“National Higher Education Week: Education is Freedom”, Southeastern Regional Association for Teacher Educations, 2 Copies, October 31, 1986

Advocates for the importance of the Education Improvement Act along with an increase to teacher pay and autonomy

“The Problem of Teenage Pregnancy”, 4 Copies, December 1987

Speech in support of a sex education bill to combat teenage pregnancy and the spread of AIDS.

“Become the Lord’s instrument”, Erskine College commemoration speech, Draft

“Bonhoeffer Commemoration Speech” February 18, 1986

Reflection on Bonhoeffer’s life

“Capital Punishment”, 2 notecards

Notes weighing the arguments regarding the death penalty

“Are We becoming more and more like Him?”, notecards



- Focuses on the role of Christians
- “Regarding Drug use in South Carolina”, notes, 1970
- “Gifts to the Christ Child”, notecards, Christmas Speech
- “The Healing of the Land”, 2 drafts, July 3, 1988
  - 4th of July Speech which reflects on the need for pride and humility for one’s country
- “Study of Paul’s Letter to the Romans”, 2 copies
  - Religious sermon focusing on what it means to be unashamed of the gospel
- “The Lesson of Jesus Christ”, notecard
  - Notes on Jesus and the common goals of church and law
- “Stewardship of Time”, draft
  - Sermon about managing time
- “Christians about economic and political matters”
  - Sermon on why Christians should be involved and engaged with socio-political issues
- “Foundations of Christian Citizenship”
  - Outline on the importance and dangers of Christians in Politics
- “Christianity and Politics”, Eastminster Presbyterian, March 9, 1983
  - Sermon on applying the Christian faith to politics while staying open minded
- “We are not all like Joseph”
- “Be a part of the solution”, notes, December 1979
  - Speech outline focusing on state government, health, and education
- “Junior League of Columbia”, 1991
- “Can we afford not to have quality education”, May 19, 1962
  - Speech in support of increased funding of public education to address problems and assist children with disabilities
- “The Meaning of Membership: How do you and I measure up”, notecard
- “Meaning of Discipline”, 2 copies
  - Speech reflecting on his time in the Navy
- “Veterans Benefits”, Article from Allan L. Damon
- “We shall not break the Faith”, Veterans Day Speech
  - Speech paying respects to Veterans and reflects on the history of Veterans Day
- “A Look Backward”, 2 Copies, 1982
  - Speech on the Great Depression
- “Principles of Leadership”, speech outline
  - Speech focusing on the different types of leadership and how it should be used
- “Are We Awake Even Yet”, Chester High School Commemoration, Copy
- “More Pressure than Ever Before”, AC Flora Induction of Student Council and Honor Society Member, Speech Outline, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1969
- “What makes a Good ‘Person’”, notecards
  - Speech on how the workplace is not made of workers but of people and the qualities of what makes a “good” person.
- “The outlook for the student”, outline, c. 1960s
  - Speech on the future of students, specifically the breakdown of the respect for law, racial conflicts, and individual responsibility
- “Kosmos”, December 12, 1995

- Speech on how to deal with the General Assembly as a legislator
- “Yours is a Gifted Generation”, Remarks by McDonald delivered at the Installation of the AC Flora Student Body Government, September 25, 1970
- “What’s Wrong with the Younger Generation”, Dreher Senior Banquet, March 30th, 1967
- “The Changing Student”, outline
  - Speech on how students have changed and why they are concerned
- “No Higher Goal”, Graduation Speech, notecard
- “Participation in Citizenship”, outline
  - Discussion of good citizenship through participation and outlook
- “Some very recent Experiences”, Award Ceremony, EIEID, notecards
- “A Layman looks Ahead”, 1986 Summer Leadership Conference
  - Speech on the Education Improvement Act, the evaluation of schools, homeschooling, principals, and teacher merit pay
- “Looking Ahead for School Administrators”, SCASSP/SCVDA Winter Conference, February 26, 1987
  - Speech in support of funding of the Education Finance Act.
- “The Education Improvement Act and Onward”, Superintendents Conference, July 9, 1985
- “Congratulations on installation of the EIA”, Business Appreciation Luncheon, Lexington District 5, 1985
  - Reflection on the success of the first year of the Education Improvement Act
- “Background for Educational Reform”, notecards
  - Highlights the problems South Carolinian children face, the gains from the Education Improvement Act, and goals to further tackle these problems
- “State and local initiatives for handicapped School Children”, South Carolina Leadership Conference/District Superintendents and Board Chairmen, 1982
- “EIA and the Budget”, notes
- “The way it was 50 years ago”, draft, 1982
  - Focuses on changing attitude of the past and a push for education reform
- “Address to Teachers”, draft/alterd version of “The Education Improvement Act and Onward”, August 1985
  - Speech on the EIA, test scores, expectations, alongside added material about teacher pay
- “How much our Public Schools have changed”, Draft, 1986
  - Speech focused primarily on the partnership between education and businesses
- “Reform: The Agenda for ‘86”, Draft, January 18, 1986
  - Focuses on the slowdown of education reform and possibilities for the future
- “Sixty Years in Public Education-A Personal Perspective” November 1991
  - A modified version of his “‘New’ Crisis in Public Education” Speech with added information about McDonald’s perspective from his background, the Education Improvement Act and National Education Goals
- “Business Influence on the EIA”, notecards, c. 1980s
  - Details the benefits and concerns of assistance from businesses
- “A Layman’s View of Reform- Its Opportunities and its Obstacles”, draft, 1987
  - Speech pushing taking a long-term view of educational reform
- “Public Schools-Time of Change”

- Speech to assuage doubts about the Education Improvement Act
- “Business and Schools Irrevocably Intertwined”, notecards
  - Notes on how businesses and schools are intertwined through the Education Improvement Act
- “Education and the Constitution”, Notecards, 1970s
  - Speech about topics regarding minorities including desegregation, de facto segregation, bilingual education, education for persons with disabilities, sex discrimination and funding
- “The EIA revisited 6 months later”, Notecards, 1986
  - Reflection and Evaluation of the Education Improvement Act
- “School Desegregation- The Court and The Congress”, 1969, notecard
  - Compares the routes to desegregation in government
- “Head Start Background Information”
  - Speech sharing information on the Head Start program and which McDonald gives it his approval and pushes for increased funding
- “Who do you say that I am?” Academic Awards Night, Richland Northeast High School, outline, May 3, 1982
- “Politics and the School Administrator”, outline
- “Speak with one affirmative voice to the needs of public education”, 1978
  - Speech about legislative issues including several education bills including the Higher Education Bill, the School Governance Bill, and the Instructional Staff Development Act.
- “Medically Indigent Assistance Act Appropriations”, notes and references, April 18, 1985, SCDHEC
- “Ethics and Morals”, USC Law School, April 1, 1986
  - Speech outlining and commenting over the Code of Trial Conduct of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- “Speech before the Columbia Teachers Council”
  - Speech discussing the code of ethics and duties of lawyer
- “Personal Injury Damages (PLI)”
- “Law Day”, c.1970s
  - Speech explaining the origins and importance of Law Day
- “Evaluating the Personal Injury Case”
  - Details advice for how to undertake a personal injury case
- “The Profession of Law”
  - Discusses the role and the importance of lawyers
- “Federal Court vs State Court”, Master Host Inn, notes
  - Lists questions to ask oneself when undergoing court proceedings
- “Damages”, outline
  - Tells what to do during a case regarding damages alongside advice
- “One Rotten Apple”, outline
  - Law Day speech concerning disrespect for the law
- “Disability Evaluation”
  - Extensive breakdown of what to consider during a personal injury case
- “Law is the bedrock of our Basic Ideals”

- Speech regarding the importance of upholding and respecting law
- “Hospital Care for the Indignant...”, Aiken Rotary Club, October 14, 1985
- Speech addressing problems within healthcare such as the need for competition, financial assistance for the poor, and the need for expansion of Medicare and Medicaid
- “Honoring Service to the cause of Mental Health”. Mental Health Tribute Dinner, South Carolina Mental Health Association, 1985
- Speech tracing the progress in the field of mental health in South Carolina by highlighting the work of the state’s governors
- “Health Planning”, Broad Rivers Sub-Area Council/Three Rivers Health Systems Agency, March 14, 1977, 2 copies
- Speech stressing the importance of local health agencies in the future of SC health care
- “Popular Misconceptions of Healthcare”, notes, c.1980s
- Notes clearing up misconceptions about doctors, indigent and elderly healthcare, and the privatization of hospitals
- “Dames of the Magna Carta”, June 15, 1985
- Tells the story of the Magna Carta and what can be learned from it
- “A High Calling and A Noble Work”, Wilson Vocational Center Commencement Speech, October 1982
- Looks at the progress made for persons with disabilities and what the center stands for
- “50th Anniversary Commemoration”, Easter Seal Society of South Carolina, program, 1984
- “The Barriers to Employment”, outline, c.1980s
- “Federal Initiatives”, notecards, c.1980s
- Speech notes focusing on the effects to programs for persons with disabilities
- “Keep the Faith”, Easter Seals Peace Scholarship Award Commencement, c. 1980s
- Reflects on the history and the accomplishments of the Easter Seal Society
- “Minutes”, Opening Meeting of the Membership, Easter Seal Society, 54th Annual Meeting, Herman L. Shealy Jr., Reference, October 20, 1988
- “Report of the Executive Director”, Open Meeting of the Membership, Herman L. Shealy Jr., Reference, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1989
- “Rehabilitation Services Administration of Social and Rehabilitation Service”, notecards
- “Working Together-Cooperative Spirits”, Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, c. 1980s
- Focuses on the AER’s relationship with disabled veterans and the effects of the Reagan administration on progress
- “Needs of the Handicapped-any Overview”, draft and notecards, July 9, 1980
- Speech on the past and future of state programs serving persons with disabilities
- “Increased Employment Opportunities for the Handicapped in Business and Government”, 1964
- Breakdown of the trends of employment opportunities for persons with disabilities
- “Changing Role in Ministry to the Poor”
- Focuses on the changes in the Federal assistance to the poor under the Reagan administration and how the Ministry can make up for it through charity and volunteering
- “Nothing Worthwhile comes Cheaply”, Virginia Easter Seal Society Speech, Draft, 1967
- Tells of personal struggles for persons with disabilities
- “Architectural Barriers: Problems and Solutions”, Clemson, June 20 1974

- Continuation of "Nothing Worthwhile comes Cheaply"; push for more progress in ways of lessening architectural obstacles for persons with disabilities
- "Make Life a little better for the other guy", Easter Seals  
Speech about what motivates one to help people
- "Articles on Public Law 94-142, Q&A" proposed legislative draft, Includes notes, 1980
- "Let's take a look at the Past", 1980's  
Focuses on the progress made starting from the end of World War II
- "Good News & Bad News", notecards  
An update about progress made for disabled personas and what still needs to be done
- "What is happening in the Government to help the Handicapped People of South Carolina?"  
speech cards, Midlands Center, September 17, 1978  
Speech detailing Federal laws and state programs made to assist persons with disabilities
- "What can you say about School Finances", notecards  
Details the struggles of underfinanced schools having to deal with racial integration and being unable to take down architectural barriers for the disabled
- "Ethics and Lawyer Behavior in the Courtroom", JCLE Talk, 2 copies, August, 1990  
Altered version of "Manners and Morals-Ethics in Advocacy" with added information of on the degradation of the profession of lawyers and how they are viewed
- "Manners and Morals-Ethics in Advocacy", 2 copies, November, 1987  
Speech focusing on the ethics of lawyers and the duties they are to uphold
- "Philosophical and Moral Controversy over Right to Die vs Reverence for Life" outline and notes 1986  
Notes on pros and cons of the Right to Die controversy
- "Barriers to Leisure for the Handicapped"  
Speech about personal experience of barriers to leisure and future political action that will give persons with disabilities more leisure options
- "Ethics in State Government", Outline, Washington Street Methodist Church, 2 copies, January 28, 1976  
Responds to the question of whether officials deserve our respect and recommends a set of ethical standards
- "Law and Order", March 19, 1970  
Looks at the causes and possible solutions to the rise of crime
- "The Ins and Outs of Informed Consent" by Cynthia E. Northrop, reference, January 1985
- "Malpractice", notecards  
Notes on the legal perspective on medical malpractice and what actions can legally be seen negligent
- "Work for a Better Quality of Life", South Carolina Municipal Association, August 6, 1983  
Concerns the successes from the collaborative work of the South Carolina Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the South Carolina Municipal Association
- "The Bigger Picture", South Carolina Municipal Association, August 5, 1982  
Reflects on the failures of the year caused by the recession of the early 1980s and the outlook for the next year
- "Problems confronting the Textile Industry"

- Expresses concern over the effects of Japanese textile imports to South Carolina's economy
- "A Very Hot Day", 4 copies, South Carolina Municipal Association, July 1986  
Sermon about elected officials and their pride and power
- "Richland County Democratic Primary", television script, 2 copies, 1968  
Script of the Richland County Democratic Primary in which McDonald introduces and interviews the candidates
- "We Take Too Much For Granted", notes  
Focuses on state Government's services
- "Back Up Steps; Disabled Christians/ Why would you want to run for Congress?", 1970  
Speech from McDonald's 1970 campaign for Congress.
- "Polio Rotary", notecard, November 19, 1990  
Tells about his experience with polio and what he sees as God's plan for him
- "Re-examination of the Nation", 1970  
Examination of the goals of America as a nation leading into the 70s with a primary focus on the economy and inflation
- "Better to Climb", notes
- "How I would translate my views into meaningful action as your Congressman", 1970  
Speech from his 1970 campaign for Congress.
- "National Secretaries Week", notecards  
Reflects on the progress of women and the relationship between a lawyer and their secretary
- "What I would do, if I were elected to Congress, to aid in solving the critical problems which confront us", 2 copies, c. 1970s  
Speech from his 1970 campaign for Congress. Focused on the worries of taxpayers and local government
- "If I am elected your Congressman, I intend to do what I think is best for the district", 1970s  
Speech from his 1970 campaign for Congress.
- "The Bulletin", Number 22 and 23, 1995, references
- "The Example we elected officials set"  
Reflects on the officials that he looks to as examples
- "I have a Secret", Providence Hospital Employee Awards Luncheon, 2 copies, May 10, 1978  
Speech delivered as a thank you for hospital workers
- "All things human change", Sixth Annual Volunteer Recognition Brunch, May 7 1986  
Speech reflecting on the changes made within South Carolina during his lifetime, primarily focusing on the education system
- "Volunteerism to All you folks who have not learned to say no", Volunteers Workshop, September 19, 1978, notecards  
Speech to thank volunteers for their service and to explain the State Government Volunteers Act
- "I've been interested in Law Enforcement since I set fire to the Broomstraw Field", notecards, SC Criminal Justice Graduation Academy, October 9, 1979  
Speech about the spotlight that is put on the police force and the relationships between

- the police and lawyers and between the police and politicians
- “Owe it to a community that believe in you”, SC Criminal Justice Academy Graduation
- Speech on realizing one’s faults and remaining disciplined in the face of expectations
- “Law as a Profession”, notes
  - Notes on law enforcement and problems within it
- “Work for the Whole Budget”, notes, 1987
- “Question of Sensitivity”, notecard
- “On Education”,
  - McDonald’s reaction to school integration
- “America’s Role in International in International Relations”
  - Speech discussing international conflicts, the US in its fight against the spread of Communism, and the need for the US to work alongside other nations for peace
- “The Problem of Air Pollution”, c. 1970s
  - Speech in support of stronger governmental control of air pollution and cleaning of the environment
- “I Believe”, Copy, Election, 1970
  - Lists McDonald’s positions regarding federal issues
- “The real issue in this race”, 1970
  - Compares his priorities with his opponent and claims the most important issue is who would be most effective in Congress
- “Problems of Law and Order”, c. 1970s
  - Criticism of the Republican administration for its inability to stop the rise in crime
- “Commission on Race Relations”, May 2, 1996
  - Short speech expressing appreciation to those entering the Commission on Race Relations. Goes over their goals of closing the social and economic gap between races and the removal of the Confederate Flag from the State House
- “What would be the best for the Country and for the people of the Second District”, Remarks before the Greater Chamber of Commerce in joint appearance with his Republican and Independent Opponents, October 22, 1970
- “Which can do the most effective job as your Congressman”, 1970
  - Speech from his 1970 campaign for Congress
- “When I announced my Candidacy”, 3 Copies, 1970
  - 3 different drafts. Each draft goes into varying depths related to Vietnam, crime, terrorism, government spending and the Middle East
- “I am announcing my Candidacy”, December 19, 1969
  - Announcement for his run for US House for the 2nd District
- “Amended Statement concerning Bill S546”, Copy, 1980s
  - Speech in support of Bill S546 that would allow for sex education in schools
- “I am the true fiscal Conservative”
  - Discusses one of his campaign priorities in pushing for a limit to state spending and the growth of government
- “Candidacy for a seat in State Senate”, State Senate Election, September 6th, 1988
  - Announcement for his candidacy for a seat in the State Senate from District 22
- “End to the traffic fiasco”, State Senate Election, 1988

- Discusses one of his campaign priorities in tackling the traffic in Northeast Columbia
- “The Pursuit of Excellence in Education”, 2 copies, September 20 1989
  - Goes over the past and future obstacles to the funding of South Carolina Education reforms
- “As a Conservative Democrat”, 3 copies, SC Senate Election Speech, 1988
  - Speech for his State Senate election
- “Response to Criticism from Senator Giese”, c. 1980s
  - McDonald defends himself from a challenge by Senator Giese
- “Local Taxpayers end up footing the Bill”
  - Concerns transferring 3 Fort Jackson Schools to Richland District 2, 1988
- “Politics of the Past”, State Senate Election, 1988
  - McDonald criticizes his campaign opponent
- “You want a representative who...”, SC House primary election speech, May 24, 1962
  - McDonald spouses the qualities that he believes an elected representative should hold
- “Best Interest of all the People”, SC House Election, 1962
- “One of the most influential delegations in the General Assembly”, SC House Election
- “Consider Carefully”, SC House Election, Sept 5, 1962
  - Speech in support of the election of Democrats to the House “SC House Election
- “McDonald Quotes and Information”, 1962
- “Return to Discipline”, WIS Radio address, October 27, 1962
- “The way things were”, notecard
- Miscellaneous Reference Material (2 folders)