



## Charleston English-Speaking Union records, 1945-2003 SCHS Call # 296.00

**Creator:** English-Speaking Union of the United States. Charleston Branch.

**Description:** 4 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** The English-Speaking Union of the United States was founded in 1920. The Charleston branch of the ESU became active in 1947 with a program to send food and clothing to British families during post-war austerities. The purpose of the ESU is to "help create and maintain friendly relations and mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and of Britain and of other English-speaking peoples."

**Scope and Content:** Records, arranged chronologically, include correspondence, minutes, clippings, material pertaining to the history and mission of the ESU and the Charleston branch, constitutions and bylaws, membership lists, ESU publications and other printed material, reports, and a commemorative scrapbook (1945-1976). The scrapbook includes information on a bust of the poet Arthur Hugh Clough (1819-1861 ) which was presented to the citizens of Charleston (S.C.) in 1945 as a token of Anglo-American friendship. ESU records concern a program to send food and clothing parcels to British families, a teacher and student exchange program, membership drives, and other matters. Another scrapbook is entitled "Publicity, 1997-2003."

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### Series outline:

- 296.01 (C) 01 Correspondence and general records
- 296.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous files (categorized as received in 2003)  
(Note: financial records in Box 7 are **restricted**)
- 296.01 (P) 01 Printed material

### Container list:

- Box 1            296.01 (C) 01 Correspondence and gen. records, 1946-1952
- Box 2            296.01 (C) 01 Correspondence and gen. records, 1953-1956
- Box 3            296.01 (C) 01 Correspondence and gen. records, 1957-1959

Box 4	296.01 (C) 01	Correspondence and gen. records, 1960-1962
Box 5	296.01 (C) 01	Correspondence and gen. records, 1963-1966
Box 6	296.01 (C) 01	Correspondence and gen. records, 1967-1990
Box 7	296.01 (C) 01	Correspondence and gen. records, 1991-2002
	296.01 (M) 01	Miscellaneous files
	296.01 (M) 01-01	Applications for membership
	296.01 (M) 01-02	Constitution and bylaws
	296.01 (M) 01-03	Events (Charleston branch ESU)
	296.01 (M) 01-04	Financial records (NOTE: RESTRICTED)
Box 8	296.01 (M) 01-05	History and Mission of the ESU
	296.01 (M) 01-06	History of the Charleston branch, ESU
	296.01 (M) 01-07	Invitations
	296.01 (M) 01-08	Job Descriptions
	296.01 (M) 01-09	Logo
	296.01 (M) 01-10	Manuals
	296.01 (M) 01-11	Membership Lists
	296.01 (M) 01-12	Postcards
	296.01 (M) 01-13	Programs and Publicity
	296.01 (M) 01-14	Publicity
	296.01 (M) 01-15	Stationery (letterheads)
	296.01 (P) 01	Printed material, 1950s

Box 9            296.01 (P) 01 Printed material, 1960s-2002  
Box 10           296.01 (S) 01 Scrapbooks  
Box 11           296.01 (S) 02 Scrapbook, 1997-2003 (“Publicity”)