M. Eugene Sirmans papers, ca. 1953-1972
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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.


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

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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 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."

Chapter I- Incomplete (some pages missing, some page numbers changed). 25 p.
Chapter II. 59 p.
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Articles:


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

[The Electoral College.] Typescript. 4 p.


28-521

Book Reviews, Critiques, and Miscellaneous.

Book Reviews:


Critiques of articles:

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

Notes on research sources and locations. 1 p.

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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.


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. 111 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.

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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.
- Fenwicke, Edward - Fury, Peregrine. 12 p.
- Gaillard, Theodore - Graeme, James. 22 p.
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- Fenwick Bull. 15 p.
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• Stephen Bull II. 21 p.
• Stephen Bull, son of Barnaby Bull II. 12 p.
• Others. 106 p.
• William Bull, Sr. 63 p.
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  o Other children. 6 p.
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• American History - General.
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  o Colonial.
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  o The Revolutionary Era, 1763 - 1789.
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List of Pro and Anti James Moore and Nathaniel Johnson Factions.
Slavery.
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Correspondence with colleagues and friends:

Principal Correspondents:
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• Mrs. Mildred C. Beckwith. Program Chairman, South Carolina Historical Association. 7 p.
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• Julian P. Boyd. Editor, Papers of Thomas Jefferson. 5 p.
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