John E. Huguley Papers, 1956-1996
SCHS #562.00

Description: 12 linear feet (26 boxes + 14 scrapbooks)

Biog./Historical Note: John Earl Huguley (1927-2010) was a prominent businessman and civic leader of Charleston, S.C. He was a native of Jefferson County, Alabama, and after having served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he graduated from the Citadel in 1951 with a degree in business administration. He went to work for Legerton & Company in Charleston in 1951, became president of the company in 1959, and purchased it in 1969, renaming it the John Huguley Company. His stores, generally called Huguley’s, sold office supplies, books and other products. John E. Huguley was active in many professional and civic organizations, serving as president of the Exchange Club of Charleston (1959), the United Way (1970), Trident Chamber of Commerce (1971), and the South Carolina Historical Society (1973-1974). He was also chairman of the Bethel United Methodist Church board of trustees.

Scope and content: Collection consists of business records of Legerton & Company and the John Huguley Company, and personal papers of John E. Huguley mainly reflecting his activities in local and state politics and commerce, as well as various civic, professional and non-profit organizations. Records of the John Huguley Company include advertising materials, store catalogs, inventory data, scrapbooks, and records relating to branch stores in the Charleston area.

Organizations represented in John E. Huguley’s personal papers include the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, the Business-Education Partnership, Citizens for Good Government (an organization promoting the consolidation of city and county government), the Downtown Council, Downtown Retail Merchants Association, Charleston-Trident Chamber of Commerce, Charleston Merchants Housing Association, South Carolina Merchants Association, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Historic Charleston Foundation, the South Carolina Historical Society, United Way, the Exchange Club, Patriots Point Naval Museum, and Bethel United Methodist Church. Also represented are committees and councils on which he served including the Charleston Area Transportation Study (C.H.A.T.S.), the Charleston Police Study Committee, Building Economic Solutions Together (B.E.S.T.), the Fort Sumter Delegation, the Headquarters Committee, and the Charleston County Transportation Advisory Council.

Photographs have been removed to the SCHS Visual Material Collection.

Search Terms:

Huguley, John E. (John Earl), 1927-2010.
Bethel United Methodist Church (Charleston, S.C.)
Charleston Development Board.
Charleston International Airport.
Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce.
Exchange Club of Charleston, South Carolina.
Legerton and Company (Charleston, S.C.)
National Office Products Association (U.S.)
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.
South Carolina Historical Society.
United Way of America.
Booksellers and bookselling -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.
Booksellers' advertisements -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Business and education -- South Carolina.
Businessmen -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- 20th century.
Central business districts -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Civic leaders -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- 20th century.
Historic preservation -- South Carolina.
Human services -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.
Industrial districts -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.
Metropolitan government -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.
Office equipment and supplies.
Police-community relations -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Retail trade -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Stationery trade -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.
Stores, Retail -- Designs and plans.
Transportation -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.
Berkeley County (S.C.) -- Commerce -- 20th century.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Commerce -- 20th century.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
Dorchester County (S.C.) -- Commerce -- 20th century.
Fort Sumter National Monument (Charleston, S.C.)
Business records.

Container Listing:

BOX 1

1 Legerton & Company records: papers relating to company history, including clippings and a letter by John E. Huguley.
2 Legerton & Company records, 1960s: contracts; agreements with authors, artists and others; related correspondence; miscellaneous correspondence and records.

3 Legerton & Company records, 1960s: includes financial statements, and papers relating to an arrangement with the College of Charleston bookstore.

4 Legerton & Company records, 1960s: financial records; correspondence; inventory records; and miscellaneous material.


BOX 2

1 John Huguley Company records: financial and tax records, 1960s-1970s (some include names of employees); and an audit, 1973.

2 John Huguley Company records: company information (draft of an employee manual).

3 John Huguley Company records: inventory records, 1970s.


6 John Huguley Company records: framing department records, 1970s. Includes suppliers’ brochures, etc.

7 John Huguley Company records: advertising material.

8 John Huguley Company records: advertising records, 1980s.

9 John Huguley Company records: advertising records, 1980s. Includes newsletters, correspondence, etc., relating to Ideation, Inc.

10 John Huguley Company records: advertising records, 1980s. Includes material relating to a gift catalog.


12 John Huguley Company records: DEC Datasystem (computer) brochures, [1979].


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John Huguley Company records: records relating to the move of the downtown store from 263 King Street to 269 King Street, 1977.
2 John Huguley Company records: King Street property records, 1974-1976.

3 John Huguley Company records: King Street store remodeling records, 1975.


6 John Huguley Company records: records relating to property on Wentworth Street, 1970s.


12 John Huguley Company records: records relating to a possible store in Walterboro, 1980. Includes brochures and information on Colleton County.


BOX 6


John Huguley Company records: miscellaneous store drawings and plans.

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**BOX 8**


8. John E. Huguley personal papers: papers relating to property and a pier at Folly Beach, 1968.


14. John E. Huguley personal papers: correspondence and other records pertaining to Bethel Methodist Church, chiefly Board of Trustees affairs and church properties and expansion, 1960s–1970s.

**BOX 9**

1. John E. Huguley personal papers: correspondence and records, 1975-1981, relating to the “Committee of 75,” described as “a group of professional and business people.”


4. John E. Huguley political papers: correspondence, financial records and other documents pertaining to Democrats for the Senate, 1968.

5. John E. Huguley political papers: correspondence and other records pertaining to the Citizens Committee For Home Rule, the Charleston County Consolidated Government Commission, the Charter for Home Rule, and the issue of consolidated (city/county) government, 1969-1971.


John E. Huguley political papers: information on consolidated government, 1974.


BOX 10

John E. Huguley political papers: clippings, correspondence and other records relating to citizens supporting certain candidates for Charleston County Council, 1974.

John E. Huguley political papers: records relating to citizens supporting candidates for Charleston County Council, including Edgar A. Buck (County Council) and Gordon Stine, 1974-1976.

John E. Huguley political papers: records relating to Brantley Harvey’s campaign for governor of South Carolina, 1977-1978.

John E. Huguley political papers: records relating to Phil (Philip) Lader’s campaign for governor of South Carolina, 1985-1986, including lists of potential contributors.

John E. Huguley organizational papers: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCD/COG) records, 1971. Papers relating to a commencement at the BCD Technical Education Center, including a speech.

John E. Huguley organizational papers: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCD/COG) records, 1975-1976. Papers relating to the Historic Preservation Committee including correspondence, memos, a National Register nomination form for the Old Santee Canal, and information on historic districts.


John E. Huguley organizational papers: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCD/COG) records, 1986-1988, including memos and meeting agendas, as well as information on the BDC Regional Forum.

BOX 11


7. John E. Huguley organizational papers: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCD/COG) records, undated records, including an overview of the BCD Regional Development Corporation.


10 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Trident Development Board records, 1987-1993. Includes information on the Trident Economic Development Authority, which was created in 1991.


12 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston County Transportation Advisory Committee records, 1971. Includes records relating to a proposed James Island bridge.

BOX 12

1 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Merchants Housing Corporation records, 1962-1967. Includes a prospectus, correspondence, and property records of a downtown housing development corporation.

2 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Merchants Housing Corporation records, 1967-1968. Records mainly relating to the purchase of downtown properties.

3 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Merchants Housing Corporation records, 1971-1977. Includes correspondence and minutes.


5 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Retail Merchants Association records, 1957-1960. Includes correspondence, a membership roster, and meeting minutes.


BOX 13

1 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Retail Merchants Association records, 1962. Some material concerns a “distributive education program.”

2 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Retail Merchants Association records, 1963. Includes material relating to communist subversive activities.

3 John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Retail Merchants Association records, 1964 and undated.


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3. John E. Huguley organizational papers: Charleston Development Board records, 1986. The Charleston Development Board was created by the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce.
5. John E. Huguley organizational papers: Downtown Council records, 1965-1970. Includes correspondence and a history of the council, which was established for the improvement of the “Central Business District” on the peninsula.


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John E. Huguley organizational records: South Carolina Chamber of Commerce records, 1983.

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8  John E. Huguley organizational records: South Carolina Chamber of Commerce records, 1984.


BOX 22


2  John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: B.E.S.T Committee records, 1994, including correspondence and other records pertaining to the Building Economic Solutions Together committee (“established in July 1993 by Governor Campbell … to meet the needs resulting from the decisions by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to close several Naval facilities in the Trident area”).

3  John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: papers relating to the Bel-J Club, 1956-1976.

4  John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Cardiac Rehabilitation Program (MUSC) records, 1985.

John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) records, 1983-1994. Most material concerns an advisory committee on the replacement of the Cooper River Bridge.


John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Charleston Police Study Committee records, 1976. These papers pertain to a committee investigating an incident in which Gerald C. Steplight, an African American man, violently resisted arrest by police officers.

John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Charleston Police Study Committee records, 1973-1976.

John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: papers relating to the Dungannon Duck and Dove Club, 1980s.


BOX 23


John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Headquarters Committee records, 1989-1990. This committee was formed at the request of the mayor of Charleston “to assist the City in the identification and recruitment of companies which are considering a relocation of their administrative headquarters.”

John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Historic Charleston Foundation records, 1974-1977.

5 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Historic Charleston Foundation records, 1983-1990. Some records relate to concerns about the James Island Bridge.

6 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Magisterial Study Committee records, 1969-1971. This committee was appointed by the Charleston County Senate Delegation to study “the magisterial courts of Charleston County” and make recommendations for any needed improvements.

7 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: New Terminal Opening Task Force records, 1984-1985. Relates to the opening of the Charleston International Airport…

8 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: Patriots Point Naval Museum records, 1971.


BOX 24

1 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: South Carolina Historical Society (SCHS) records, 1969.


5 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: SCHS records, 1974.

6 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: SCHS records, 1974. Includes a copy of the master plan for the Fort Sumter National Monument.

7 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: SCHS records, 1974.

8 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: SCHS records, 1975.


BOX 25

1 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: United Community Services records, 1969.
2 John E. Huguley clubs, non-profits, and committee records: United Community Services records, 1969.


BOX 26

1 John E. Huguley education partnership records: College of Charleston Foundation Fund Drive records, 1974.


3 John E. Huguley education partnership records, 1983.

4 John E. Huguley education partnership records, 1985. Correspondence and records relating to the Business Partnership Committee and its work in conjunction with an executive committee appointed by the governor of South Carolina (Richard W. Riley) concerning job training and education in the state.


7 John E. Huguley miscellaneous papers, 1970. Records relating to property offered for sale by the YMCA.

8 John E. Huguley miscellaneous papers: booklets: handbook on Charleston County government (1973); and a 1974-1975 “Jewish Residents of Metropolitan Charleston Directory.”


SCRAPBOOKS (oversize; shelved separately)


Legerton’s (and later Huguley’s) scrapbook, 1963-1970: mostly store advertisements.

Huguley’s scrapbook, 1974-1978: mostly advertisements.


Huguley’s scrapbook, 1982-1985: mostly advertisements.

Huguley’s scrapbook, 1985-1996: mostly clippings of store ads, but also photos of an incident in which a car crashed into the store in November 1987; and photos of the Christmas season at the store, 1988.

Huguley’s scrapbook, 1983-1996: clippings, photographs, and correspondence mainly pertaining to John E. Huguley and his business and community activities, including his retirement in 1996.


Scrapbook, 1971 ("Book No. 1"), relating to Huguley's work in the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce.

Scrapbook, 1971 ("Book No. 2), relating to Huguley's work in the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce.

Two binders, 1972, containing letters to John E. Huguley and his wife concerning his leadership in the NOPA (National Office Products Association. Each binder is inscribed “To John and Lib Huguley, October 16, 1972”).