

THE SENATOR WILLIAM S. JAMES COLLECTION  
(6 ms. boxes)

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The papers of Senator William S. James were deposited with the University of Maryland Archives in May 1974 by Senator James.

William S. James was born in Aberdeen, Maryland, on February 14, 1914. He attended Havre de Grace public schools, The Tomes School, the University of Delaware. In 1937 Mr. James was graduated, with an LL.B., from the University of Maryland School of Law; in 1937 he was admitted to the Maryland Bar. He is married, with two children.

Mr. James served as Trial Magistrate (Havre de Grace, Harford County) from 1945-53. He was a member of the House of Delegates, 1947-55, and a member of the State Senate since 1955. Senator James is the first man in modern Maryland politics to be elected to three consecutive terms as President of the Senate.

Throughout the years Mr. James has sponsored over three hundred and fifty pieces of legislation which have been enacted into law, including historic acts creating the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, establishing Maryland's Community College Program, and reapportioning the General Assembly. State aid to education and environment conservation are prominent among the legislative goals with which he has been most closely identified.

The Senator William S. James Collection covers the period from 1857 to 1975.

Important Subjects:

1971 Governor's Inauguration; Government Ethics; the Federal Role of the States, Procedure and Organization of the Maryland Legislature, Agnew Resignation (1968), Senator James' refusal to accept appointment to Court of Appeals.

Correspondents:

Governor M. Mandel, Governor Millard Tawes, Major General Edwin Warfield, ed. of the Baltimore Sun, Mr. Ernest V. Baugh.

Description of Series

Series I Legislative Sessions

This series is arranged chronologically. The coverage begins in 1958 and continues through 1972. The series contains correspondence, news clips and various legislative documents. Included in the series one finds information on Gov. Marvin Mandel's 1971 inauguration, materials regarding the refusal of Sen. James to leave the State Senate in order to join the Court of Appeals (1972); and, in 1968, news articles speculating about the possibility of Sen. James as a possible gubernatorial successor to Spiro Agnew upon his resignation to become Vice President.

Series II Speeches

Subseries I. This is an alphabetical subject arrangement of speeches. Within the series can be found speeches and speech outlines; correspondence and background materials of various sorts, e.g. news clips, pamphlets, pertinent to each topic. Much of the material was, in fact, generated by other individuals and was used by Senator James as research material in the preparation of his speeches. The material

is arranged so that within each folder, one will find the items in this order: correspondence, speeches, outlines, back-up materials, and finally, news clips. Important speech subjects include "Governmental Ethics", "The Federal Role of the States", and "Procedure and Organization of the Maryland Legislature". (This last topic occupies four folders).

Subseries II. Speeches and outlines on various topics arranged chronologically. The dates span 1945-1974, the bulk falling within the period of the late sixties and early seventies.

### Series III General

Topics in this series are arranged alphabetically. Many then subdivide chronologically. Within this series one finds Publications, both those authored by Senator James (in varying forms, e.g., newspaper and magazine articles), as well as books on the State Legislature, most likely used by the Senator in his research.

This series also contains information pertaining to the school career of William S. James, his campaigns, various awards and diplomas received by the Senator, documents and materials related to his family history, and a small number of miscellaneous items.

## INVENTORY

### Series I Legislative Sessions

- Box 1 1958-1960 Legislative Session
- 1961 Legislative Session - contains a letter from President John F. Kennedy to Sen. James, thanking the latter for his support during the 1960 presidential campaign.
- 1963 Legislative Session
- 1964 Legislative Session - article on Sen. James and much of the legislation he was sponsoring during that period of time.
- 1965 Legislative Session
- 1966 Legislative Session
- 1967 Legislative Session - two items of information of the members of the General Assembly at that time.
- 1968
- During this period Spiro Agnew resigned as Governor of Md. Contains news clips speculating on the possible replacement of Agnew by James.
- 1969-70
- First communication received from Major General Edwin Warfield (12/30/70) concerning the inauguration of Governor Mandel.
- 1971
- All information, memorabilia regarding the inaugural of Gov. Mandel is found in this folder. Also of interest: articles reporting that Sen. William James turned down an appointment to the District Court.
- 1972 News Clippings
- An entire folder of news clips. The bulk of the clips was generated by the event of Senator James' refusal to leave the Senate and accept an appointment to the Court of Appeals. Another area of importance covered is Sen. James' position on the choice of delegates to the 1972 National Convention. An interview with Sen. James is also included.

### Series II Speeches

#### Subseries I

- Box 1 Citizenship  
Commencements  
Education  
The Federal Role of the States (2 f)  
This subject has an extensive amount of research and back-up materials, much of which concerns the National Legislative Conference and the Council of State Government.  
Governmental Ethics - includes James article on corruption which appeared in the "Washington Post" 6/18/73.

Series II,  
Box 1 (cont'd)

Legislative Process in Maryland (2 f)  
The Legislative Role of (Md.) Governor  
Lobbying

Maryland Government

Consist only of speech outlines, and unlike the majority of speeches and outlines in this series, no background materials of any kind are included within this topic.

Maryland - History

Miscellaneous speech outlines & materials pertaining to varied aspects of the history of the State of Maryland, e.g., the State House of Maryland, the burial site of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Maryland - Jousting Tournaments

Maryland - Natural History

Memorial Day

Miscellaneous Legislative Materials

Neither news clips nor correspondence are included within this subject.

Box 2 Miscellaneous Speeches

In contrast to most of the folders in this series, there are no research materials. It is an alphabetical grouping of various speeches, some of which are duplicates and appear throughout the series under the proper subject heading. Nine speeches are included in this folder.

Miscellaneous Speech Outlines

Parliamentary Government in Maryland

Procedure and Organization of Maryland Legislature and

Misc. Comments (4 f)

The Role of the Legislature

The Role of the Legislature - Background Material

School Dedications

Society of Senates Past

Subseries II

Box 3 Speeches 1945-1966  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1967-1971  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1972  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1973-1974

Series III General

Box 1 Awards and Diplomas

Spans the years 1963-1974.

Campaigns

Small amount of materials reflecting the type of articles used during campaigns for political office by Senator James.

Correspondence, Official, 1959-1971

Correspondence, Official, 1972-1973

A great deal of the correspondence here is concerned with the Senator's decision not to accept an appointment to the Court of Appeals.

Series III,  
Box 1 (cont'd)

Correspondence, Personal, 1967-1973

Cronin, Col. Henry

Nyer, Judge Harry E.

Covers the appointment of Mr. Harry Nyer as Judge of the  
Circuit Court of Harford County in July, 1963.

Family

Old Bay Farm

Publications - Articles written by Sen. James, 1938-1975

Publications - State Legislatures

School Career

Miscellaneous

Box 2 Oversized Awards and Diplomas -  
Arranged chronologically, covering 1944-1972.

Memorabilia available in memorabilia collection.

Photographs available in photograph collection.

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