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WILLIAM GIST FINLEY PAPERS

ca1900-ca1970

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WILLIAM GIST FINLEY PAPERS

I

The papers of William Gist Finley, attorney and solicitor, were deposited by Mrs. William Gist Finley with the College Archives on February 20, 1978.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .25
Approximate number of pieces included: 500

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Scope and Content Note: **William Gist Finley (1895-1969) was a lawyer and solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit (1930-1950) from York, SC. The William Gist Finley Papers consist of biographical data, correspondence, photographs, speeches, newspaper clippings, and other papers relating to Finley's career and death, and to York County's history. Includes biographical sketch of David Edward Finley, a history of York, South Carolina, York ARP Church history, Bethel Presbyterian Church, York County Bible Society records, Kings Mountain Park, Rose Hill State Park near Union, South Carolina, and the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad.**

Transfer of Items: Duplicate copies of booklets and newspaper clippings were returned to the donor.

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

WILLIAM GIST FINLEY

1895	Born, York, South Carolina
1921	Graduated Georgetown University School of Law
1927-1930	York County Attorney
1930-1950	Solicitor of 6 th Judicial Circuit
1936-1953	Vice President of South Carolina Bar Association
1949-1950	President of York County Bar Association
1969	Death

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	BIOGRAPHICAL DATA Sheet listing significant dates in Finley's life and career. Also lists his hobbies and membership and affiliation with various organizations.	ca1969
1	2	CORRESPONDENCE Letter from Paul McCorkle to W.F. Stevenson and a reply from Stevenson relating to Finley's employment position under McCorkle. Letter from U.S. Veterans Bureau concerning adjusted compensation. In chronological order.	1917, 1925
1	3	CERTIFICATES RELATING TO FINLEY'S CAREER Certificate of election as Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit and acceptance to practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and Immigration and Naturalization Service. In chronological order.	1939, 1945
1	4	SPEECHES BY FINLEY Speech Finley delivered to his graduation class at Georgetown University, for a celebration at Kings Mountain Park, to group gathered at Filbert Picnic, to members of the York County Electric Cooperative, to Chester County audience concerning his candidacy for Solicitor of Sixth Judicial Circuit, on another occasion to celebrate Kings Mountain Park, speaking to a women's group concerning the U.S. Supreme Court, and addressing members of the Olivet Cemetery association. In chronological order.	1921-ca1940s, ca1950s
1	5	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS Clippings relating to Finley's candidacy for Solicitor of Sixth Judicial Circuit, for reelection of same position declining reelection of solicitor's position, and notice of Finley's death and funeral. In chronological order.	ca1930-1969
1	6	PHOTOGRAPHS OF FINLEY Photos of Finley, his wife, Finley with unknown persons and his office in York.	ca1920- ca1968, nd
1	7	DAVID EDWARD FINLEY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA Biographical sketch of William Gist Finley's father.	nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	8	A HISTORY OF YORK A general history of the town of York from the Revolutionary period up until 1860. See Box 1 Folder 9.	nd
1	9	PAMPHLET, NEWSPAPER CLIPPING, AND BOOKLET RELATING TO YORK COUNTY Pamphlet of a radio address concerning the history of York county, newspaper clipping concerning memorial services for World War Veterans buried in Western York County, and a booklet and article concerning the York County Tri-centennial celebration.	1933, ca1945, 1970
1	10	YORK COUNTY HIGHWAY MAP A general highway map prepared by the South Carolina State Highway Department.	1950
1	11	STATE HIGHWAY MAP OF SOUTH CAROLINA The State Highway System of South Carolina showing hard and soft surfaced roads.	ca1950
1	12	A HISTORY OF YORK ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A history of the church that was used at 100 th celebration.	1953
1	13	A HISTORY BOOKLET OF THE BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH General history of the church originally issued by the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethel Church.	1938
1	14	YORK COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY RECORDS Includes list of members, financial report, minutes of several meetings.	1921-1924
1	15	YORK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC BOOKLET Includes list of members, financial report, minutes of several meetings.	1968
1	16	A HISTORY AND PAMPHLET CONCERNING KINGS MOUNTAIN A history of the celebrations and background material on the national park.	ca1930, 1941

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	17	ARTICLES, PHOTOGRAPHS, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING ROSE HILL STATE PARK All materials relate to restoration, dedication, and general background information.	1960-1976, nd
1	18	HISTORY BOOKLET OF CAROLINA AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY Information concerning building and history of the railway's development.	1915
1	19	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA SECESSION MOVEMENT Articles refer to re-telecast of "Without End To Dare" which relives the events surrounding the secession movement in South Carolina. Actors include U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond as D.F. Jamison, Chairman of the secession convention.	ca1961
1	20	UNSIGNED CHRISTMAS CARD Decorated with dried flowers from the Holy Land.	nd