The single box in this subseries contains Eastland’s family correspondence in an alphabetical arrangement. The bulk of the series is the personal correspondence of Eastland’s father, Woods C. Eastland. The family patriarch, Woods was a successful planter and lawyer. He was also a major political player in Mississippi. Elected as a district attorney from the eighth district in 1911, the elder Eastland made many connections in the political arena. He became particularly close to Paul B. Johnson, Sr., governor of Mississippi from 1940 to 1943. The Woods C. Eastland correspondence also indicates that he participated at a decision-making level in the federal and state job patronage system. Of particular interest is Woods C. Eastland’s correspondence from the year 1941, when Paul B. Johnson appointed James Eastland to serve the remaining term of the late U.S. Senator Pat Harrison. Congratulations poured in from friends around the country, and the correspondence includes instructions from father to son. Further correspondence from Woods C. Eastland discussing his son’s election campaigns appears in the Campaign Records subseries.

The Family Correspondence subseries also contains correspondence with Senator Eastland’s cousin, Oliver “Punk” Eastland; his cousin Woods Eastland and wife Lucille; another cousin named Woods and his wife, Bunny; his mother, Alma; his wife, Elizabeth; his granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth; his aunt, Ida Ormond; and his uncle William Lane Austin, who worked for the Census Bureau in Austin, Texas. Further correspondence with Ida Ormond (who served as postmistress of Forest, Mississippi) also appears in the State/Local subseries, “Forest, Mississippi -- Post Office” folder as well as in those files of the Patronage, Nominations, Employment, & School Recommendations subseries related to post office positions in Forest, Mississippi.

**BOX 1:**

Folder 1-1. Allen, Betty
Folder 1-2. Austin, Alma
Folder 1-3. Austin, William Lane
Folder 1-4. Caperton, Jennie
Folder 1-5. Eastland, Alma
Folder 1-6. Eastland, Anne
Folder 1-7. Eastland, Carolyn
Folder 1-9. Eastland, Chester
Folder 1-10. Eastland, Elizabeth
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Folder 1-12. Eastland, Lowry B.
Folder 1-13. Eastland, Mary Elizabeth
Folder 1-14. Eastland, Nell
Folder 1-15. Eastland, Oliver “Punk”
Folder 1-16. Eastland, Sue
Folder 1-17. Eastland, Woods C., 1936
Folder 1-18. Eastland, Woods C., 1937
Folder 1-19. Eastland, Woods C., 1938
Folder 1-20. Eastland, Woods C., 1939
Folder 1-21. Eastland, Woods C., 1940
Folder 1-22. Eastland, Woods C., 1941
Folder 1-23. Eastland, Woods C., 1942
Folder 1-24. Eastland, Woods C., 1943
Folder 1-25. Eastland, Woods C., 1944
Folder 1-26. Eastland, Woods C., 1945
Folder 1-27. Eastland, Woods C., 1946
Folder 1-29. Eastland, Woods C., 1949
Folder 1-31. Eastland, Woods C., Undated
Folder 1-32. Eastland, Woods and Lucille
Folder 1-33. Eastland, Woods and Lynn
Folder 1-34. Eastland, Woods E. and Bunny
Folder 1-35. Father’s Day Cards
Folder 1-36. Kent, Bessie
Folder 1-37. Ormand, Ida
Folder 1-38. Pentecost, Viola
Folder 1-39. Schuerger, Virginia
Folder 1-40. Shorter, Joan Caperton
Folder 1-41. Sidwell Friends School (attended by Eastland children)
Folder 1-42. Smith, Virgina
Folder 1-43. Steele, Lolla
Folder 1-44. Family Genealogy
Folder 1-45. Marriage License & Birth Certificate