Senator James O. Eastland competed in six elections over the course of his career. These campaigns occurred in 1942, 1948, 1954, 1960, 1966, and 1972 (see chart below). The files in this subseries of forty-three boxes are arranged by election years, and this subseries is one of the few in the collection that preserves the original filing system of Eastland’s office. Within each campaign, the records are first organized alphabetically by counties, and these county files primarily contain letters of support to Eastland. The county files are followed by various subject folders such as newspaper clippings, mailing lists, voter’s lists, speaking engagements, policy statements, campaign literature, and form letters. The senator also prepared a campaign for 1978, and this subseries contains those files, as well as documents on his retirement announcement and subsequent public reaction.

The extensive time span covered by these files documents transformations in the conduct of political elections. Files from 1942, for instance, include logs from county managers reflecting a more personal and grassroots style. Also of interest is a letter from U.S. Senator Theodore Bilbo urging Eastland to join the armed forces during World War II and Eastland’s response that Bilbo’s motives were not patriotic but purely political as Eastland was then running against Bilbo’s handpicked candidate. With each successive campaign (except for the years 1948 and 1960 when Eastland ran unopposed), the amount of documentation increases. After the 1972 election, the Senate investigated Eastland’s campaign for taking an illegal contribution. Eastland’s letters of the time, however, state that all members of Congress were audited after the 1972 campaign, and although cleared, Eastland’s staff endeavored to ensure that similar accusations would not reoccur.

Examination of the campaign subseries would permit a researcher to determine the network of behind-the-scene power brokers that existed throughout the state of Mississippi from the 1940’s through the 1970’s. The subseries contains many letters from Eastland's political allies keeping him abreast of local political developments while allies and constituents probed Eastland for his stance on issues of the day, such as segregation, civil rights, and agricultural policies.

Favor files and oversized campaign items appear at the end of the subseries. In many cases, favor files are identical to constituent case files in which Eastland provided assistance for his constituents. Eastland’s staff preserved copies of case file letters (or, failing that, accumulated index cards retaining the pertinent information) in self-styled “favor files,” which were later used to compile campaign mailing lists. The relatively smaller size of the favor files, however, indicates that not every case file automatically became a favor file – thus, the preservation of these duplicate copies for interested researchers.

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Folder 32-6. Calhoun County
Folder 32-7. Carroll County
Folder 32-8. Chickasaw County
Folder 32-9. Choctaw County
Folder 32-10. Claiborne County
Folder 32-11. Clarke County
Folder 32-12. Clay County
Folder 32-13. Coahoma County
Folder 32-14. Copiah County
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Folder 32-16. DeSoto County
Folder 32-17. Forrest County
Folder 32-18. Greene County
Folder 32-19. Grenada County
Folder 32-20. Hancock County
Folder 32-21. Harrison County
Folder 32-22. Hinds County
Folder 32-23. Holmes County
Folder 32-24. Humphreys County
Folder 32-25. Itawamba County
Folder 32-26. Jackson County
Folder 32-27. Jasper County
Folder 32-28. Jefferson County
Folder 32-29. Jefferson Davis County
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Folder 32-31. Kemper County
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Folder 32-33. Lamar County
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Folder 32-36. Leake County
Folder 32-37. Lee County
Folder 32-38. Leflore County
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Folder 33-3. Marshall County
Folder 33-4. Monroe County
Folder 33-5. Montgomery County
Folder 33-6. Neshoba County
Folder 33-7. Newton County
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Folder 33-9. Oktibbeha County
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Folder 33-11. Pearl River County
Folder 33-12. Perry County
Folder 33-13. Pike County
Folder 33-14. Pontotoc County
Folder 33-15. Prentiss County
Folder 33-16. Quitman County
Folder 33-17. Rankin County
Folder 33-18. Scott County
Folder 33-19. Sharkey County
Folder 33-20. Simpson County
Folder 33-21. Smith County
Folder 33-22. Stone County
Folder 33-23. Sunflower County
Folder 33-24. Tallahatchie County
Folder 33-25. Tate County
Folder 33-26. Tippah County
Folder 33-27. Tishomingo County
Folder 33-28. Union County
Folder 33-29. Warren County
Folder 33-30. Washington County
Folder 33-31. Wayne County
Folder 33-32. Webster County
Folder 33-33. Wilkinson County
Folder 33-34. Winston County
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Folder 38-22. Itawamba County
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Folder 38-24. Jefferson County
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Folder 38-28. Lamar County

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Folder 39-4. Leflore County
Folder 39-5. Lincoln County
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