The Politics series has four subseries held in a total of twenty-four boxes. The first consists of files related to Jamie Whitten's campaigns for public office, first as district attorney in the 17th Judicial District of Mississippi and then for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Whitten won a special election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1941. Starting in 1942, he ran for reelection every two years until his retirement on 3 January 1995. The following is a list of his campaign opponents for Congress in the Democratic primaries and the general election:

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<th>YEAR</th>
<th>GENERAL ELECTION</th>
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<td>1941</td>
<td>L.A. &quot;Red&quot; Pyle (R)</td>
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<td>William McDonough (R)</td>
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<td>S.B. (Bushy) Wise (R)</td>
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<td>Eugene Carter (I)</td>
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<td>1972</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>Jack Benney (I)</td>
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<td>1976</td>
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<td>T.K. Moffett (R) &amp; Horace E. Hutcheson (I)</td>
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<td>Larry Cobb (R)</td>
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<td>Jim Bush (R)</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>Bill Bowlin (R)</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>Clyde E. Whitaker (R)</td>
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Subseries 1 is organized chronologically by year (although the elections occurred on even-numbered years, the campaign series does contain files from odd-numbered years). The subseries is further subdivided into counties and other subjects, such as
clippings, election results, contributions, reports, returns, and files on opposing candidates. Folders may contain correspondence, records, lists, and memorabilia (bumper stickers, posters, and buttons).

During his reelects, Whitten rarely faced any serious opposition in either Democratic primaries or general elections except for two notable exceptions. The 1960 census resulted in the loss of a Mississippi congressional district, and the resulting reapportionment forced a battle with fellow incumbent Frank Smith that Whitten won. In 1964, civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer attempted to challenge Whitten for his congressional seat. Although her name did not appear on the primary ballot, Hamer and other members of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party filed a formal challenge with Congress protesting the seating of the state’s five white congressmen in the U.S. House of Representatives. This subseries contains files related to the contested election.

Documentation from the 1956 election is missing from the collection. Files for some of the uncontested elections may be small as well.

Arranged chronologically, Subseries 2 houses files on more general political topics at the state and national level. In particular, this subseries contains correspondence and reports from state, national, and congressional Democratic Party groups as well as White House press releases.

Files in Subseries 3 focus on redistricting, the process by which the state legislature draws new congressional and state legislative district boundaries. Each U.S. Representative is elected by voters from within a particular district. District lines are redrawn every ten years after the completion of the U.S. Census in order to create districts with near equal populations. Whitten represented Mississippi’s Second District from 1941 to 1973 and the First District from 1973 to 1995. The introduction to the Federal Assistance and Grants Series includes a chart depicting Mississippi counties represented by Whitten over the years as redistricting altered his constituency.

Finally, Subseries 4 contains oversized material, primarily signs and newspapers related to Whitten’s campaigns.

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