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HENRY RADCLIFFE SIMS PAPERS

1917-1972 (mainly 1942-1962)

3 Boxes - 20 Folders

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HENRY RADCLIFFE SIMS PAPERS

I

The papers of Henry Radcliffe Sims, lawyer, legislator, editor, and President of Winthrop College (1944-1959) were received by the Archives at an unknown date and from an unknown source. Therefore, the legal status of the collection has not been formalized through an agreement gift.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .75
Approximate number of pieces in collection: 720

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Scope and Content Note: **This collection consists primarily of personal and business correspondence and offers a good source of information on the Sims family's varied interests in South Carolina, especially their businesses in Orangeburg, South Carolina. The correspondence generally deals with Henry Sims' brief military career; his presidency at Winthrop; his efforts along with his brothers' help to establish a radio station at Orangeburg; his constant concern in the Sims Publishing Company; his interest in the political and educational welfare of his nephews; his devotion to his family; and his association with various South Carolina legislators. Areas of research would perhaps include, among others, biographical information on Sims and his family; their contributions to South Carolina, especially in the area of publications (ex. *Times and Democrat's* historical development). There is also material relating to Sims' nephew, Hugo Sims Jr., and the latter's 1946 campaign for a seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives. Correspondents include Olin Johnston, Burnet Rhett Maybank, John T. Riley and Strom Thurmond. Since Sims' life was so closely related to his tenure as Winthrop President, see also the Archives, especially W403 (Presidents).**

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HENRY RADCLIFFE SIMS PAPERS (cont.)

Transfer of Items: The book, *Leaves of Gold*, dedicated to Henry R. Sims in 1942 was transferred to the technical service division of the library for review.

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

HENRY RADCLIFFE SIMS

1893	Born, Orangeburg, South Carolina	
1913	A.B. Wofford College	
1914-1930	Co-editor of <i>The Times and Democrat</i>	
1916	Admitted to South Carolina Bar Association	
1916-1944	Member of Sims and Sims Attorneys	
1917-1918	Reserve Officer's Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Tennessee	
1922	Member of South Carolina Board of Welfare	
1923-1924	South Carolina State House of Representatives	
1930-1944	South Carolina State Senator	
1944-1959	President of Winthrop College, Secretary and Director of Sims Publishing Company, WTND, and The Orangeburg Theatre	
1952-1953	President, South Carolina Association of Colleges	
1966	Death	

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	BIOGRAPHICAL FILE Sims' application for commission in the Officer's Reserve Corps, short biographies represented by <i>Who's Who in America</i> and by the South Carolina Senatorial Research Committee.	1917, 1945, ca1946
1	2-3	PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED PAPERS Correspondence with family during his Reserve Officer's Training Camp duty at Fort Oglethorpe, TN. Related papers include: articles he wrote for <i>The Times and Democrat</i> concerning camp life; a diary; his medical examination upon entrance to the corps; a schedule of "Instruction for Reserve Officer's Training," and his medical discharge papers. In chronological order.	1917-1918, 1937
1	4	PERSONAL AND BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence with members of the Winthrop faculty, Governor Olin Johnston, and Sims' business associates concerning his candidacy for the Winthrop presidency. Included is Sims' presidential address, "How I Came to College at Fifty," and "Greetings to the Freshmen." In chronological order.	1942-1944
1	5-6	PERSONAL AND BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE Most of the correspondence is with his nephew, Hugo S. Sims, Jr. and influential South Carolinians concerning Hugo's campaign for the State House of Representatives. Included in this aspect of correspondence is a section of Governor Thurmond's message pertaining to the creation of a Board of Control for SC Colleges. There is also correspondence with his brothers and their business matters concerning <i>The Times and Democrat</i> , <i>The Sims Publishing Company</i> , and their successful efforts along with several South Carolina legislators to establish a radio station in Orangeburg under Sims' control. Also included is personal correspondence with Sims' wife pertaining to her trip to Canada. In chronological order.	1945-1947

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	7-8	PERSONAL AND BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE Some personal correspondence with his brothers, and their relatives concerning family affairs; his advice to Hugo Sims, Jr.; with a N.Y. physician over the recovery of Gelzer Sims (Sims' brother) following a stroke; and letters of condolence relating to the death of Hugo S. Sims (Sims' brother) in 1951. Business correspondence pertains to congratulations upon Hugo Sims, Jr.'s successful campaign and transfer of <i>The Times and Democrat</i> editorship to Edward Sims. In chronological order.	1948-1957
2	9-11	LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE Concerns the death of James I. Sims (Sims' brother and publisher of Sims Publishing Company). In chronological order.	1957
2	12-17	PERSONAL AND BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence concerning family affairs and some genealogical information. There is also correspondence dealing with Hugo Sims, Jr.'s unsuccessful campaign for Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina; his retirement; his work on the SC Confederate Centennial Commission; his support for presidential candidate, John F. Kennedy; his activity in the National Civil Service League; the 1961 dedication of Sims Building; and the 1962 campaign of Bill Workman for the U.S. Senate. In chronological order.	1958, 1961-1964, nd
3	18	NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FILE Contains notices of Hugo S. Sims, James I. Sims, and other family members, and Henry Sims' retirement (1959). In chronological order.	1948-1972
3	19-20	PHOTOGRAPH FILE Photographs of Dr. Sims and his family members. Most are undated.	ca1918- ca1960s
3	--	MEMORABILIA FILE Contains a Tillman Administration Building printer's block; gifts from a foreign student in 1948 and the class of 1962; and presidential name cards.	ca1940s- ca1960s