

JAMES O. EASTLAND COLLECTION
FILES SERIES 1: PERSONAL/POLITICAL
SUBSERIES 2: FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

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 (Director of the Census Bureau from 1933 to 1941). Further correspondence with Ida Ormond (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. Austin, William Lane

Folder 1-2. Eastland, Alma

Folder 1-3. Eastland, Elizabeth

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Folder 1-5. Eastland, Oliver "Punk"

Folder 1-6. Eastland, Woods C., 1936

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Folder 1-10. Eastland, Woods C., 1940

Folder 1-11. Eastland, Woods C., 1941

Folder 1-12. Eastland, Woods C., 1942

Folder 1-13. Eastland, Woods C., 1943

Folder 1-14. Eastland, Woods C., 1944

Folder 1-15. Eastland, Woods C., Undated

Folder 1-16. Eastland, Woods and Lucille

Folder 1-17. Eastland, Woods E. and Bunny

Folder 1-18. Ormand, Ida