

## Jamie L. Whitten Collection Series 13: Politics

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

YEAR	GENERAL ELECTION
1941	L.A. "Red" Pyle (R)
1942	unopposed
1944	William McDonough (R)
1946	unopposed
1948	unopposed
1950	unopposed
1952	unopposed
1954	unopposed
1956	unopposed
1958	unopposed
1960	unopposed
1962	unopposed
1964	unopposed
1966	S.B. (Bushy) Wise (R)
1968	unopposed
1970	Eugene Carter (I)
1972	unopposed
1974	Jack Benney (I)
1976	unopposed
1978	T.K. Moffett (R) & Horace E. Hutcheson (I)
1980	T.K. Moffett (R)
1982	Fran Fawcett (R)
1984	John Hargett (I)
1986	Larry Cobb (R)
1988	Jim Bush (R)
1990	Bill Bowlin (R)
1992	Clyde E. Whitaker (R)

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 reelections, 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.

## **Subseries 1: Whitten Campaigns**

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Folder. 1935 District Attorney 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

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Folder. 1941 Clippings

Folder. 1941 Miscellaneous

Folder. 1941 Vote

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Folder. 1942 Yalobusha County  
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Folder. 1942 Miscellaneous  
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Folder. 1943 Election Returns  
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Folder. 1944 Desoto County  
Folder. 1944 Lafayette County  
Folder. 1944 Marshall County  
Folder. 1944 Panola County  
Folder. 1944 Tallahatchie County  
Folder. 1944 Tate County  
Folder. 1944 Tippah County  
Folder. 1944 Union County  
Folder. 1944 Yalobusha County  
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Folder. 1944 Qualifications for Announcement

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Folder. 1947 Miscellaneous  
Folder. 1948 Clippings  
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Folder. 1962 Benton County  
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Folder. 1962 Carroll County  
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Folder. 1962 Grenada County  
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Folder. 1962 Humphreys County  
Folder. 1962 Issaquena County  
Folder. 1962 Lafayette County  
Folder. 1962 Leflore County  
Folder. 1962 Marshall County  
Folder. 1962 Montgomery County  
Folder. 1962 Panola County  
Folder. 1962 Quitman County  
Folder. 1962 Sharkey County  
Folder. 1962 Sunflower County  
Folder. 1962 Tallahatchie County  
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Folder. 1962 Tunica County  
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Folder. 1962 Washington County  
Folder. 1962 Yalobusha County  
Folder. 1962 Advertisements  
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Folder. 1962 Banks  
Folder. 1962 Bills  
Folder. 1962 Calendar  
Folder. 1962 Campaign Material  
Folder. 1962 Clippings: Smith  
Folder. 1962 Clippings: Whitten  
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Folder. 1962 Editorials  
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Folder. 1962 Estes  
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Folder. 1962 Godwin Agency  
Folder. 1962 Introductory Remarks  
Folder. 1962 Jackson, Mississippi  
Folder. 1962 Material for Speeches  
Folder. 1962 Material Sent: Smith

Folder. 1962 Material Sent to Whitten

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Folder. 1962 Mats  
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Folder. 1962 Mississippi: Out of District  
Folder. 1962 Out of State  
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Folder. 1962 Speeches  
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Folder. 1962 Thanks  
Folder. 1962 Voting Record  
Folder. 1962 Yalobusha Deal  
Folder. 1963 Clippings  
Folder. 1963 Election Returns  
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Folder. 1964 Contested Election of 1964  
Folder. 1964 COPE Political Memo  
Folder. 1964 Frank Smith: Apeco Material  
Folder. 1964 Miscellaneous  
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Folder. 1964 Contested Election Response  
Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election -- Clippings  
Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – J.P. Coleman (Counsel)  
Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Contestants' Complaints and Briefs  
Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Counsel (Stipulations By)  
Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Delegation Answers and Briefs

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Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Depositions  
Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Expenses  
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Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Hearings and Depositions by Contestants  
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Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Miscellaneous Correspondence  
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Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – Previous Election Contests in House

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Folder. 1964-1965 Contested Election – State Lawyers  
Folder. 1965 Election Contest Material  
Folder. 1965 Members of Congress Who Challenged Delegation  
Folder. 1965 Mississippi County Population Estimates by Race and Age

Folder. 1965 Motion for Dismissal  
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Folder. 1965 Sam Still  
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Folder. 1966 Advertisements: Whitten  
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Folder. 1966 Brochures  
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Folder. 1966 Election  
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Folder. 1970 Election Returns  
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Folder. 1972 Miscellaneous  
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Folder. 1974 Jack Benney  
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Folder. 1978 Advertising  
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Folder. 1980 Campaign Breakfast  
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Folder. 1982 Contributions  
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**Subseries: Oversized Material**

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