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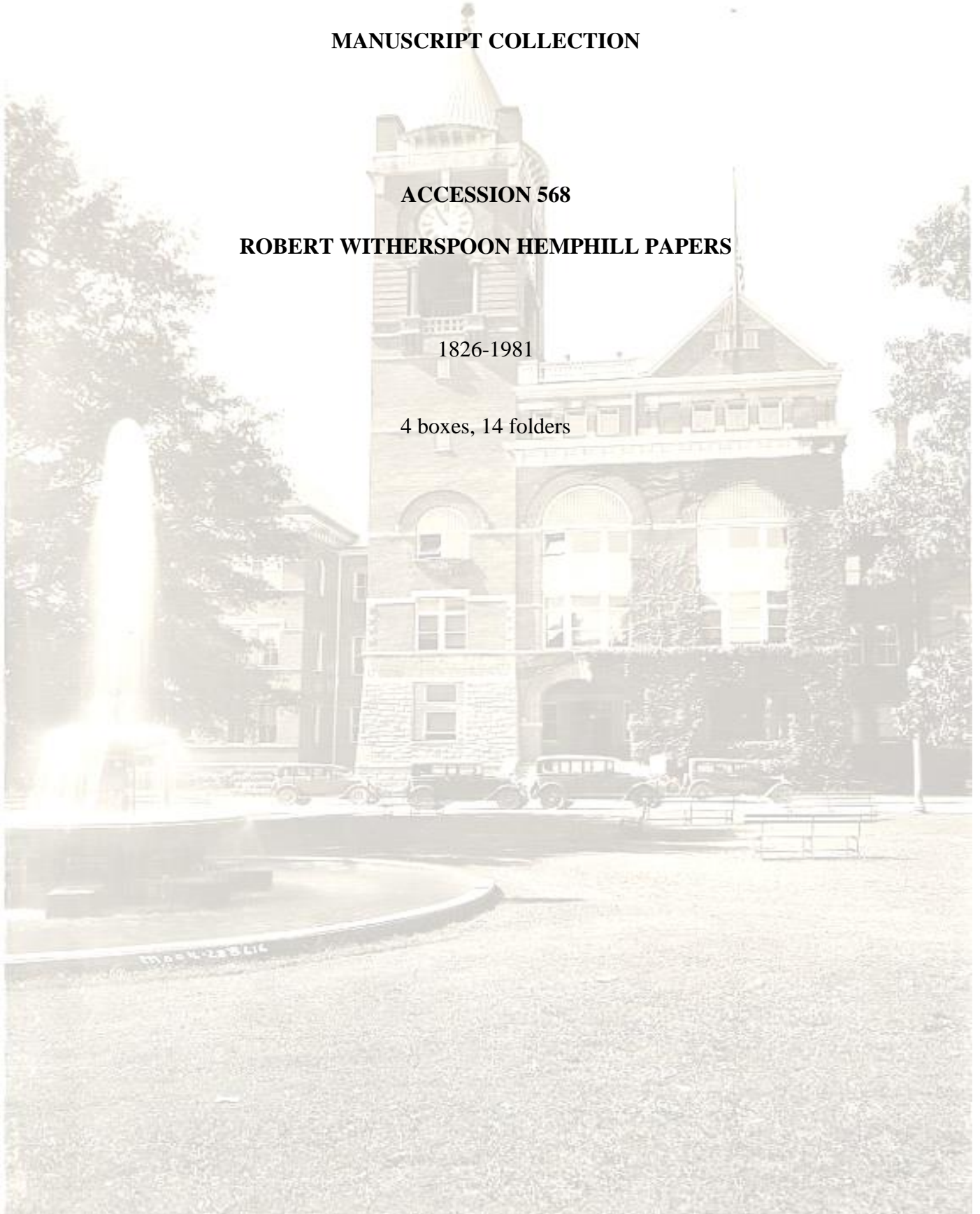
**MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION**

**ACCESSION 568**

**ROBERT WITHERSPOON HEMPHILL PAPERS**

1826-1981

4 boxes, 14 folders



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**ROBERT WITHERSPOON HEMPHILL PAPERS**

**I**

The Robert Witherspoon Hemphill Papers were deposited with the Archives on February 1984 by Carolyn Etheridge Hemphill.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1.0  
Approximate number of pieces included: 2000

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Scope and Content Note: **Robert Witherspoon Hemphill (1915-1983) was a lawyer, judge, civic leader, US Army Air Corp Veteran of World War II, and member of the South Carolina and the United States House of Representatives from Chester, South Carolina. The Robert W. Hemphill Papers includes includes speeches, correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings, relating to Hemphill's personal and family affairs. There is also research materials on Aaron Burr, information relating to the Presbyterian Church, and Winnsboro Granite Corporation. Also included are diplomas for Hamilton G. Witherspoon and Robert Witherspoon, financial statements from attorneys concerning wills and the money to be received from them, and there is a letter from the War Department concerning John McClure Hemphill Jr.'s death during World War II and payments to be made to his beneficiary.**

Transfer of Items: None

## II

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

#### ROBERT WITHERSPOON HEMPHILL

1915	Born May 10, in Chester, South Carolina
1932	Graduated from Chester High School
1936	Received B.A. degree USC
1938	Receive LL.B degree USC
1938	Admitted to S.C. Bar
1938-1964	Practiced law Hemphill & Hemphill
1940-1945	Served with USAAF
1942	June 20, married Isabelle Anderson
1947-1948	Member-S.C. House of Representatives
1951-1956	Solicitor 6 <sup>th</sup> S.C. Judicial Circuit
1957-1964	Member-US House of Representatives
1964-1965	Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina
1965-1980	Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
1980-1983	Senior Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
1969	Recipient Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award- USC
1973	Judicial Award of Merit American Trial Lawyers Association
1976	Public Service Award American Legion
1983	Died December 25

### III

#### DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	CORRESPONDENCE Consists of letters and cards (birthday, mother's day, and postcards). Arranged chronologically.	1936-1975, nd
1	2-3	SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS Consists of speeches given to various groups and organizations. Arranged chronologically.	1951-1980, nd
2	4	LEGAL PAPERS Consists of Registrations of copyright claims, one deed dated May 16, 1826, and copies of "The Transcript" (a periodical in which Hemphill's work is contained). Arranged chronologically.	1826-1979
2	5	FINANCIAL PAPERS Consists of bank statements, letters from the U.S. Army Finance Office concerning payment of a 6 month gratuity following son's death, and receipts. Arranged chronologically.	1914-1965, nd
2-3	6-7	RESEARCH ON AARON BURR Consists of material photocopied from books and magazines and also letters concerning location of other research materials. Arranged chronologically.	1960-1977, nd
3	8	DIPLOMAS Consists of two diplomas from S.C. College (USC) and one from Washington College which is located in Virginia. Also contains a diploma from the U.S. army for the completion of a course required to be an airplane pilot. Arranged chronologically.	1846-1942
3	9-10	INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Consists of programs from church service and booklets concerning the Presbyterian church. Arranged chronologically.	1861-1976, nd
4	11-12	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS Consists of clippings concerning Robert W. Hemphill and his family. Arranged chronologically.	1936-1974, nd
4	13	PHOTOGRAPHS Consists of a photograph of Robert W. Hemphill and his brother, a photograph of Hemphill and his family and various other photographs. Arranged chronologically.	1941-1974, nd

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
4	14	MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS Consists of maps, a city directory for Chester, S.C., a copy of the <i>Congressional Quarterly</i> , and a menu from the U.S. Senate Restaurant. Arranged chronologically.	1940-1981, nd
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