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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

University of Mississippi Libraries

Creator

Nash, Jere;

Creator

Taggart, Andy

Title

Nash & Taggart Collection

Date [inclusive]

2004-2007

General Physical Description note

9.11GB

Location:

Modern Political Archives

Abstract:

The Nash & Taggart Collection consists of audio recordings of oral histories conducted by Jere Nash and Andy Taggart in the process of writing their book *Mississippi Politics: The Struggle for Power, 1976-2006* and the subsequent edition *Mississippi Politics: The Struggle for Power, 1976-2008*.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A liberal, Jere Nash has worked on the campaigns for a number of Democratic candidates in the state of Mississippi. He has also served as director of Common Cause in Mississippi, executive director of Mississippi First, deputy state auditor, and chief of staff for Governor Ray Mabus.

A conservative, Andy Taggart practices law in Madison County and serves on the Madison County Board of Supervisors. He has also held the posts of executive director of the Mississippi Republican Party, chief of staff of Governor Kirk Fordice, and president/CEO of the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

Together, they have written a contemporary political history of the state that chronicles events and documents major transformations in the state and its power structure.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of 84 recordings of interviews that authors Jere Nash and Andy Taggart conducted with 60 individuals in the process of conducting research for their book *Mississippi Politics: The Struggle for Power, 1976-2006* (University Press of Mississippi, 2006) and a subsequent 2008 edition. It also includes transcripts prepared for the authors for 38 of the recordings (warning note: researchers should only use the transcripts as a guide since spelling errors and other inaccuracies are frequent).

Interviewees include governors, members of the U.S. Congress, state legislators, state officials, state party leaders, political candidates, staff members, lawyers, and lobbyists. The subject of discussions range from state political parties, national and state elections, individual politicians, educational reform, the state highway program, gambling, tort reform, and reapportionment.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Publication Information

University of Mississippi Libraries 2011

Access Restrictions

The Nash & Taggart Collection is open for research. Audio files and transcripts are available as a [digital collection](#).

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Additions

The digital collection will expand in the future as time restrictions lapse on specific interviews.

Acquisition Information

The nonprofit corporation Mississippi History Project, Inc. donated the Nash & Taggart Collection to the University of Mississippi in 2009.

Processing Information

Digital Initiatives Librarian Jason Kovari converted the original .dss audio files into .wav files and .mp3 access copies. Political Papers Archivist Leigh McWhite reviewed the recordings to compile content descriptions.

The preservation of recordings in this collection is the result of a project supported in part by a grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed on this website do not necessarily represent those of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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RELATED MATERIALS

Resources at the University of Mississippi

For other politically-related holdings at the Archives & Special Collections, see the [Politics & Government subject guide](#).

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- Democratic Party (Miss.)
- Mississippi. Governor
- Mississippi. Legislature
- Republican Party (Miss.)
- United States. Congress

Format(s)

- born digital
- interviews
- sound recordings

Geographic Name(s)

- Mississippi -- Politics and government

Personal Name(s)

- Ainsworth, John Ed
- Allain, Bill
- Anderson, Reuben V. (Reuben Vincent), 1942-
- Barbour, Haley, 1947-
- Bronstein, Alvin J.
- Brown, Walter
- Carmichael, Gil
- Carter, Hodding
- Carter, Rick
- Clark Eric
- Clark, Charles
- Cochran, Thad
- Connor, Peggy Jean
- Cupit, Danny E.
- Dantin, Maurice
- Derian, Patricia M.
- Dye, Brad
- Edwards, Wayne
- Endris, Glenn
- Espy, Mike, 1953-
- Evers, Charles, 1922-
- Ford, Tim, 1951-
- Gollott, Tommy
- Gordon, Jack
- Griffith, Lanny, 1951-
- Guyot, Lawrence
- Guyton, Steve
- Holloman, John H., 1937-
- Klumb, Charles
- Langston, Joey
- Leonard, Jerris (Jerris G.), 1931-2006
- Levanway, Scott
- Maxey, John

- McKellar, Charles
- McLemore, Leslie Burl
- McMillen, Neil R., 1939-
- Medlin, Buddy
- Molpus, Dick
- Montgomery, Bob
- Moore, Mike
- Mounger, William D.
- Patterson, Steve
- Pennebaker, John
- Perry, Ed, 1942-
- Pittman, Crymes G.
- Powell, Billy
- Reed, Clarke
- Reed, Jack
- Scruggs, Dickie
- Spell, Bill
- Triggs, Gene
- Waggoner, Sam
- Walls, Johnnie
- Walman, Thomas H.
- Watkins, David
- Winter, William F.
- Yerger, Wirt A.
- Zucarro, Joe

Subject(s)

- Apportionment (Election law) -- Mississippi
- Educational law and legislation
- Gambling -- Law and legislation
- Liability (Law) -- United States
- Political campaigns -- Mississippi
- Roads -- Mississippi
- Torts -- United States

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COLLECTION INVENTORY

Interview Subjects

General note

The interviews and transcripts are available as a [digital collection](#). The digital collection will provide more detailed information about the topics discussed in each interview.

John Ed Ainsworth

Bill Allain

Reuben V. Anderson

Haley Barbour

Alvin J. Bronstein

Walter Brown

Gil Carmichael

Hodding Carter

Rick Carter

Charles Clark

Eric Clark

Thad Cochran

Peggy Jean Connor

David Crews

Danny Cupit

Maurice Dantin

Patricia M. Derian

Brad Dye

Wayne Edwards

Glenn Endris

Mike Espy

Charles Evers

Tim Ford

Tommy Gollott

Jack Gordon

Lanny Griffith

Lawrence Guyot

Steve Guyton

John Holloman

Charles Klumb

Joey Langston

Jerris Leonard

Scott Levanway

John Maxey

Charles McKellar

Leslie McLemore

Neil McMillen

Buddy Medlin

Dick Molpus

Bob Montgomery

Mike Moore

William D. Mounger

Steve Patterson

John Pennebaker

Ed Perry

Cyrmes G. Pittman

Billy Powell

Clarke Reed

Jack Reed

Richard Scruggs

Bill Spell

John Hampton Stennis

Terrell Stubbs

Gene Triggs

Sam Waggoner

Johnnie Walls

Thomas H. Walman

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William F. Winter

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