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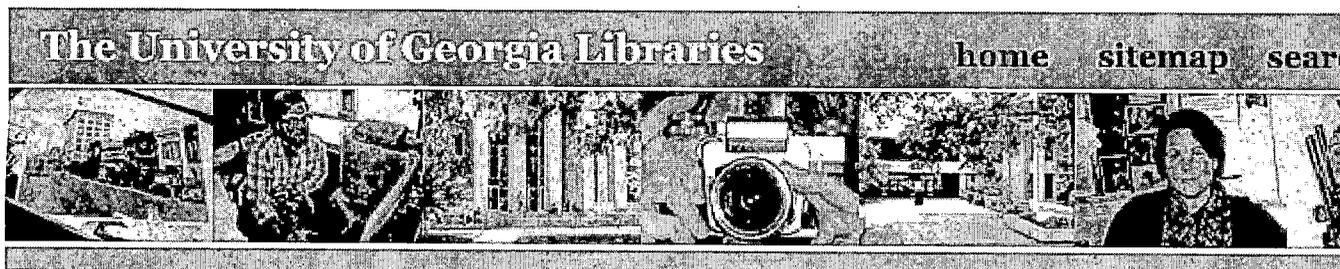
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**Richard B. Russell, Sr. Papers
1880-1935**

Georgia House of Representatives, Chief Justice of Georgia
Supreme Court
29 boxes, 14.5 linear foot



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BIOGRAPHY:

Richard B. Russell, Sr. was born near Marietta, Georgia on April 27, 1861. He received his BA, Ph.B (1879) and LL.B. (1880) from the University of Georgia. He married Ina Dillard on June 24, 1891, with whom they had thirteen children.

Richard B. Russell's career as a lawyer, legislator, businessman, and judge extended over fifty-eight years. Beginning his law practice in Athens in 1880, Russell was elected to the General Assembly from Clarke County in 1882. Only twenty-one, he was the youngest member of the House of Representatives when he took his seat early the next year. In 1886 and 1887 he served as chairman of the Rules Committee in the House. One of Russell's major interests was education. From 1885 to 1894 he was a member of the Athens Board of Education, and in 1897 he served on the school board of Winder. From 1903 to 1907 he held the same office in the new village of Russell.

During his three terms in the Georgia Assembly he gave strong support to higher education and backed the establishment of the Georgia Institute of Technology and a college for women. He had been a major force behind setting up the Georgia Normal and Industrial College for Women in Milledgeville. He was later named to the board of directors of that institution. Russell also was a member of the University of Georgia's board of trustees from 1887 to 1889 and from 1919 to 1933. From 1923 to 1931 he acted chairman of the board. He was appointed to the first Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, which was organized on January 1, 1932, but he served only until July 1, 1933.

In 1888, Russell was elected solicitor general of the western circuit of the superior courts of Georgia. After serving eight years he resigned in 1896 to return to the practicing law in Winder. On October 31, 1898 he was elected by the General Assembly to a four year term as judge of the superior court of the western circuit.

Meanwhile, Russell was active in business and publishing. In 1886 he helped to organize the Athens Street Railway Company, and the next year he was among those who established the Athens Savings Bank. From 1890 to 1893 he edited Athens Daily Ledger, and in 1894 he participated in setting up the North Georgia Telephone Company.

In 1894 Russell moved from Athens to Winder. In 1902 he succeeded in chartering the new village of Russell at the edge of Winder, where he lived the remainder of his life.

In 1904 Russell made an unsuccessful race for the chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. Two years later he ran against Hoke Smith for governor. Despite a vigorous campaign, he lost the race. But in November 1906 he was elected judge on the newly created court of appeals, where he served until 1916, the last three years as chief judge. During this time, he made another unsuccessful campaign for governor in 1911 and in 1916 he failed in a race for Congress.

In 1916, he resigned from the court of appeals and returned to Winder to his law practice. In 1922 he ran for chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and won. He was less successful in 1926, when he was soundly defeated in the race for the United States Senate by Walter F. George. Between January 1923 and his death on December 3, 1938, Russell held the highest judicial post. [Kenneth Coleman and Charles Gurr, edDictionary of Georgia Biography. Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1983]

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The papers of Richard Brevard Russell, Sr. were brought to the Russell Library in 1981 as part of "The Winder Materials," which included the papers of Richard B. Russell, Jr.; Ina Dillard Russell; and other Russell family members. The Winder Materials, with the exception of those identified as belonging to the estate of Richard B. Russell, Jr., and governed by separate agreement, are managed by a letter to the Director of Libraries and the head of the Russell Library dated December 10, 1980, and by a Russell family statement dated June 24, 1982.

The senior Russell's papers enhance and add dimension to the collections already in the Library. They trace Mr. Russell's career as jurist, lawyer, businessman, politician, and educator. Of interest also are some personal and family correspondence. Most of these papers were located in the Record House or in the wagon shed on the Russell homeplace outside of Winder, Georgia.

ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The papers are grouped broadly into four series?Business/Finance (3 boxes), Legal/Judicial (3 boxes), Personal and Political (23 boxes). These groups are further sub?divided, and there is some overlap of subject content among the series. There are also some clothing (frock coat) and memorabilia items in this collection.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THIS REPOSITORY:

Thomas D. Hardwick Papers; Lamartine G. Hardman Papers, 1856-1937; William J. Harris Papers, 1905-1916; Dudley M. Hughes Collection, 1806-1927; Hoke Smith Collection, 1899-1930; Joseph M. Terrell Papers, 1882-1912

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

I. Business/Finance

3 boxes, 1.5 linear feet

The Business/Finance section (1880s?1935) consists of advertisements, bank statements, bills and receipts, items relating to the Hoschton Telephone Company, and miscellaneous items. There is an amusing bill for family Christmas goods in Miscellaneous dated 12?17?13. In a letter to G. W. M. Tatum, Trenton, GA, on 926?14, Russell, Sr., asks, "By the way...see old man Avans about changing the name of Russell' post office in Dade County, -- so that I could use the name at my home..." There are two ledgers, one of which was

turned into a stamp album, perhaps by one of the Russell children.

II. Legal/Judicial

3 boxes, 1.5 linear foot
Closed.

III. Personal

6 boxes, 3 linear feet

The subseries Education in the Personal series is comprised of a large body of correspondence -- Board of Regents of The University System of Georgia, appointments to teaching positions, requests for references, applications for scholarships, invitations, and programs. There is a moving tribute by Russell (letter of 1/16/29) at a memorial on the death of David C. Barrow, chancellor of the University of Georgia. An interesting letter to Chief Justice William Howard Taft, dated 5/3/29, invites him to attend the Yale-Georgia football game on 10/12/29.

In Personal, other items include a postcard of congratulations on the birth of the Russell twins, dated 10/6/07 and addressed "Plain Dick, Winder, Ga" In Personal, Documents, there are two land grants from the 1830s and two Confederate documents. In this group is a collection of postcards, many of Washington, D.C. buildings and monuments and another group of World War I battlefield actions. Personal, Speech, contains only a few texts of speeches made by Russell. This section is mostly correspondence re speaking or invitations to speak.

IV. Political (1888-1938)

17 box, 8.5 linear feet

The Political series (1888-1938) has a significant subseries, Campaigns. Arranged in chronological order by campaign, each campaign file is different from the others in composition. Even though outgoing correspondence is voluminous, it is not form-letter type mail. Russell's opinion is expressed on many issues -- the World Court, agriculture, foreign policy, etc. A letter to W. H. Bedingfield, 8/31/26, bitterly attacks Senator Walter F. George and his record; also one to Judge W. A. Covington, 4/5/26. In a letter to Charles Smith, 8/31/26, Russell declares that he wants inscribed on his tombstone, "He is the friend of the poorest and the peer of the proudest."

A group of letters to friends urging their support of his brother, Lewis Russell, in his 1910 campaign for judge of the Western circuit, would be of interest for the politics of that era. In the 1911 gubernatorial campaign by Russell, there is interesting correspondence with Tom Watson, Henry West, C. E. McGregor, and Emory Speer.

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Braswell D. Deen, Jr. Papers
1925-1997, bulk 1965-1990

Georgia State Representative (Bacon County), judge, and
Lawyer
3 boxes, 2.5 Linear feet

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BIOGRAPHY:

Braswell D. Deen, Jr. was born in 1925 to Braswell D. Deen and Corinne Smith Deen in Telfair County, Georgia. Deen grew up in Alma, Georgia and received his B.A. and LL.B from the University of Georgia. During World War II Deen served in the U.S. Marine Corps, took part in the Peleliu invasion, and earned a purple heart for combat wounds received during the Okinawa invasion.

Upon returning to Georgia, Deen served as the state representative for Bacon County from 1951-1960. While in the state legislature, Deen authored the Georgia Women Jurors Bill which doubled the number of citizens available for jury duty. Deen also practiced law in Bacon County for 16 years and became a senior partner for Deen & Powell as well as Deen & Jacques. In 1965, Deen was appointed by Governor Carl E. Sanders to serve on the Court of Appeals of Georgia. He served as Chief Judge, Associate Judge, and Presiding Judge over his twenty-five year career with the Court of Appeals until his retirement in 1990. During this time, Deen taught Constitutional Law and Appellate Advocacy at two Atlanta, Georgia evening law schools. In addition Deen, as an adjunct professor, taught "origins" at Oglethorpe University and chess at Emory University.

Deen married Jean S. Buie and they have two sons - Braswell Deen, III and Sandy Deen.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The Braswell Deen Jr. papers consist of materials from 1925-1997 with the bulk of the items dating from 1965-1990. The papers include several books written or edited by Deen, correspondence (1950-1997), manuscripts and poems, newspaper clippings (1940-1992), speeches, photographs, and printed material. The materials document Deen's interest in chess and golf, his legal career and tenure as Appellate Court Judge (mainly his appointment in 1965 and his retirement in 1990), and his writing career. However, the majority of the papers deal with Deen's efforts to have scientific creationism taught in Georgia's public schools and the validity of that theory. The papers also include materials documenting Deen's activities as Carl Sanders' campaign manager for the eighth district during the 1962 gubernatorial election as well as correspondence, manuscripts, and poems of Deen's aunt, Annie Hartman Smith.

ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The papers are divided into four series: Personal/Legal files, Carl Sanders files, Annie Hartman Smith files, and Photographs. Arrangement is by type of record, then in chronological order when possible.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THIS REPOSITORY:

Augustus Turnbull Collection of Carl Sanders Speech/Press Records (1963-1967)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:**I. Personal/Legal, 1940-1997**

5 boxes, 2.5 linear feet

The Personal/Legal series is divided by record type into six subseries: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Newspaper clippings, Speeches, Subject files, and Printed material. While some of the materials pertain to Deen's legal career, bench decisions, or personal interests (chess, genealogy, and golf) the majority of the materials document Deen's efforts to have scientific creationism taught in the Georgia public school system. The correspondence includes letters to Deen both praising and condemning his stand, newspaper clippings on scientific creationism, and Deen's writings on the topic including Animal Aggression Obsession Syndrome, One National Under God-Born Again!, and Origins, Values, and Law. Other writings by Deen include compilations of his word plays Judge's Judgments, Jottings, Joys, Journeys, Jests, Jungle Jingles, and Jabberwocky, Volumes I and II, compilations of sayings by Deen's father, Braswell D. Deen Sr., Quips, Quotes, Quirks, Queries, and Quests! and a book edited by Deen, Jr. of writings of his Aunt, Annie Smith Hartman's Jingles, Jottings, Joys, and Journeys.

II. Carl Sanders, 1962-1968

1 box, .25 linear feet

The Carl Sanders files contain correspondence, invitations, photographs, newspapers clippings, printed material, and speeches. Most of the materials document Deen's activities as Carl Sanders' campaign manager for the eighth district during the 1962 Georgia gubernatorial election or Sanders' inauguration ceremony in 1963. The later materials include speeches given by Sanders for various legal or political events and programs for Georgia gubernatorial inaugural ceremonies.

III. Annie Hartman Smith, ca. 1925-1960

1 box, .5 linear feet

The Annie Hartman Smith files contain correspondence, newsclippings, printed materials but mainly writings of Smith. Smith's writings are usually in verse form, however the series also includes some prose. Most of the items deal with Smith's recollections of past events or celebrations of family activities. The series also includes typescripts of Smith's writings edited by Deen.



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**Joseph M. Terrell Papers
1882-1912**

State Representative, Attorney General, and Governor
5 boxes, 4.25 linear feet



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BIOGRAPHY:

Georgia's "educational governor," Joseph Meriwether Terrell, was born June 6, 1861 in Greenville, Georgia. Terrell attended Greenville public schools until he was fourteen, at which time he began to manage his father's plantation. He did pursue a career in law, however, studying under Major John W. Park. In 1882, he was admitted to the bar and began to practice in Greenville. Only two years later, Terrell became the youngest member of the Georgia General Assembly when he was elected to the House of Representatives at age 23. He was re-elected to this office in 1886.

Terrell's early career in politics continued with his election to the Georgia Senate in 1890 where he served as chairman of the finance committee. He remained in the office until 1892 when he was elected as Georgia's Attorney General (1892-1902) by a two-thirds vote. Terrell distinguished himself in this position by bringing more cases before the United States Supreme Court than any of his predecessors. He is further distinguished by the fact that he won all twelve cases he brought before the judicial body. After serving ten years, Terrell resigned in order to run for governor.

In the election of 1902, Terrell defeated both Dupont Guerry of Macon and John H. Still of Savannah, receiving more county unit votes than his opponents combined. Prohibition had been an important issue during the race, with both Terrell and Still favoring local option, while Guerry was a staunch prohibitionist. In the general election, Terrell defeated the Populist candidate, J.K. Hines, becoming Georgia's governor. He was re-elected in 1905 with no opposition.

During his term as governor, Terrell established a court of appeals, regulated child labor, enacted a pure food and drug law, established a new tax on businesses and corporations and curbed speculation in agricultural futures. Although he was not a college graduate, Governor Terrell was most interested in education. Terrell proposed a \$500,000 loan fund to pay Georgia's teachers, and an amendment to prohibit the taxation of an educational institution's funds and investments. Terrell also proposed the establishment of an agricultural school in each state congressional district. In 1906, the Georgia General Assembly passed many of Terrell's proposals including the development of the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts in Athens.

When his second term as governor ended, Terrell retired into private practice. This did not last long, however. On November 17, 1910, Governor Joseph M. Brown appointed Terrell to fill US Senator Alexander S. Clay's vacant seat. He was soon forced to resign this position on July 14, 1911 after suffering a stroke. At the time of his sudden illness, he had been working on a bill that would provide more government aid for the development of agricultural and mechanical arts schools.

Joseph Meriwether Terrell died at his home in Atlanta on November 17, 1912. He was survived by his wife, Jessie Lee Spivey. The couple had no children. 

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Joseph M. Terrell papers reflect Terrell's political career at both the state and national levels. The majority of the collection consists of scrapbooks and photographs.

ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

There are two series: scrapbooks and photographs. Photographs have been rehoused between lignin-free board to provide protection and stability for each item. Each photograph has been cataloged individually.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THIS REPOSITORY:

Thomas D. Hardwick Papers; Lamartine G. Hardman Papers, 1856-1937; William J. Harris Papers, 1905-1916; Dudley M. Hughes Collection, 1806-1927; Richard B. Russell, Sr. Collection, 1888-1938; Hoke Smith Collection, 1899-1930 

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

I. Scrapbooks, 1882-1912

2 boxes, 2 linear feet

The scrapbook series consists of three scrapbooks. The first book is dated June 6, 1907, when a tribute dinner was held in honor of Governor Terrell on his birthday and the fifth anniversary of his nomination as governor. A scrapbook with copies of the toasts and letters from those attending was made for this special occasion. Two hundred prominent men from all walks of life from Georgia were invited to this festivity.

The other two scrapbooks reflect Terrell's political career from his election as attorney general to his appointment to the United States Senate. There are materials related to Terrell's influence over the election of Governor Joseph M. Brown, as well as tributes and obituaries to Terrell at the time of his death. Of interest, there are articles, photographs and printed items related to President Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Atlanta in October 1905.

II. Photographs, 1902-1907

3 boxes, 2.25 linear feet

Photographs include President Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Atlanta as a guest to the state fair, portraits of Terrell and Terrell's swearing in as governor of

Georgia. There is also a photo album of images of the governor's mansion and a copy of Terrell's acceptance speech.



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