



**M. Eugene Sirmans papers, ca. 1953-1972**  
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**Creator:** Sirmans, Marion Eugene, 1934-1965.

**Description:** 4.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/historical note:** Historian, educator, and author. Born in Moultrie, Ga., M. Eugene Sirmans graduated from Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.) in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in history and earned his master's degree and Ph.D. at Princeton University. He was a fellow at the Institute of Early American History and Culture in Williamsburg, Va. and taught at the College of William and Mary as well as Emory University. In addition to his book "Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763" he authored a number of articles mainly concerning Colonial South Carolina politics and history.

**Scope and content:** Papers consist of manuscripts (handwritten and typed) of a book, articles, reviews, and other writings by M. Eugene Sirmans as well as history lecture notes, research notes, correspondence, a travel diary, biographical information, and other items.

Manuscripts include drafts of "Colonial South Carolina : A Political History, 1663-1773"; articles, mainly on Colonial South Carolina politics and history; book reviews; and critiques of articles. Research notes, handwritten and typed on index cards, include notes for Sirmans' book and an incomplete dissertation on the Bull family of South Carolina as well as extensive bibliographic information.

Sirmans' correspondence (1959-1965) with colleagues and friends includes correspondence with W. Frank Craven (Princeton University), J.H. Easterby (Director, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History), and many others. Additional correspondence (1965-1972) consists of letters, mainly from publishers, to Sylvia L. Sirmans (wife of M. Eugene Sirmans) and Mrs. Marion E. Sirmans, Sr. A travel diary (1953, photocopy) concerns Sirmans' trip to Europe with the Emory University Glee Club.

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**Search terms:**

Sirmans, Marion Eugene, 1934-1965.

Bull family.

South Carolina -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.

South Carolina -- Politics and government -- To 1775.

Diaries.

Letters (correspondence)  
Manuscripts.  
Notes.  
Research (document genres)  
Historians.

**Container list:**

**28-515**

Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763.

Printers copy (corrected). 587 p.; also 58 p. Index with galleys.

**28-516**

Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763.

Complete first draft of manuscript. Handwritten and typed; also typed footnotes for Chapters I-X, and XIV-XV; handwritten footnotes for Chapters IX-XIII. Includes Chapter XVI notes not used in printed version.

Chapter I- Handwritten and typed. 31 p.

Part I- Handwritten. 3 p.

Chapter II- Handwritten. 37 p.

Chapter III- Handwritten. 49 p.

Chapter IV- Handwritten. 52 p.

Chapter V- Handwritten. 63 p.

Part II- Handwritten. 3 p.

Chapter VI- Handwritten. 64 p.

Chapter VII- Handwritten. 77 p.

Chapter VIII- Handwritten and typed. 46 p.

Chapter IX- Handwritten and typed. 47 p.

Part III- Typed. 2 p.

Chapter X- Handwritten and typed. 41 p.,

Chapter XI- Handwritten. 29 p.

Chapter XII- Handwritten. 24 p.

Chapter XIII- Handwritten and typed. 24 p.

Chapter XIV- Handwritten and typed. 40 p.

Chapter XV- Handwritten. 43 p.

Chapter XVI- Conclusion (not used in printed version) Handwritten. 8 p.

Footnotes:

Chapters I-X (before final corrections) . Typed.74 p.

Chapters XI-XIII (before final corrections).Handwritten. 15 p.

Chapters XIV-XV (before final corrections).Typed. 14 p.

Chapters IX and X (before corrections). Typed and handwritten. 26 p.

**28-517**

Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763.

Typed draft (carbon). Includes Preface through Bibliographical Essay. Portion of corrected printer's copy.

Preface- same as printed version. 4 p.  
Chapter I- before final corrections. 25 p.  
Part I- before final corrections. 2 p.  
Chapter II- not printed version. 27 p.  
Chapter III- not printed version. 35 p.  
Chapter IV- before final corrections. 36 p.  
Chapter V- not printed version. 41 p.  
Part II- before final corrections. 2 p.  
Chapter VI- before final corrections. 40 p.  
Chapter VII- before final corrections. 56 p.  
Chapter VIII- before final corrections. 45 p.  
Chapter IX- before final corrections. 48 p.  
Part III- before final corrections. 3 p.  
Chapter X- before final corrections. 49 p.  
Chapter XI- before final corrections. 33 p.  
Chapter XII- before final corrections. 26 p.  
Chapter XIII- before final corrections. 31 p.  
Chapter XIV- before final corrections. 45 p.  
Chapter XV- before final corrections. 21 p.  
Bibliographical Essay- before final corrections. 23 p

### **28-518**

Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763. Typed draft (carbon), corrected, incomplete. Also research notes.

Chapter I- partially corrected. 18 p.  
Chapter II- partially corrected. 18 p.  
Chapter III- partially corrected. 27 p.  
Chapter IV- partially corrected. 27 p.  
Chapter V- partially corrected. 36 p.  
Chapter VIII- not printed version. 21 p.  
Chapter IX- not printed version. 25 p.  
Chapter XI- not printed version. 33 p.  
Chapter XII- not printed version. 48 p.  
Chapter XIII- not printed version (partial). .15 p.  
Chapter XIV- not printed version (partial). 2 p.  
Chapter XV- handwritten copy not in printed version (partial). 9 p.  
Misc Notes. 30 p.

### **28-519**

"Masters of Ashley Hall: A Study of the Bull Family in Colonial South Carolina, 1670-1737."  
Typescript (carbon). Incomplete (dissertation).

Chapter I- Incomplete (some pages missing, some page numbers changed). 25 p.  
Chapter II. 59 p.  
Chapter III- Incomplete ( pages 99, 102,103,109,110,116,119 missing). 32 p.  
Chapter IV- Incomplete ( pages 159-162, 165,167-170, 173-176, 178-184 missing). 29 p.

Chapter V- Incomplete (pages 238-240 missing). 49 p.  
Chapter VI. 74 p.  
Chapter VII. 49 p.  
Chapter VIII. 19 p.

## **28-520**

### *Articles:*

"Charleston: Two Hundred Years Ago." Manuscript original, two carbons, and xerox copy of printed paper, (printed in *Emory University Quarterly*, XIX, p. 129-36, 1963•, also read before South Carolina Historical Society Annual Meeting, 23 Feb. 1963). 32 p.

"The Board of Trade and The Royal Governors of South Carolina, 1720-1763." Typed manuscript and notes (earlier version read before American Historical Association, Chicago, 29 Dec. 1962). 16 p.

"The Development of Slavery In South Carolina." Typescript. 1 p. description (paper read before Southern Historical Association, 1961.)

[The Electoral College.] Typescript. 4 p.

"The Structure of Politics in Colonial South Carolina As Reflected in The Assembly and The Council, 1736 to 1745." Typed manuscript, 2 copies, (college paper, Princeton University, 1957). 194 p.

"The South Carolina Royal Council, 1720-1763." Printed copy (reprinted from William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd. Ser., Vol. XVIII, No.3, July 1961). 18 p.

"The Legal Status of the Slave in South Carolina, 1670-1740." Printed copy (reprinted from *The Journal of Southern History*, Vol. XXVIII, No.4, Nov. 1962). 12 p.

"Politics in Colonial South Carolina, The Failure of Proprietary Reform, 1682-1694." Printed copy (reprinted from William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd Ser., Vol. XXIII, No.1, Jan. 1966). 23 p.

"Politicians and Planters: The Bull Family of Colonial South Carolina." Xerox of printed copy, (from the Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association 1962. (1963). 11 p

## **28-521**

Book Reviews, Critiques, and Miscellaneous.

### *Book Reviews:*

The Colonial Records of South Carolina: The Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, January 19, 1748- June 29, 1748. Edited by J.H. Easterby and Ruth S. Green. Review in The Journal of Southern History, Vol.27, no.4, Nov. 1961. Printed. 2 p.

The South Carolina Regulators. By Richard Maxwell Brown. Review in The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, June 1963. Printed. 2. p.

White Servitude in Colonial South Carolina. By Warren B. Smith. Review in William and Mary Quarterly. Printed. 2 p.

William Henry Drayton and the American Revolution. By William M. Dabney and Marion Dargan. Review in William and Mary Quarterly. Printed. 3 p.

The Colonial Records of South Carolina: The Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, March 28, 1749- March 19, 1750. Edited by J.H. Easterby and Ruth S. Green. Review in The Journal of Southern History, Vol. 28, no. 4, Nov. 1962. Printed and typed manuscript' copies. 5 p.

Guide to Photocopied Historical Materials in the United States and Canada. Edited by Richard W: Hale, Jr.. Review in William and Mary Quarterly. Printed and typed manuscript copies. 3 p.

Robert Johnson: Proprietary and Royal Governor of South Carolina. By Richard Philip Sherman. Typed manuscript, (n.p., n.d.). 9 p.

The Quest for Power: A Study of the Lower Houses of Assembly in the Southern Royal Colonies, 1689-1776. By Jack P. Greene. Typed manuscript, (n.p., n.d.). 9 p. Also Memo to Jim Ferguson, Oct. 5, 1960. 2 p.

A True and Historical Narrative of the Colony of Georgia. By Pat. Tailfer and others. Review in History News, Vol. XVI, no. 3., Jan. 1961. Printed copy and typed manuscript. 3 p.

*Critiques of articles:*

"Thomas Mann Randolph of Edgehill: Jefferson's Son-in-Law." By William H. Gaines, Jr. Letter to E. James Ferguson, May 25, 1961. 2 p.

"Dr. Thomas Bray and the Charitable Colony Project, 1730." By Verner W. Crane. Letter to L.W. Towner, William and Mary Quarterly. 1,p.

"The Writing of Eighteenth Century Virginia's Intellectual History: An Approach and Suggestions." By Emory G. Evans. Letter to L.W. Towner, William and Mary Quarterly. 1 p.

"The Kingdom of Paradise: An Early American Utopia Revisited." By Knox Mellon, Jr. Letter to Jack P. Greene, May 14, 1962, William and Mary Quarterly. 1 p.

*Lists:*

Assembly Leaders, Commons House, 1692- 1763; (includes some statistics on county, occupation, religion, political affiliation, major and minor assignments, land holdings, value of estates, slaves, years in Assembly, years as first rank leader, date of death). 36 p.

Royal Council Members-Family Relationships.7 p.

*Dissertation abstract*, 1961: 2 clippings.

*Notes on research sources and locations*. 1 p.

## **28-522**

*History Lecture Notes*:

History 202: 1865-present:

- "Lecture Notes" : "America's Mr. Locke," Colonial Political Theory (background), Typed. 7 p.
- "Class Notes." Handwritten and typed. 128 p.
- Reading assignments, Reading lists, Exams: Typed. 38 p.

History 245: 1607-1763, American Colonial History. Handwritten and typed. 103 p.

American Colonial History

- Old Lectures, Course Prospectus, and Description. Handwritten and typed. 24 p. and 9 notes.

## **28-523**

Research Notes for Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763. Handwritten and typed. 5" x 8". 1858 p.

Bibliography. 29 p.

Chapter I. 41 p.

Chapter II. 91 p.

Chapter III. Ill p.

Chapter IV. 72 p.

Chapter IV, rewrite. 238 p.

Chapter V. 86 p.

Chapter V, rewrite. 23 p.

Chapter VI. 136 p.

Chapter VI, rewrite. 15 p.

Chapter VII. 376 p.

Chapter VII, rewrite. 416 p.

Chapter VIII. 224 p.

## **28-524**

Research Notes for Colonial South Carolina: A Political History, 1663-1763. Handwritten and typed. 5" x 8". approx. 1630 p.

Chapter IX. 220 p.

Chapter X. 129 p.

Chapter XI. 138 p.

Chapter XII. 126 p.

Chapter XIII. 95 p.

Chapter XIV. 114 p.

Chapter XV. 87 p.

Rewrite. 20 p.

Misc. notes (some marked useless), approx. 700 p.

### **28-525**

Research Notes for [Colonial South Carolina].

Misc. (some marked useless). 5" x 8". approx. 1600 p.

### **28-526**

Research Notes. Handwritten and typed. 5" x 8".

*Notes for Colonial South Carolina.... Biographical:*

- Abercromby, James - Austin, Robert. 15 p.
- Ballantine, James - Bulloch, James. 49 p.
- Calder, Archibald - Croft, Childermans. 35 p.
- Dale, Thomas - Dry Family. 32 p.
- Elliott, Joseph - Elliott, William, Jr.. 7 p.
- Fenwicke, Edward - Fury, Peregrine. 12 p.
- Gaillard, Theodore - Graeme, James. 22 p.
- Hall, Robert - Hyrne, Henry. 35 p.
- Izard Family - Izard, Walter. 12 p.
- Jenys, Thomas. 2 p.
- Kinloch, James. 8 p.
- Lamboll, Thomas - Lowndes, Rawlins. 17 p.
- Manigault, Gabriel - Motte, Jacob. 58 p.
- Nichols, George. 2 p.
- Paget, John - Prioleau, Samuel. 30 p.
- Rhet Family - Rutledge, John (Dr.). 13 p.
- St. John, James - Stewart, James. 30 p.
- Taylor, Peter - Trewin, William. 7. p.
- Vander Dussen, Alexander - Vicaridge, John. 9 p.
- Walter, William - Wright, Thomas. 53 p.
- Yonge, Francis - Younge, Robert. 6 p.

Miscellaneous notes. 196 p.

*Notes for "Masters of Ashley Hall..."*

- Fenwick Bull. 15 p.
- Barnaby Bull. 11 p.
- Stephen Bull, I. 16 p.
- Burnaby Bull I. 5 p.
- William Bull, Jr.. 32 p.
- William Bull, son of Stephen Bull II. 16 p.
- Gen. Stephen Bull of Sheldon. 28 p.

- Stephen Bull II. 21 p.
- Stephen bull, son of Barnaby Bull II. 12 p.
- Others. 106 p.
- William Bull, Sr. 63 p.
  - Governor, Misc. 1.p.
  - St. Augustine Expedition, 1739. 1 p.
  - Brothers. 5 p.
  - Other children. 6.p.
  - The Quintynes. 4 p.
- William Bull, Jr., 1710-1755. 2 p.
  - Education. 1 p.
- Othniel Beale. 22 p.
- William Bull, Sr.. 102 p.
- Capt. John Bull. 34 p.
- Stephen Bull. 92 p.

Notes and bibliography on Hugh Henry Brackenridge (1748 - June 25, 1816). Jurist, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, 1799; author of Revolutionary propoganda, poem The Rising Glory of America, and satirical novel Modern Chivalry; established Pittsburgh Gazette, 1786. 309 p.

### **28-527**

Call Slips and Bibliographical Notes. 3" x 5". approx. 1000 p.

- American History - General.
  - Bibliographies for American History.
  - Printed Sources.
  - Personal Papers, Published Works, Selected Collections.
  - General Histories - Special Topics.
  - Biographies.
- American History - By Periods.
  - Colonial.
  - The Southern Colonies.
  - The Revolutionary Era, 1763 - 1789.
  - The Federalist Era, 1789 - 1800.
  - The Age of Jackson.
  - American History, 1800 - 1877.
  - American Literature - Transcendentalism.
  - U. S. Since 1890.
- American History - Special.
- History of Georgia - Sources.
- History of S.C. - Sources.
- History of Georgia - Secondary.
- Europe, 1648 - 1815.
- English History - Printed Sources.



- The Early Stuarts and Cromwell.
- Expansion of the French Revolution.

### **28-528**

Call Slips and Bibliographical Notes (cont.). approx. 500 p.

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List of Pro and Anti James Moore and Nathaniel Johnson Factions.

Slavery.

Genealogies.

Not likely to be used.

Sources.

Locke.

Books.

Published Sources.

Printed Sources - Manuscripts.

Articles.

### **28-529**

Correspondence and Personal Information.

*Correspondence with colleagues and friends:*

9 July 1959 - 19 Nov. 1959. 16 p.

5 Feb. 1960 - 16 Dec. 1960. 96 p.

2 Jan. 1961 - 30 May 1961. 58 p.

1 June 1961 - 13 Dec. 1961. 77 p.

3 Jan. 1962 - 29 March 1962. 85 p.

1 April 1962 - 18 Dec. 1962. 77 p.

7 Jan. 1963 - 28 Aug. 1963. 60 p.

2 Aug. 1965 - 5 Aug. 1965. 3 p.

*Principal Correspondents:*

- W.W. Abbott. Managing Editor, Journal of Southern History. 15 p.
- William T. Alderson. State Librarian and Archivist, Tennessee. 9 p.
- Mrs. Mildred C. Beckwith. Program Chairman, South Carolina Historical Association. 7 p.
- Bodleian Library, Oxford England. 4 p.
- Julian P. Boyd. Editor, Papers of Thomas Jefferson. 5 p.
- Lawrence Burnett, Jr.. Book Editor, State Historical Society of Wisconsin. 9 p.
- Lester J. Cappon. Director, Institute of Early American History and Culture. 12 p.
- George W. Corner. Executive Officer, American Philosophical Society. 11 p.
- W. Frank Craven. Department of History, Princeton University. 14 p.
- J. H. Easterby. Director, S.C. Archives. 3 p.
- Jack P. Greene. Editor, William and Mary Quarterly. 16 p.
- Philip M. Hamer. Executive Director, National Historical Publications Commission. 3 p.
- Weymouth T. Jordan. Department of History, Florida State University. 6 p.

- Charles E. Lee. Director, South Carolina Archives. 4 p.
- Benjamin D. Meritt. Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University. 4 p.
- William T. Murtagh. Director Education Department, National Trust. 6 p.
- Gen. John D.F. Phillips. Executive Secretary, Carolina Charter Tercentenary Commission,  
North Carolina. 5 p.
- Mrs. Granville T. Prior. Director, South Carolina Historical Society. 11 p.
- Daniel Reed. Assistant Chief, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress. 8 p.
- Clement M. Silvestro, Director, American Association for State and Local History. 4 p.
- James Morton Smith. Editor of Publications, Institute of Early American History and Culture. 7 p.
- Thad W. Tate. Book Review Editor, William and Mary Quarterly. 4 p.
- Lawrence W. Towner. Editor, William and Mary Quarterly. 4 p.
- Louis L. Tucker. Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio. 7 p.
- Harvey Young. Chairman, History Department, Emory University. 6 p.

Monthly Research Reports, Institute of Early American History and Culture. July-August 1959-9 July 1962. 39 p.

"My Trip Abroad." Travel diary (with Emory University Glee Club). June 7 - Sept. 15, 1953. Includes England, Scotland, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, and France. Xerox copy. 75 p.

Biographical Information, Personal History, Photo.

Correspondence of Mrs. M. Eugene Sirmans, Jr. (Sylvia L.) with publishers. 22 Oct. 1965 - 22 April 1966. 14 p.

Correspondence of Mrs. Marion E. Sirmans, Sr. with publishers. 22 April 1966 - 21 Jan. 1972. 10 p.

**Microfilm (cataloged separately).**

- Papers relating to the case of Thomas Nairne. Sept. 1708. Huntington Library. 1 roll.
- Letters to and from William Henry Lyttelton, 1757. Huntington Library. 1 roll.
  - LO 4954- Dec. 6, 1757
  - LO 4429
  - LO 4430
  - LO 5098
  - LO 5099
- Letters to and from William Henry Lyttelton, 1757. Huntington Library. 1 roll.
  - LO 3945- July 15, 1757
  - LO 4987- Dec. 10, 1757
  - LO 6852- Dec. 10, 1757
  - LO 4689
  - LO 4929

- LO 5763