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Scope and Contents

The collection concerns the civil rights movement in Mississippi from 1920 to 1971. Both conservative and liberal viewpoints are reflected by the handbills, correspondence, pamphlets, brochures, speeches, newsletters, and newspaper clippings and articles include in the collection. Organizations whose material is found in the collection are: Citizens’ Council, Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (FDP), Ku Klux Klan (KKK), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Citizens Protective Association, National Council of Churches, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Southern Student Organizing Committee, and Young Americans for Freedom.

Specific topics are desegregation of schools, voting rights, voter registration, Klan activities, University of Mississippi and integration, harassment, education, miscegenation, lynching,
boycotts, Little Rock incident, labor, and elections. Some material deals with segregation and integration in other states, specifically Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Newspaper articles in the collection which represented the interests of blacks were found in the Canton Liberator, Benton County Freedom Train, and the Jackson Mississippi Free Press. Articles which represented the conservative white community were found in The Capitol Messenger, White American News Service, and The Virginian.

The items in the collection were acquired from various sources. Many had been filed originally in the Mississippiana Vertical File and bear subject headings assigned when they were first received. Among the donors were Terry Alford and Charles Quinnely.
Subject Tracings

Names:
King, Martin Luther, Jr.

Subjects:
Alabama
Black History
Boycotts
Broadsides
Citizens Councils
Civil Rights Movement
The “Committee of 100”
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
Council of Federated Organizations (COFO)
Delta Ministry
Duck Hill (Miss.)
Fayette (Miss.)
Ku Klux Klan
Little Rock (Ark.)
Louisiana
Lynching
Mary Holmes College
Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
National Citizens Protective Association
National Council of Churches
Newspapers
Race Relations
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Starkville (Miss.)
Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
University of Mississippi Voting Rights
Young Americans for Freedom
### Inventory

| 1 | Citizens Council and other distributions of literature | 1947-1969 |
|   | Literature concerning Little Rock incident, general literature against desegregation in Mississippi and the South. |
| 2 | Civil Rights | 1962-1965 |
|   | Mississippi Political Handbook, pamphlet used by civil rights workers in Columbus, pamphlet of the civil rights bill, COFO report, speech. |
| 3 | Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) | 1959-1965 |
|   | Integration literature, voting rights and holiday card brochure. |
| 4 | Ku Klux Klan (KKK) Mississippi | 1920; 1932; 1964-1967 |
|   | The Fiery Cross, handbills, correspondence and literature. |
| 5 | Ku Klux Klan (KKK) Other States | 1965-1969 |
|   | Newspaper clippings on Klan activities in Georgia and Louisiana. |
|   | Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party |
|   | SEE folder 26 |
| 6 | National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) | 1956-1964 |
|   | Christmas seals, voter registration, speeches, and correspondence. |
| 7 | National Citizens Protective Association | 1955 |
|   | Anti-black literature. |
| 8 | National Council of Churches | 1964-1967 |
|   | Delta Ministry, voter registration, suffrage, and rallies. |
| 9 | Propaganda and Newspapers-Black | 1964-1967 |
| 10 | Propaganda and Newspapers University of Mississippi | 1956-1963 |
|   | includes Rebel Underground (see Appendix) |
| 11 | Propaganda and Newspapers White | 1956-1969 |
12 Segregation: Harassment    Mary Holmes College 1968
13 Segregation: Literature on College Campuses
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14 Segregation: Literature on Education and Miscegenation 1963
15 Segregation: Literature on Labor
    Handbills 1964
16 Segregation: Lynching
    Personal recollections of two Duck Hill residents 1937
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    Flyers used at Fayette, Mississippi 1965-1967
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    Newspaper clippings, correspondence of Martin Luther
    King, Jr., and literature. 1962-1967
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    Newspaper clippings, brochures, handbills, and
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Rebel Underground

This small mimeographed paper was published surreptitiously, supposedly by students at Ole Miss (University of Mississippi), during the Meredith crisis. The object of the publication was to foment public opinion against Meredith and drive him from the university. Presumably the students would have been expelled by the university and prosecuted by the federal government if their identity had been known; hence publication was anonymous. For evidence that the Citizens’ Council secretly assisted, and perhaps took the lead, in the publication of the Rebel Underground, see Neil R. McMillen, *The Citizens’ Council: Organized Resistance to the Second Reconstruction, 1954-1964*, pp. 247-248. Students at Mississippi State University, Millsaps, Clemson, and the University of Alabama (or persons claiming to be students), who sympathized with the Ole Miss segregationists and opposed integration on their own campuses, published Rebel Undergrounds of their own at different times.

MSU Special Collections has an incomplete file of the Ole Miss Rebel Underground as follows (some issues original, but mostly photocopies): vol. I, 1-5 (1962-1963), Segregation/Integration miscellaneous collection. The different format is explained by the statement in the Rebel Underground for Jan. 1963 (main series) that "the Rebel Underground has more than one voice [at Ole Miss]. Take your pick. We welcome all good Rebels into the act."

In the MSU University Archives (Presidential Files, Colvard Administration, 1960-1966) there are the following: Rebel Underground, Millsaps Division, Vol. I, 1 (1964); Mississippi State University Rebel Underground, 2 undated sheets containing attacks on President Colvard for allowing MSU to participate in an integrated basketball game.

There are references to the Ole Miss Rebel Underground in Russell H. Barrett, *Integration at Ole Miss*, p. 71 and other pages.

(The above was written by Dr. Glover Moore and given to Special Collections on January 19, 1983).

See also Allen Eugene Cox papers, Box I, Folder 57 (Oct. 1962)
Separation Sheet

Oversize Manuscripts Box 7

The following item has been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

Broadsie: "LDF: The Legal Defense and Educational Fund".

Separation Sheet

Special Collections

The following item has been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

Meredith, James Howard. “For me and my kind: An Oral History with Mr. James H. Meredith.” Interviewed, edited, prefaced and annotated by Yasuhiro Katagiri. (Autographed and inscribed).

Separation Sheet

Visual Materials: Photographs Box 3

The following items have been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

Negative of propaganda photograph, 1950s or 1960s.