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# Archives of the Southern Sociological Society: A Repository of Decisions, Events, and People Affecting Sociology in the Southern United States

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## A Repository of Decisions, Events, and People Affecting Sociology in the Southern United States

- Planning and Establishing the Southern Sociological Society
- The First Annual Meeting (held in 1936 at the Atlanta Biltmore)
- Challenges of Developing an Inclusive Organization in the Segregated South
- Stances toward Social Issues in the Early 1960s
- Conference Session Topics: Increasing Breadth and Changing Emphases across the Decades
- Fashion and Leadership: Selected Photographs
- Meeting Locations and Membership Numbers

### Located in the PreFunction Area (near book exhibits)

Come have conversation with the poster creators,  
James Hougland, Professor of Sociology, University of Kentucky and outgoing SSS Archivist  
And Ruth Bryan, University Archivist, University of Kentucky on:

Thursday, 3/30, 1:00-2:25 pm

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The Archives:

Planning and Establishing the Southern Sociological Society

March 24, 1935: E.T. Krueger, Temporary General Chairman, to selected state representatives

Handwritten letter from E.T. Krueger dated March 24, 1935, discussing the organization of the Southern Sociological Society and the upcoming meeting in Knoxville.

April 20-21, 1935: Program of Organizational Meeting

Program of Organizational Meeting for Knoxville, April 20-21, 1935, listing activities such as registration, business sessions, and luncheons.

May 1935: SSS letterhead

Official letterhead of The Southern Sociological Society, dated May 16, 1935, with a signature from E.T. Krueger.

"At the Sociological Society meeting this past Christmas..., the Sociologists of the Southeastern States...finally determined to call a meeting of representatives from the Southern states to perfect a Southeastern organization. This meeting has been set for April 20-21, at Knoxville, Tennessee. Two or more delegates were selected from the states east of the Mississippi and including Virginia and Kentucky on the north....An annual Southeastern meeting should in no sense be a substitute for the national meeting..., but should supplement the national meeting and provide a regional fellowship."

1935-1936 Handbook: \$2 dues

Handbook of Information for The Southern Sociological Society, 1935-1936, including articles on membership, dues, and organizational structure.

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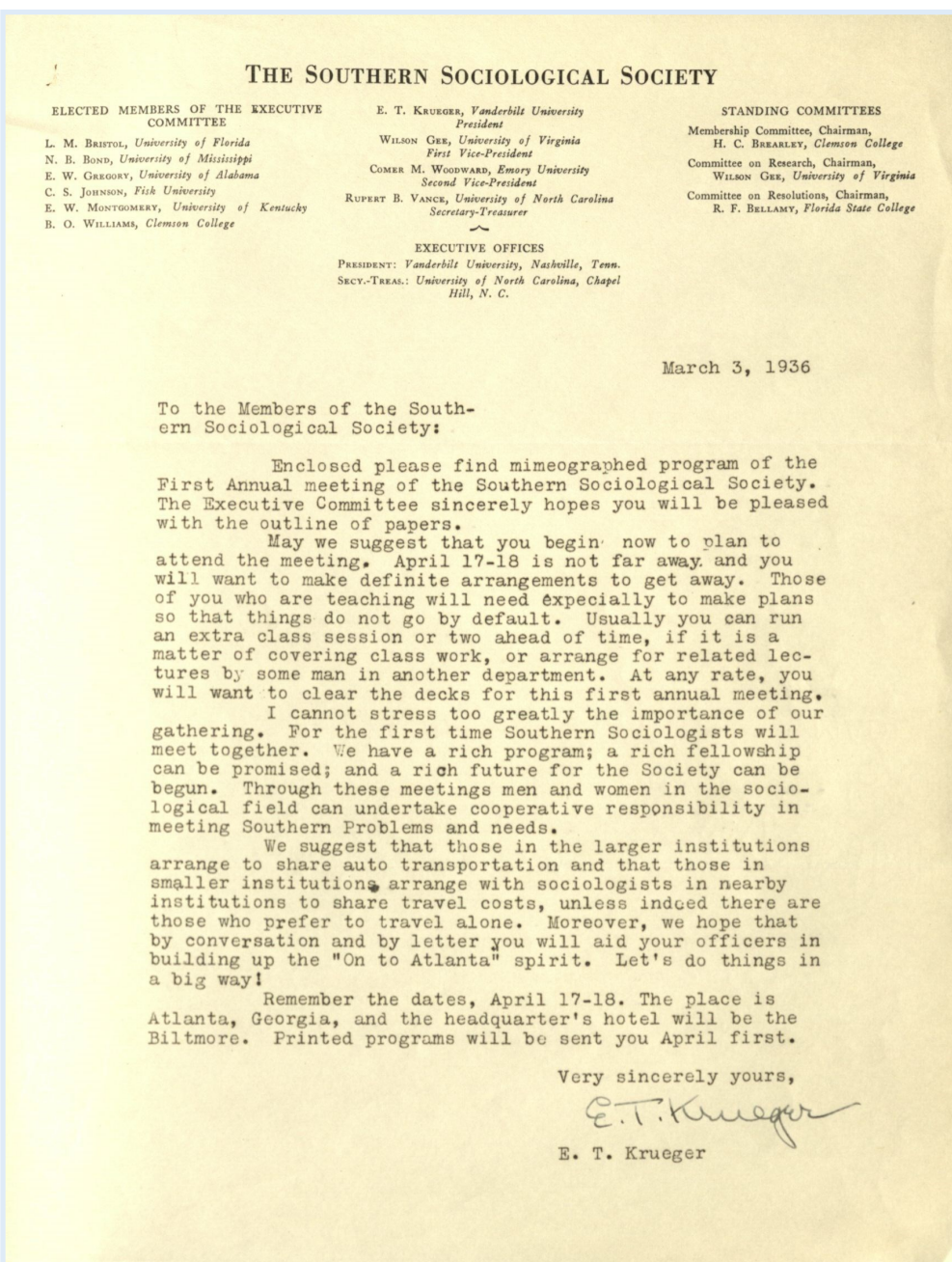
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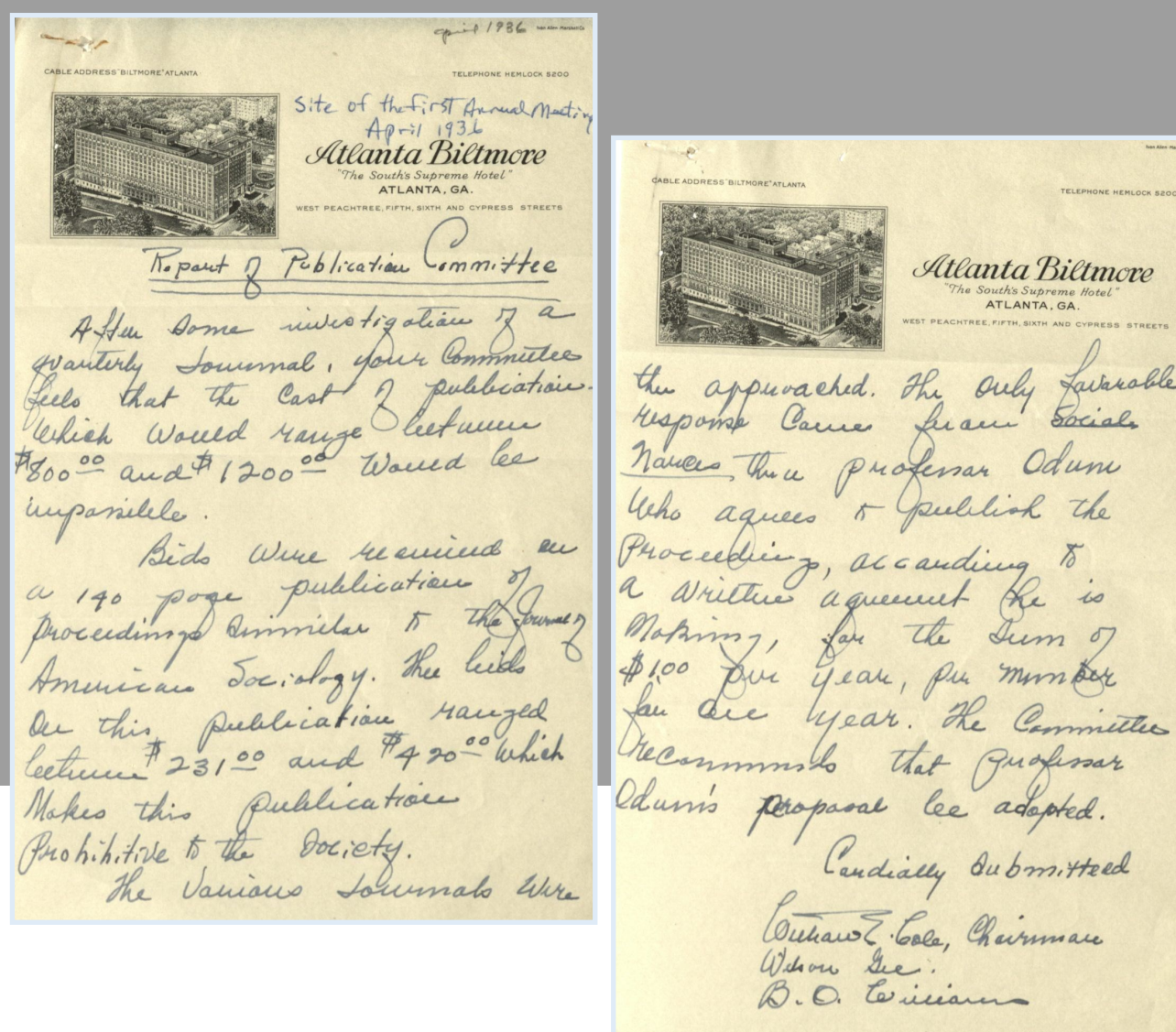
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# First Annual Meeting: Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, 1936

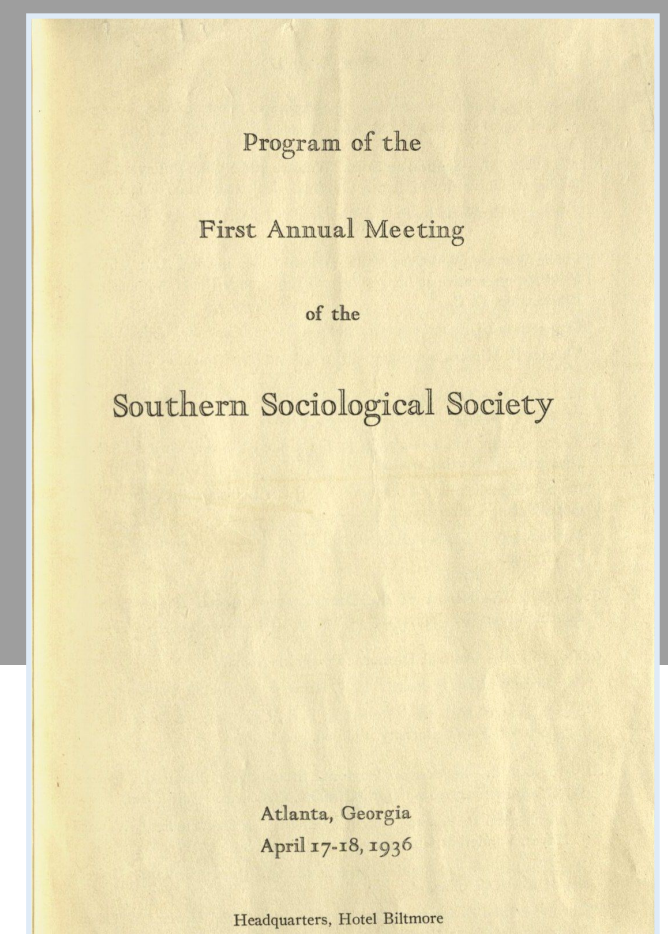
March 3, 1936: E.T. Krueger to SSS members, invitation to first annual meeting



April 1936 Publication Committee report on Biltmore Hotel stationery

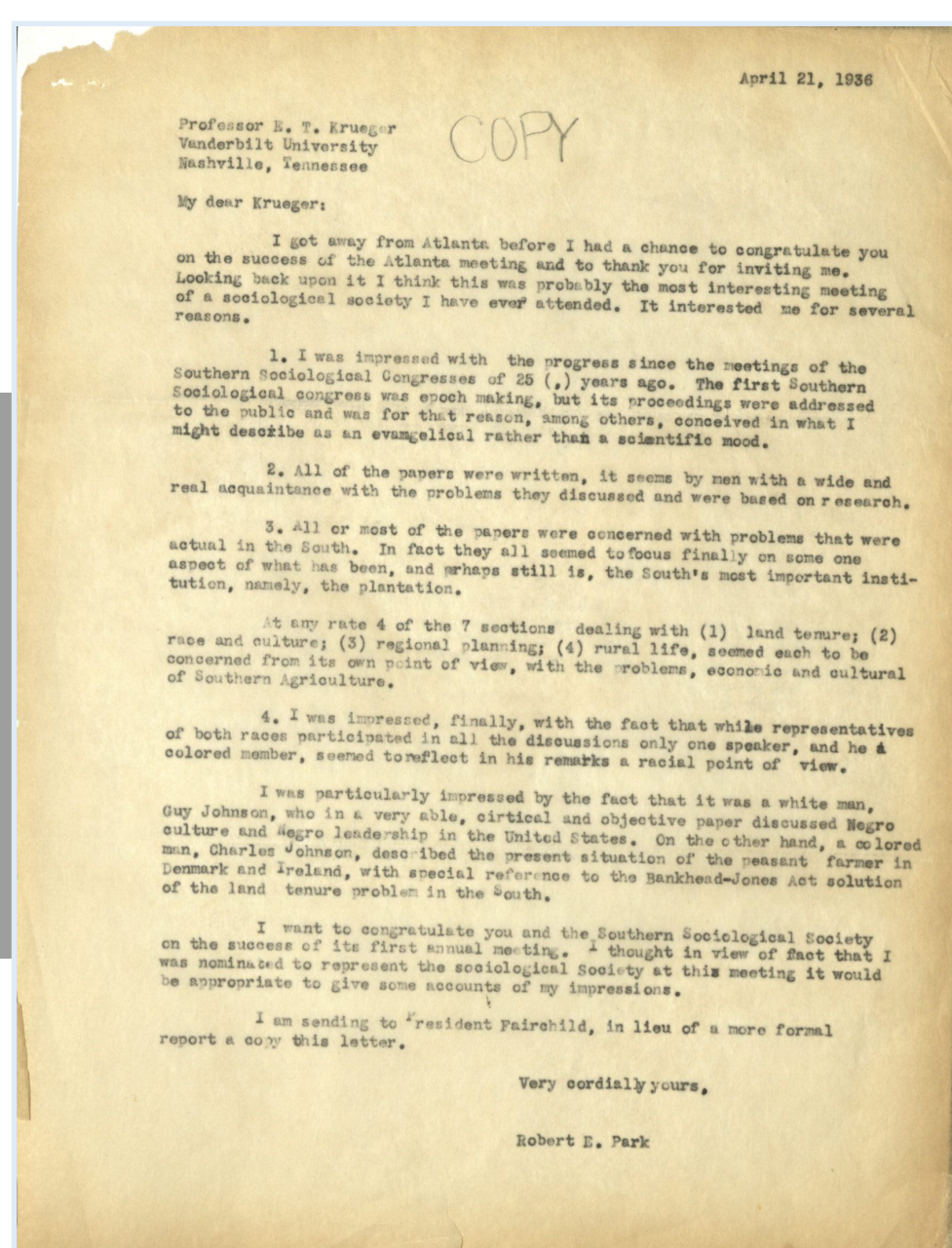


April 17-18, 1936: First Annual Meeting program

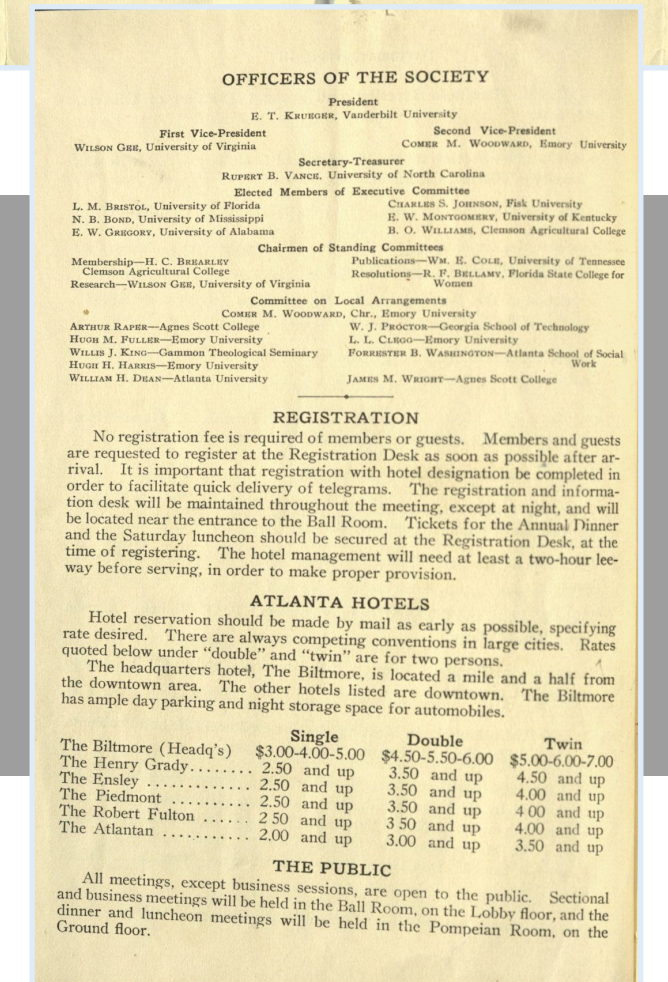
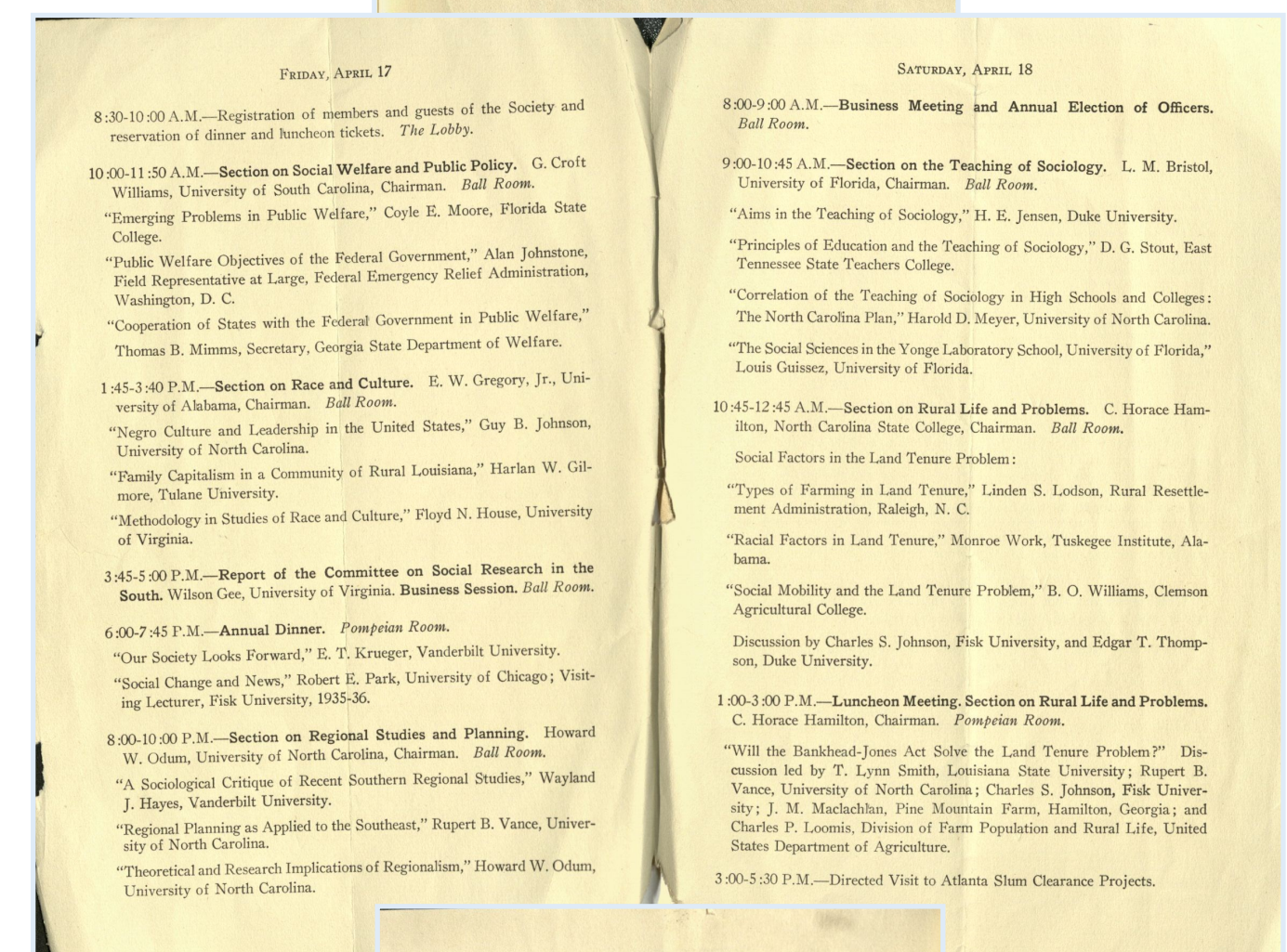


"May we suggest that you begin now to plan to attend....Those of you who are teaching will need especially to make plans so that things do not go by default....At any rate, you will want to clear the decks....I cannot stress too greatly the importance of our gathering. For the first time Southern Sociologists will meet together. We have a rich program; a rich fellowship can be promised; and a rich future for the Society can be begun. Through these meetings men and women in the sociological field can undertake cooperative responsibility in meeting Southern Problems and needs."

April 21, 1936: Robert E. Park, Sociological Society representative, to E.T. Krueger



Room rates at the Biltmore: \$3 to \$7 per night.



"Looking back upon [the meeting] I think this was probably the most interesting meeting of a sociological society I have ever attended....All of the papers were written...by men with a wide and real acquaintance with the problems they discussed and were based on research....All or most of the papers were concerned with problems that were actual in the South....to focus finally on some...aspect of what has been, and perhaps still is, the South's most important institution, namely, the plantation....I was impressed, finally, with the fact that while representatives of both races participated in all the discussions only one speaker...seemed to reflect in his remarks a racial point of view."



The Challenges of Developing A Racially Inclusive Organization in the Segregated South

1936 March 9:

Members of the Executive Committee and Chairman of Sections: I visited Atlanta over the past weekend and checked 4 halls of local arrangements with Dr. Woodard and his Committee...

1936 July 25:

Dear Sir: Just a few lines. In enclosing a letter from Wiley A. Bell of the Birmingham Urban League, which you will want to answer...

1936 October 15:

Hirmingham, Ala. October 15, 1936. Dear Professor Gregory: We have your letter of Oct. 9th, regarding the attendance of Negroes at the meetings of the Southern Sociological Society in April...

E. T. Krueger to SSS leaders: "Aside from room privileges, negro [sic] delegates are welcome to all private conference rooms and to all private arrangements for the annual dinner and Saturday luncheon.... Thus while the local political situation is touchy on the negro [sic] question I believe we can go calmly forward..."

E. T. Krueger to Wilson Gee: "...[T]he Society will encounter local differences from year to year with regard to Negro participation. I am strongly for a policy of general participation of negro [sic] sociologists in the Society.... The other social science societies lack insight and courage at this point.... Meanwhile, our negro[sic] members need to realize the boon of privilege which now obtains in our Society...."

R. Burt Orndorff, hotel manager, to E.W. Gregory, Jr.: "It is quite all right for the Negroes to attend the meetings (seated in a separate group), but we do not serve meals to them.... The negroes [sic] do not expect service and take to the situation quite nicely."

1936 March 9:

Professor Gee - p. 4. Plans for the registration desk are well in hand. I plan to have a number of students from Birmingham-Cookham and Brown's assistance through the day...

1937 February 23:

Dr. Wilson Gee, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. Dear Sir: The question which you raise in your letter of the 19th is one about which I had had some apprehension since the announcement of Birmingham as the place of meeting of the Society...



1937 Annual Meeting:

PROGRAM of the Second Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. 12:45-1:30 P.M. Luncheon hour. No program. 1:30-2:30 P.M. Session. The Topics: 1. Social Research, The Topics...

E.W. Gregory, Jr., to Wilson Gee: I have been trying in every way to meet the problem presented by our Negro members.... I expressed the opinion that it would be quite unwise for us to attempt to urge the Tutwiler Hotel to abandon a policy that the management had explained was dictated by public sentiment in Birmingham. The Society does not want to assume the role of a crusading organization."

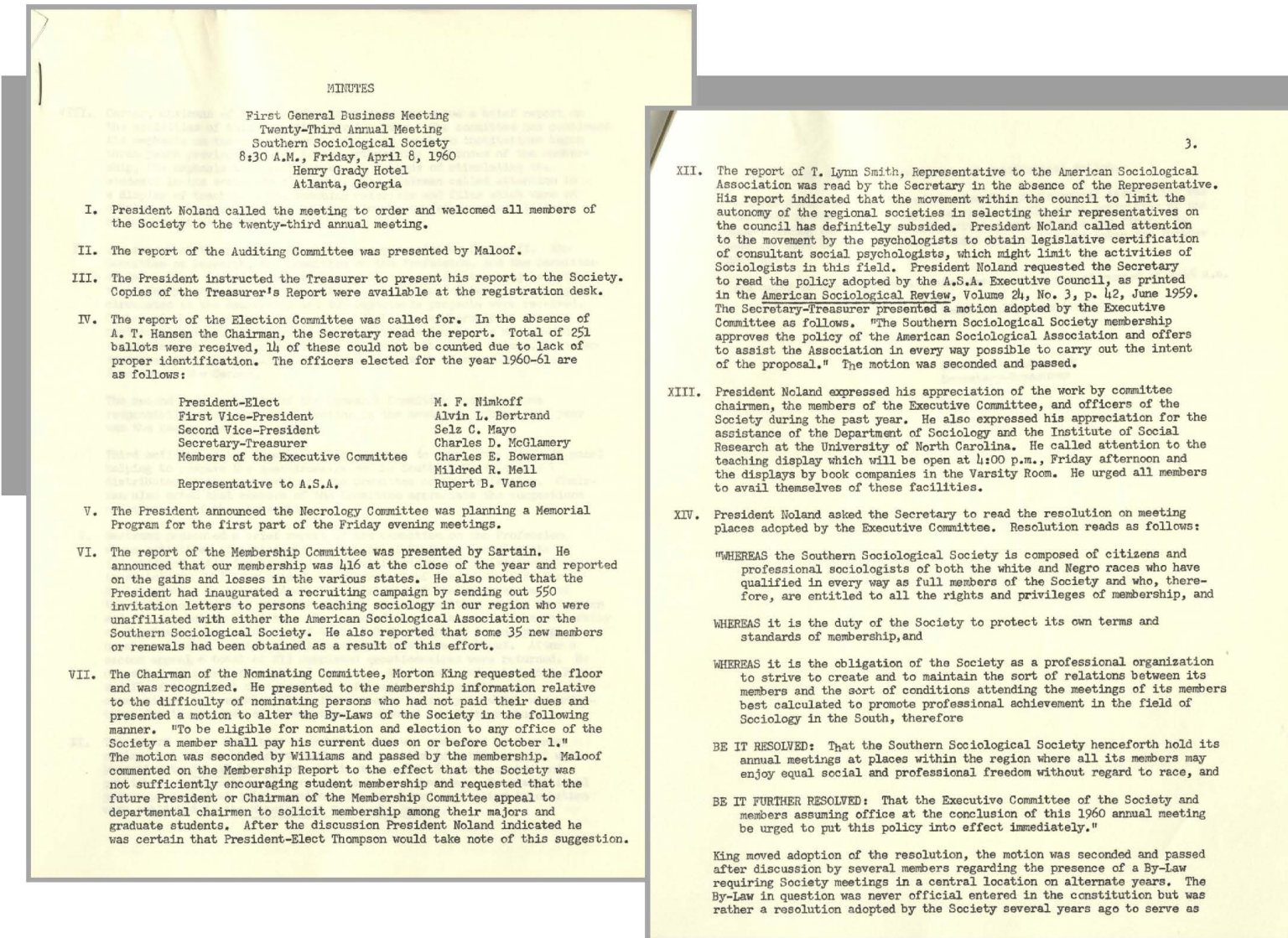
Charles S. Johnson to Wilson Gee: "In its uninhibited policy regarding Negro membership, the Society overcame in its first year one of the important handicaps to the development of sociology in the South. This, I think, was not simply a matter of including Negro sociologists in the organization, but the fact that such inclusion made possible greater freedom, intellectual honesty, and emotional detachment in dealing with the complex aspects of social life in the South. Under these circumstances, I find myself in accord with your judgement that the best procedure is to eliminate the annual dinner, as well as the luncheon...."

"12 to 1:30 P.M. Luncheon Hour. No program." "5:30-8:00 P.M. Dinner Hour."



Stances Toward Social Issues in the Early 1960s, a Time of Accelerating Social Change

1960: Resolution on holding annual meetings at places where all members regardless of race may participate fully

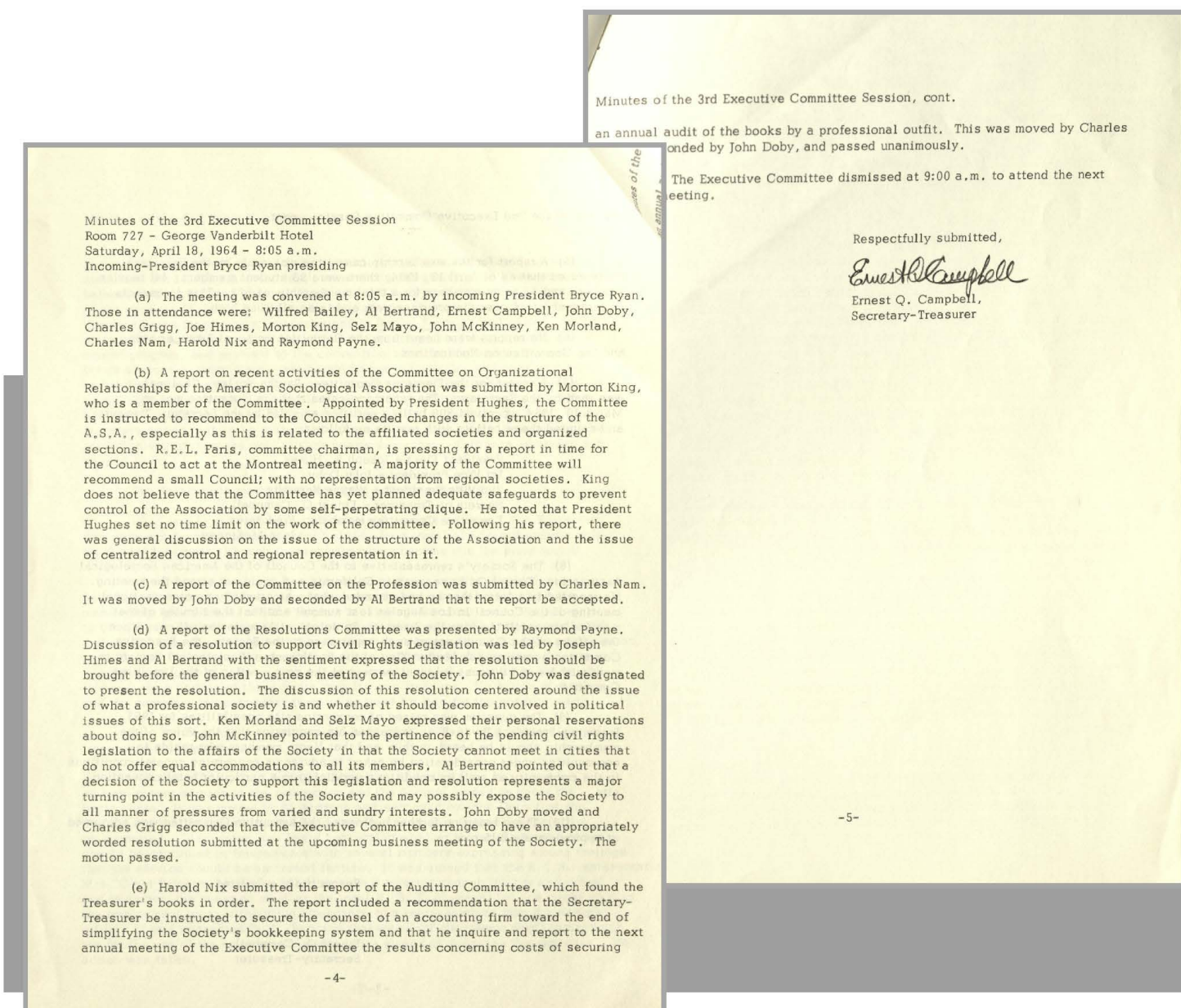


First General Business Meeting minutes: "Be it Resolved: That the Southern Sociological Society henceforth hold its annual meetings at places within the region where all its members may enjoy equal social and professional freedom without regard to race...."

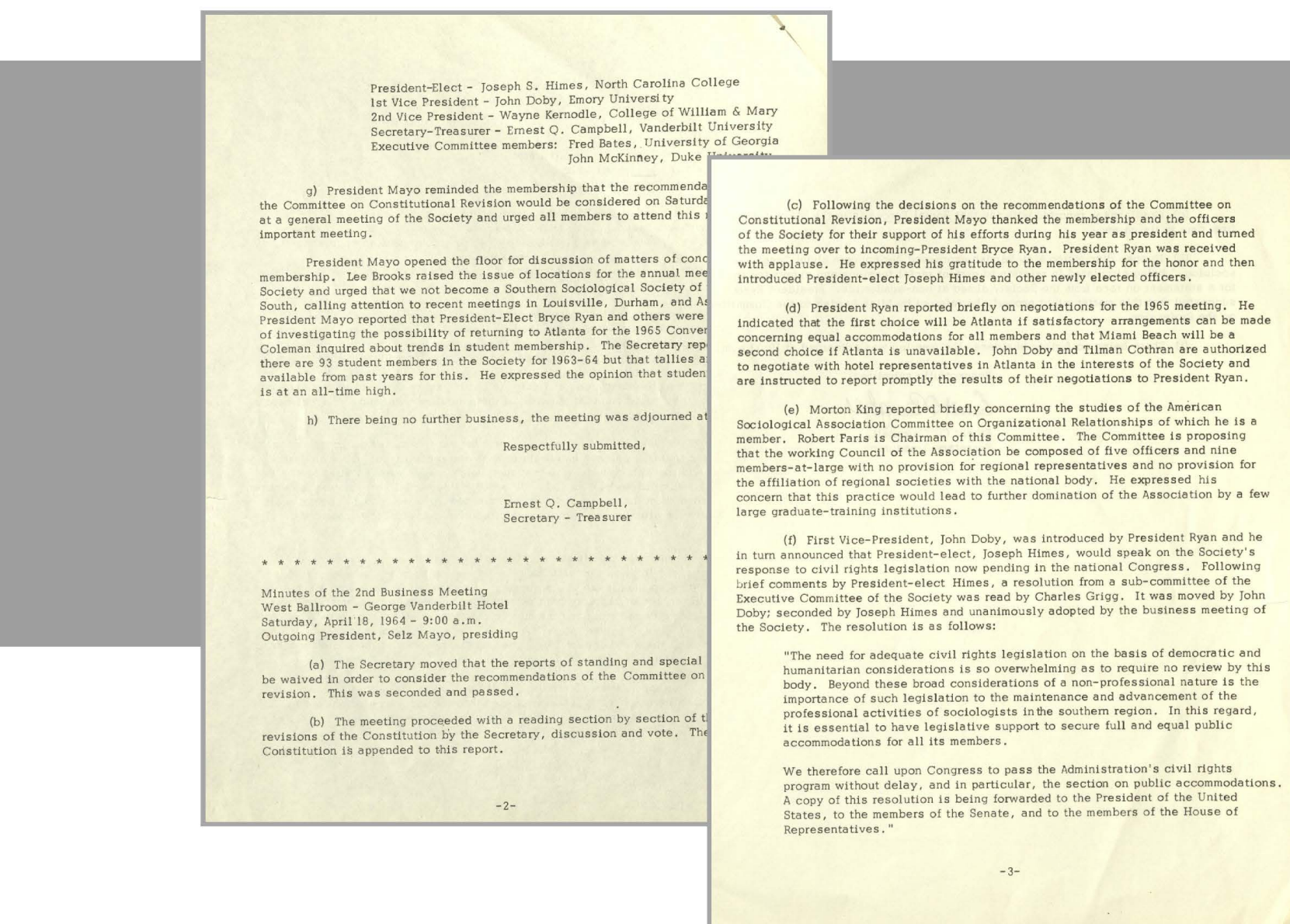
1962: Support for a U.S. House bill on literacy.

1963: Resolution on social studies instruction at elementary and secondary levels

1964: Discussion and Resolution on support for the Civil Rights Act

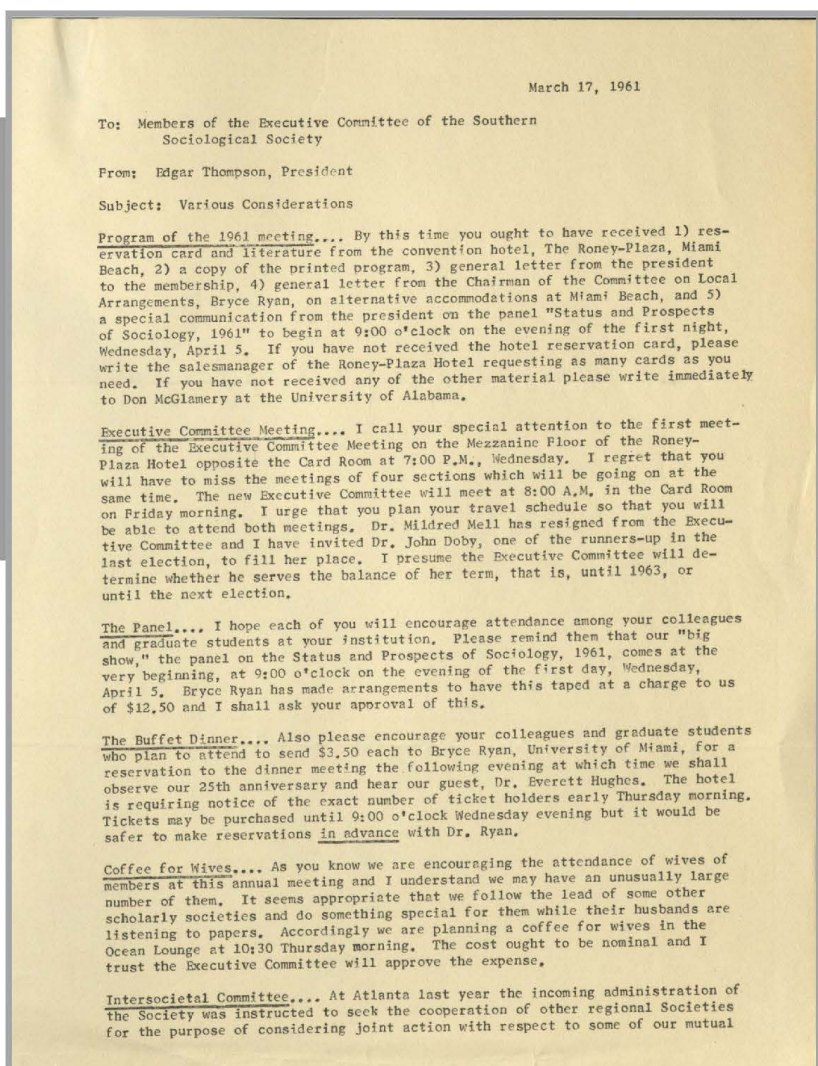


Third Executive Committee Session minutes: "Discussion of a resolution to support Civil Rights Legislation...with the sentiment expressed that the resolution should be brought before the general business meeting....[D]iscussion...centered around...whether [the society] should become involved in political issues of this sort."

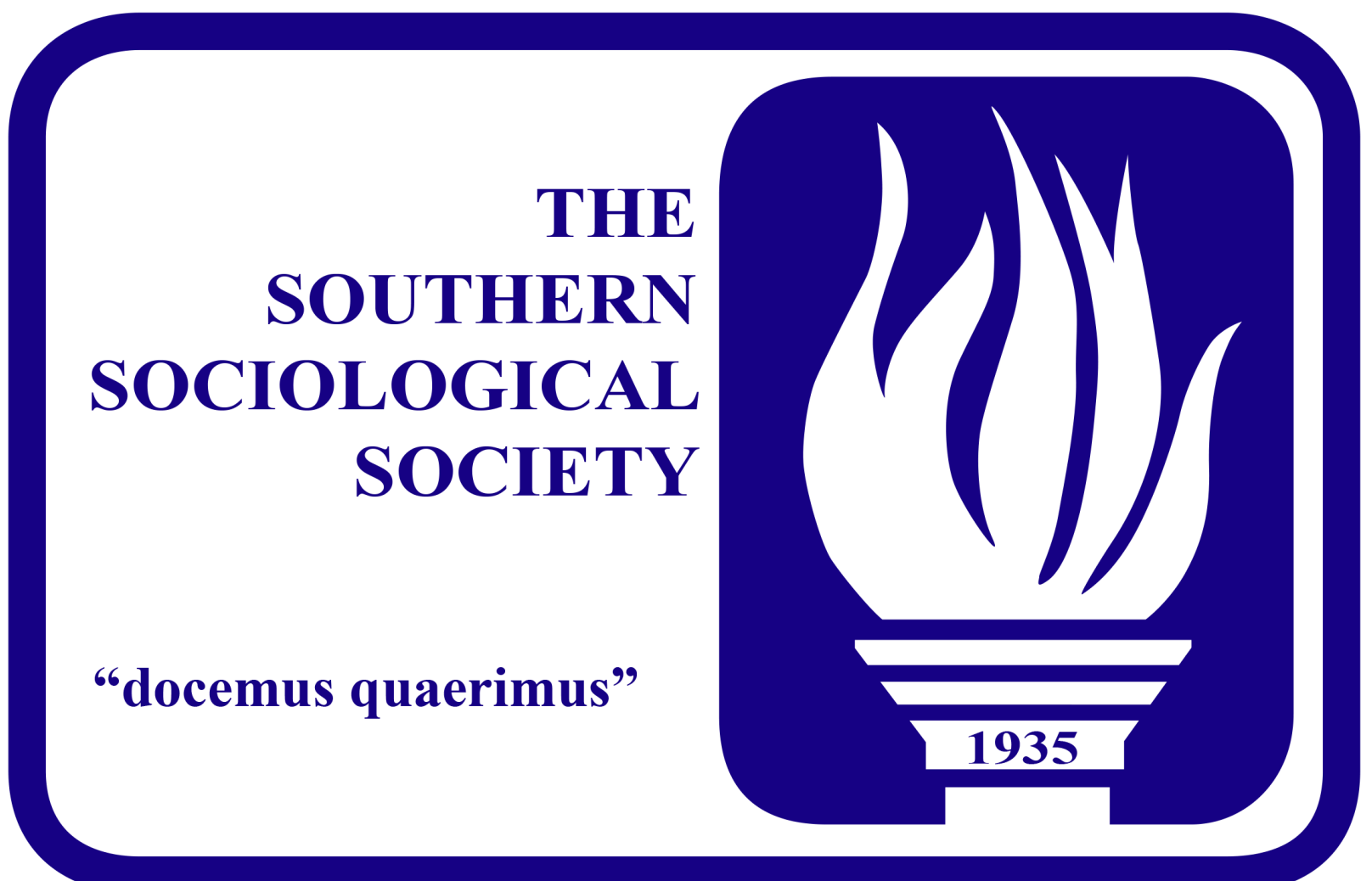


Second Business Meeting minutes: "We....call upon Congress to pass the Administration's civil rights program without delay, and in particular, the section on public accommodations."

1961: Attention to inequality in other areas would have to wait for later years.



Memorandum from Edgar Thompson, President, to SSS members: "Coffee for Wives....As you know we are encouraging the attendance of wives of members at this annual meeting....It seems appropriate that we...do something special for them while their husbands are listening to papers."



# The Archives:

## Conference Session Topics: Representing every 10 years, 1936-2016

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, 1936, Atlanta

- Social Welfare and Public Policy
- Race and Culture
- Regional Studies and Planning
- Teaching of Sociology
- Rural Life and Problems

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 1946, Atlanta

- Impersonal Factors in the Development of the South
- Sociological Aspects of Housing
- Teaching of Sociology
- Southern Attitudes and Aspirations

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 1956, Atlanta

- Theory and Research
- Social Psychology
- Social Work and Welfare Policy
- Race and Culture
- The Community
- Industrial Sociology
- Recent Social Changes in the South

### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 1986, New Orleans

- Socialization Over the Life-Course
- Ethics
- Sociology of Knowledge/Science
- Religion
- Social Control and Social Policy
- Sociology of Agriculture
- Applied Medical Sociology: Policy and Evaluation
- The Social Psychology of Deviance
- Comparative Sociology
- Family
- Mass Communications
- Psychosocial Response to Illness
- New Orleans
- Law and Society
- Labor Markets and the Organization of Work
- Values and Norms: Continuity and Change
- Social Movements and Collective Behavior
- Medical and Health Careers
- Sociology of Energy/Environment
- Sociology of the South
- Victimization Surveys: Methods and Research
- Educational Processes: Social-Psychological Perspectives
- Social-Psychological Issues in Race and Ethnic Relations
- Sociology of Development
- Sociology of the South
- Symbolic Interaction
- Legal Aspects of Alcohol Use and Misuse
- Popular Culture of the South
- Group Processes
- Classical Sociological Theory
- Marriage
- Categorical Data Analysis
- Symbolic Interactionist View of Emotions
- Sociology of Development
- Youth and Crime
- Sociology of Jazz Music
- Mental Health
- Race, Ethnicity and Mental Health
- Marxism: Theory and Practice
- Dynamic Models, Quantitative and Historical
- Issues and Concerns in Third World Development
- Occupations: Continuity and Change
- Ecology
- Women, Social Consciousness, and Change
- Student Papers
- Social Control and Criminal Justice
- General Quantitative Methods
- Work and Industry
- Economic Structure and Behavior
- Race and Ethnic Issues in Education and Career Attainment
- Migration and Mortality
- The Social Psychology of Deviance
- Issues and Concerns in Third World Development
- Political Sociology: State and Society
- Stratification
- Urban Sociology
- Societal Development and Change
- Sociology of Popular Music
- Professionalization and Deprofessionalization
- Political Sociology: Attitudes, Ideology, and Representation
- Educational Processes: Structural Perspectives
- Family and Gender Issues in Race and Ethnic Relations
- Alcohol and Drug Use
- Stratification
- Delinquency and Delinquents
- Race and Ethnic Minorities
- Louisiana
- Sex Roles
- Community
- Sociology of Sport and Leisure
- Social Stratification and Aging
- Historical and Theoretical Issues in Race and Ethnic Relations
- Women, Work and Family
- Social Change in the U.S.
- Sociology of Fertility
- Sociology of Sport: Quantitative Approaches
- Aging
- Stratification Research in the South
- Technology and Social Change



1936-1956

### 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 1966, New Orleans

- Sociology of the Family
- Community and Ecology
- Problems of Aging
- Southern Anthropologists
- Some Current Perspectives on Sociology in the South
- Social Stratification and Mobility
- Sociological Theory
- Racial and Ethnic Relations
- Research and Methodology
- Sociology of Political Organization
- Social Psychology
- Medical Sociology
- Sociology of Industry and Occupation
- Social Stratification in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Southern Anthropologists
- Sociology of Leisure
- Population and Demography
- Teaching of Sociology
- Analysis of Social and Cultural Change
- Sociology Studies of Social Deprivation



1966-1986

### 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 2016, Atlanta

- Politics and Social Construction of Violence
- Drug and Substance Use
- Food, Society, and Health Disparities
- Media, Social Media, and Sexuality
- Urban Sociology and Communities
- Color-Blind and Color-Conscious Racism
- Crime, Law, and Deviance
- From Bad to Worse: Insecurity, Stress, and Economic Inequality
- Gender through a Global Lens
- The Persistence of Inequality and Exploring New Avenues for Change
- The Continuing Significance of Racial Attitudes
- Addressing Poverty, Health, Policy and Social Justice through Applied Sociology
- The Continuing Significance of Identity
- Courts and Incarceration
- Challenges Addressed: Qualitative Research in Work and Organizations
- Income Inequality, Employment, and the State
- Matters of Sex and Sexuality
- Marriage Equality and Stability
- Making Marginalized Mothers Visible
- Science, Emotions, and Visual Sociology
- Marriage Equality and Public Policy
- Feminist Leadership: Individual Strategies and Structural Change
- Disability and Identity
- Race, Place, and Diversity: A Closer Look at the Atlanta Metropolitan Area
- Effective Yet Efficient Faculty
- Voices from Within the Veil: W.E.B. DuBois, Religion, and Intersectional Identities
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Disability and Sexuality
- Intersectional Research Methods
- Social Class Inequality in the Labor Market
- Identities: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality
- LGBT: History, Family, and Broader Concerns
- The Social Psychology of Inequality
- Community, Identity and Collective Behavior
- Constructing Racial Identity
- Gender and Reproduction
- Extremism and Responses to It in America
- Exploring Drag Performance
- Gender, Sex, and Culture
- Femininities and its Contemporary Forms
- Culture, Continuity and Change
- Campus Matters: Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual Violence
- The Relationship of Science to Society
- Health and Society
- Competitive and Cooperative Movement Dynamics
- Politics of Educational Policy
- The Sociology of Craft Beer
- Persistent Poverty and the Southern States: Models of Developing Mutually Beneficial Partnerships with Communities
- Emotions
- Gender, Beauty, and Media
- Gender, Sexuality, and Violence
- Framing Processes and Social Movements
- Bias and Discrimination
- Measuring Inequality in Organizations
- Marriage at its Intersection: Labor, Race, and Fertility
- Family Attitudes among African Americans
- Chronic Conditions, Health Care and Religion
- Lost and Found: The LGBTQ Homeless and How Your Research Can Make a Difference
- Elder Experience
- Environment and Social Inequalities from a Comparative Perspective
- Experiences of Ethics and Morality
- Body and Embodiment
- Children and Gender, Home and Abroad
- Intersectionality in Race and Policy
- Diverse Fathers
- Kids, Race, and Place
- Gender and Sexuality in Education
- Pedagogy and Teaching Using New Techniques
- Innovations in the Research of Work and Organizations
- Political Discourse and Public Perceptions
- Race on Campus: How Climate Matters
- Religious Identity Formation and Socially Constructed Realities
- Media and Society
- Pregnancy and Intimacy
- Race and Place
- Race, Ethnicity, Immigration, and Violence
- Race, Gender, and the Lived Experiences of Race
- Race, Religion, and the South
- Reflections in the Double Mirror: The Relationship between Media and Culture
- Gender Dynamics on College Campuses
- Factors Shaping Educational Attainment and Inequality
- Development and Economic Sociology
- Marriage and Public Policy
- Demography: Social Capital, and Discrimination
- Neighborhood Disorder and its Impact on Poverty
- Shifting Identities
- Healthcare and Underrepresented Populations
- Race and Intimate Relationships
- Race, Gender and Higher Education
- Race, Identity, and Education
- Who Makes it to the Top of the Academic Ladder? Constraints, Enablers, and Intersectionality
- Religion, Education, and Society
- Re-Thinking Measurement and Internet Methodology
- Traditional Marriage: Standards and its Legal and Sociological Consequences
- Community Development from a Comparative Perspective
- Organizational Dynamics in Higher Education
- Emotions and Well-Being
- Organizing around Race and Gender
- Crime, Law, Deviance and Bullying
- Health Outcomes Over Time
- Social, Political and Religious Consumption
- Policing and Society
- Sexual Violence
- Race, Body Image and Commitment
- Organizational Systems, Boundaries and Commitment
- LGBT: The Law and What's Next
- Sexuality in Society
- Contemporary Marriage in Asia
- Critical Perspectives in the Sociology Discipline
- Race, Discrimination, and Health
- Consumption, Markets, and Technology
- Religion, Society, and Mental Health
- Interpersonal Violence and Victimization
- Sexuality, Marriage and Health
- Student Ideas of Race and Family
- Global Research on Gender and Sexuality
- Higher Education and Social Mobility
- Medical Sociology and Mental Health
- Social Contexts of Change
- Social Support, Politics and Violence
- The Cost of Color: The Economics of Discrimination
- The Many Impacts of Social Media
- Work and Organizations: Sense-Making, Accounts and Identity Management
- Studies in Cultural Practice
- Community-Based Research: Lessons from the Field
- Masculinities and its Contemporary Forms
- Neoliberalism, Education and Inequality
- Marriage and Spousal Support
- School Safety and Violence
- Professional Advice for Graduate Students
- Negotiating Meaning through Interaction
- Minority Health and Mental Health
- Finding Happiness within Families
- Online Learning
- Local and Global Economies
- Diverse and Religion
- Partners in Academia
- Private and Public Spheres of Sexual Minorities
- Identity and the Self in Context
- Using Social Media in the Classroom
- New Horizons: Marriage, Class, Race, and Gender
- The Political Effects of Media
- Technology, Religion, and Cultural Sociology
- Teaching Social Justice and Intersectionality



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# The Archives:

## Fashion and Leadership

1941



L to R: Bob Ford (Miss. State), Gil Stanford (Ole Miss), E.T. Krueger (Vanderbilt), Bob Schmid (Vanderbilt), Earl Grigsby (Vanderbilt), Morton King (Miss. State), Paul Foreman (Ole Miss), field trip of Mississippi Hill and Delta rural areas.

1945-1950



Lee M. Brooks with graduate student Al Shaffer (UNC-CH)

1963



L to R: Alvin Boskoff (Emery), Melvin J. Williams (Stetson), R.L. Yokely (Fisk), Willis A. Sutton (UK) at annual meeting in Durham, NC

1968



Past Presidents, President, and President-elect, Atlanta, GA

1970



1985

24 of 34 living SSS Presidents, Golden Anniversary commemoration in Charlotte, NC



L to R: A. Lee Coleman, Harry Best, Marion Sprague at the University of Kentucky on the occasion of Dr. Best's 90th birthday, December 1970

1975



1974-1975 and 1975-1976 Executive Committee, Washington, DC, April 1975

1984



1983-1984 Executive Committee, Knoxville, TN, April 1984

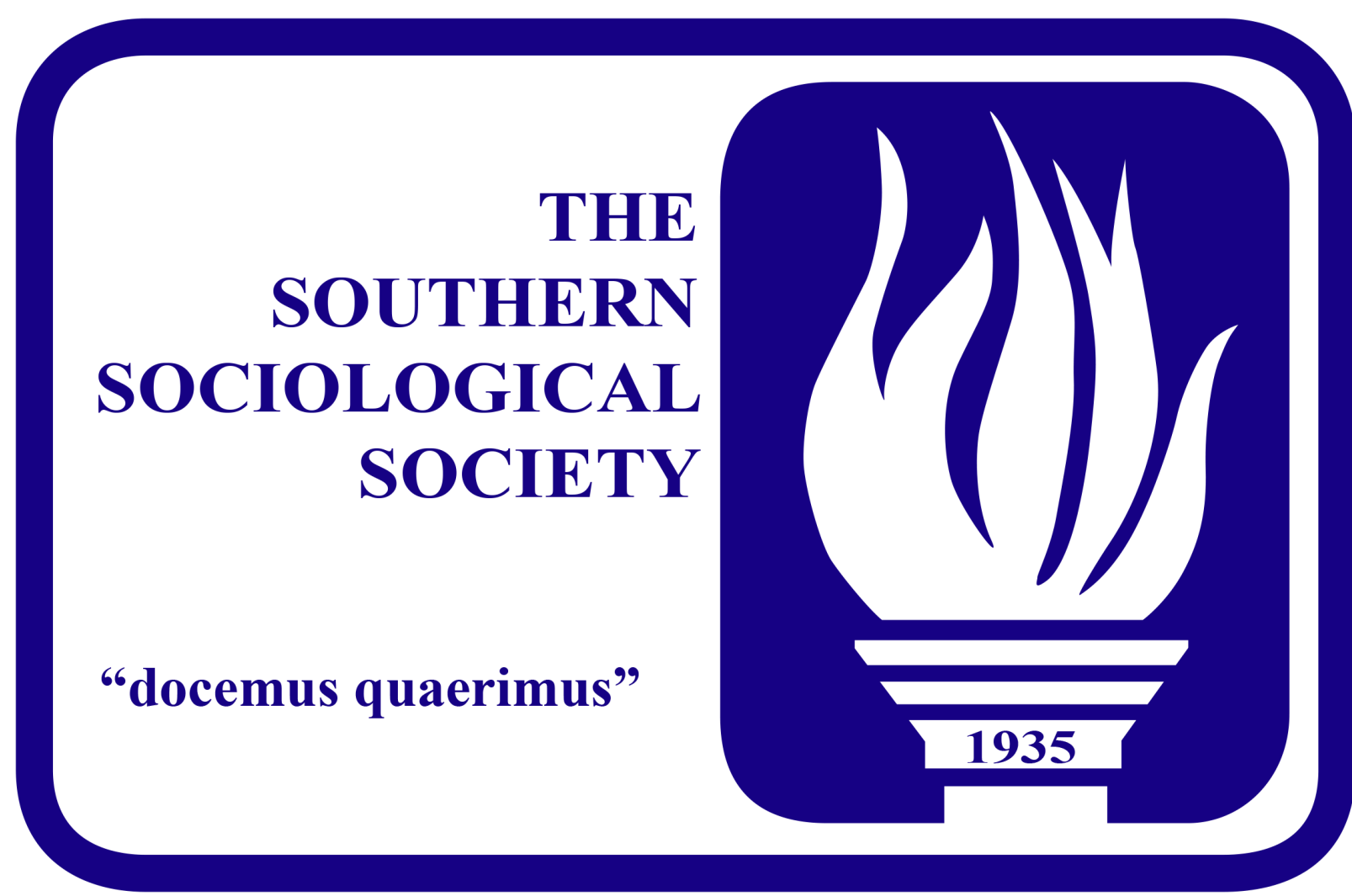
1989



Unidentified candid images from the 1989 meeting in Norfolk, VA

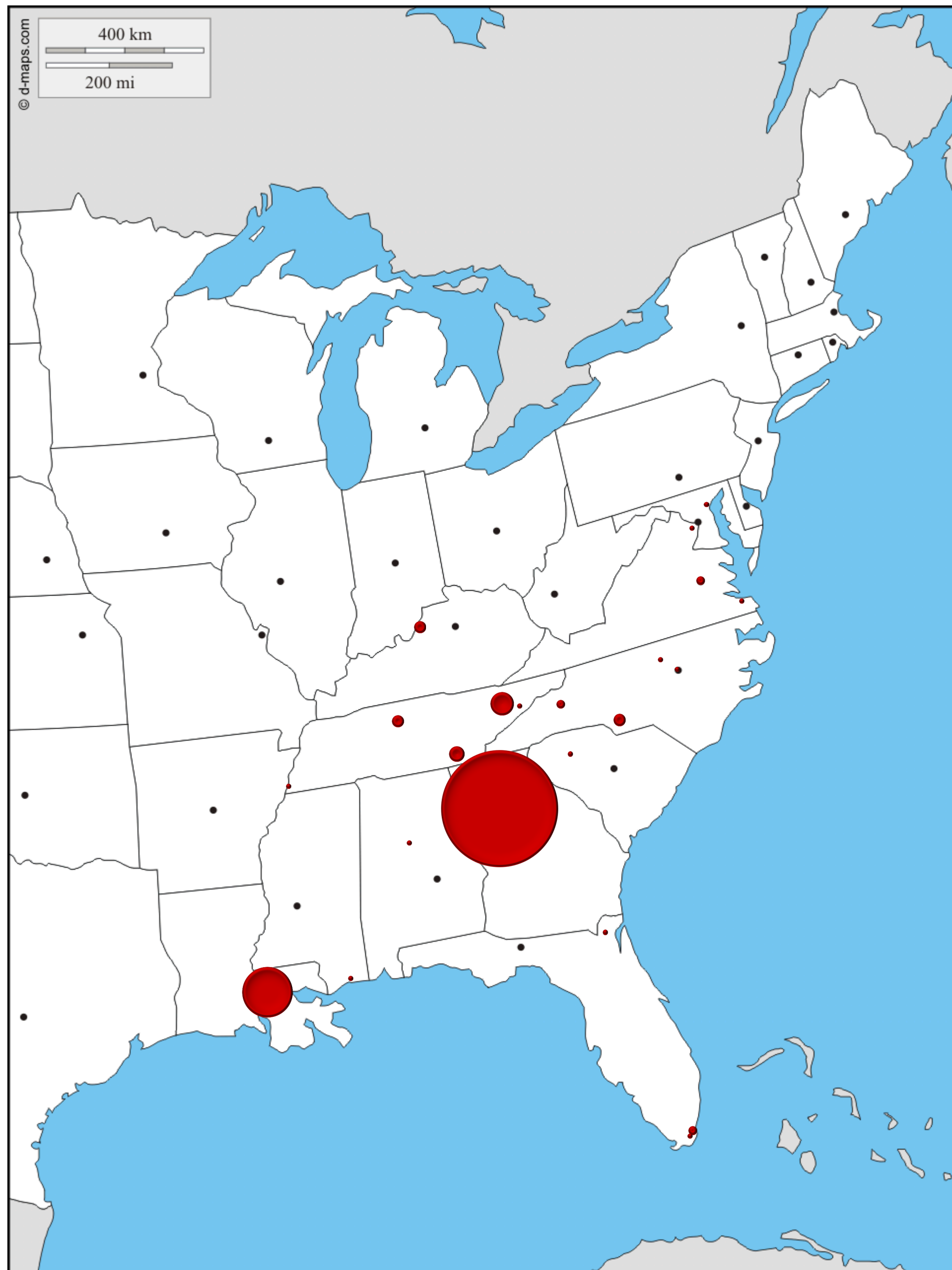






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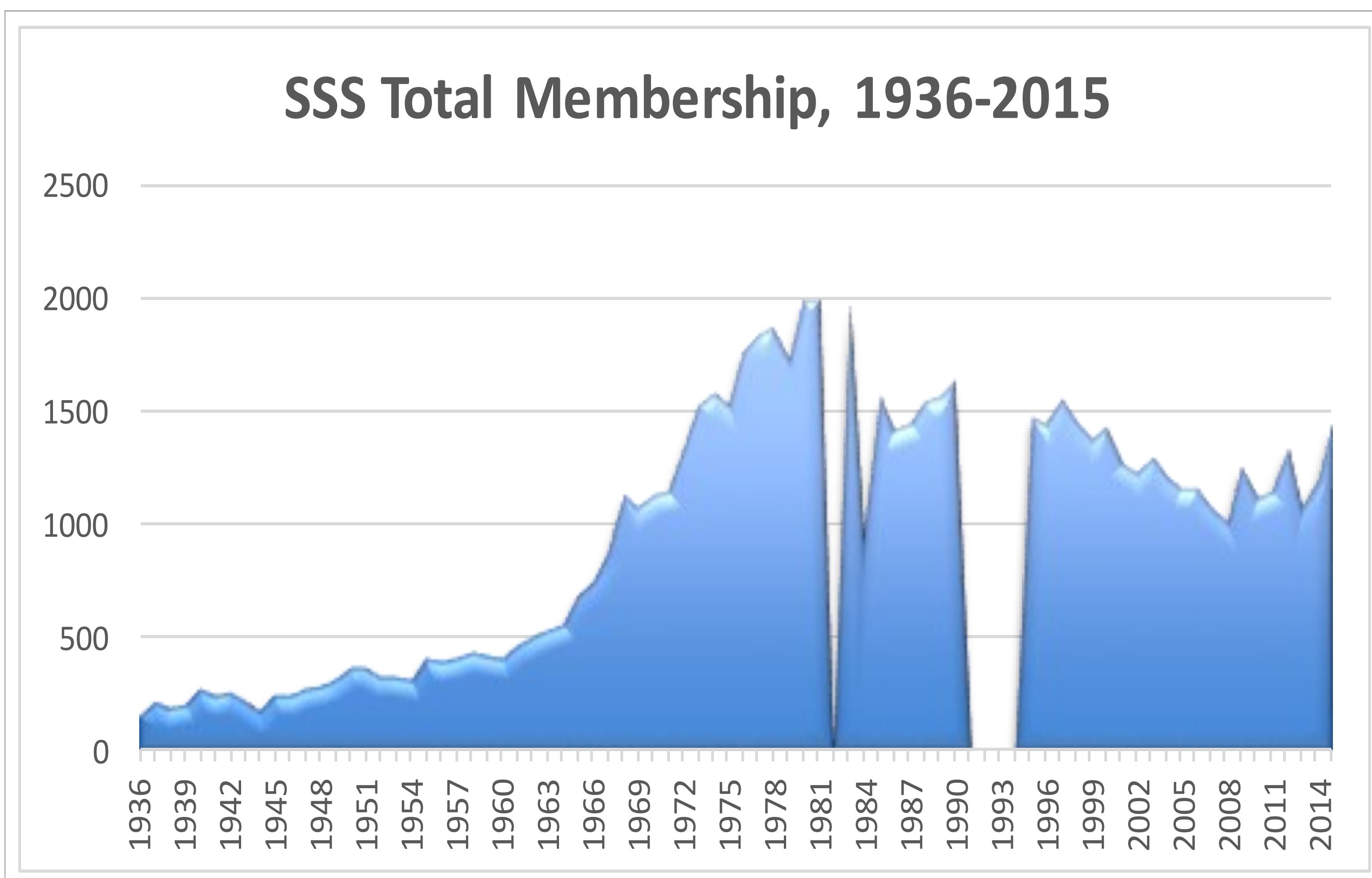
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Location	No of meetings		Years (1936-2017)
Atlanta, GA	30		1936, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1946, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016
New Orleans, LA	13		1966, 1969, 1972, 1978, 1986, 1992, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015
Knoxville, TN	6		1940, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1980, 1984
Chattanooga, TN	4		1938, 1942, 1953, 1993
Charlotte, NC	3		1985, 2005, 2014
Louisville, KY	3		1962, 1981, 1990
Nashville, TN	3		1955, 1988, 1999
Asheville, NC	2		1958, 1964
Miami Beach, FL	2		1961, 1971
Richmond, VA	2		1996, 2008
Baltimore, MD	1		2002
Biloxi, MS	1		1950
Birmingham, AL	1		1937
Durham, NC	1		1963
Gatlinburg, TN	1		1959
Greenville, SC	1		2017
Jacksonville, FL	1		2011
Memphis, TN	1		1982
Miami, FL	1		1976
Norfolk, VA	1		1989
Raleigh, NC	1		1994
Washington, DC	1		1975

Black dots represent state capitals

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There is no data for 1982 and 1991-1994  
 Lowest number = 154 in 1936  
 Highest number = 1983 in 1980 and 1981