

Civil Rights

The Olive Andrews papers, SPR 316

This collection contains correspondence, personal letters, printed materials such as reports, articles, and essays, and newspaper clippings. The majority of the correspondence pertains to a 1958 meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned. After being reported in a Montgomery weekly newspaper, Montgomery Home News, white fellowship members were criticized and harassed.

Nat Welch Alabama Council on Human Relations collection, 1951-1994

This collection contains organization papers, correspondence, newsletters, and newspaper clippings from and about the Alabama Council on Human Relations. Spanning 43 years, the majority of this collection consists of inter-organizational correspondence regarding committee nominations.

The Alabama Council on Human Relation (ACHR) was established in 1954 and grew out of the Southern Regional Conference. Headquartered in Auburn, Ala., the ACHR is a private, non-profit organization that works towards establishing equality and opportunity for all citizens of Alabama. Their initial projects were aimed at voting rights and school desegregation.

Alabama Attorney General's Office civil rights case files, 1940-1974.

<https://archives.alabama.gov/research/finding-aids/v9281f.htm>

These records function to document the activities of the Attorney General's Office regarding civil rights cases in Alabama. Some of the information available includes background of cases, how Alabama and its people reacted to the civil rights movement, and how the legal system was used regarding civil rights. The bulk of the cases range from 1963-1970.

Political Rights

[Agnes Baggett papers, 1940-1992, undated.](#)

Papers, dated 1940-1992 and undated, consist of certificates, correspondence, printed materials, political campaign materials, speeches, photographs, scrapbooks, and other materials documenting the political career, civic activities, and personal interests of Agnes Baggett.

Agnes Beahn Baggett was born on April 9, 1905, in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of John Richard Beahn and Leila Thomason Beahn. She married George Lamar Baggett in 1926. Following the death of her husband in December 1949, she campaigned successfully to become

Alabama's first female secretary of state in 1950. She continued her political career by serving as state auditor, 1955-1959; state treasurer, 1959-1963; secretary of state, 1963-1967; state treasurer, 1967-1975; and secretary of state, 1975-1979. In 1972, she ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House of Representatives. She died on December 15, 1992.

[Landon Nichols papers, 2008-2021.](#)

This collection consists of political material; items documenting Nichols's activities and events; memorabilia collected by Nichols; correspondence; and printed materials. These items document his academic achievement, community involvement, political engagement including his campaign for a seat on the Selma City Council, and involvement with the LGBTQ community.

Landon Nichols was born in 1992 in Selma, Alabama to Lee and Candace Nichols. He attended Meadowview Christian School from which he graduated in 2010. Nichols went on to earn a bachelor's degree in advertising and a master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Alabama. Following his graduation, Nichols returned to Selma where he became destination and marketing coordinator with the Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Information. He also became actively involved in state and local politics, first serving as campaign manager for Sue Bell Cobb's 2018 gubernatorial campaign and later running for a seat on the Selma City Council representing Ward 2 in the 2020 election. This election was decided in a run-off between Nichols and Christie Thomas, with Thomas ultimately winning the seat. Nichols was the first candidate identifying as gay to run for a seat on the Selma City Council.

Alabama Department of Archives and History Woman's Suffrage Files, 1915-1920, SG017777

This series consists of correspondence, broadsides, handbills, and publications pertaining to women's suffrage. Much of the correspondence was directed to legislators and to Governor Thomas E. Kilby. Correspondents include: H. H. Snell, Pattie Ruffner Jacobs, Mrs. James S. Pinckard, and Alex C. Walker. Copies of Senator Oscar W. Underwood's speech to Congress opposing suffrage for women are also among the records. In addition, the series contains copies of the Suffragist, a newspaper published by the National Woman's Party, and the The Remonstrance Against Woman Suffrage, published by the Women's Anti-Suffrage Association of Massachusetts.

Economic Rights

[Alabama Department of Labor state publications, 1919-2011.](#)

These publications include annual reports, 1943-2011; the Bradford Act, a brief, 1945; Labor Laws and Their Administration, 1962-1976; Ala. Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Survey,

1979-1983; and newsletters, 1966-1989. The publications of the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner, 1919-1923, in SG024418, are considered part of this series as well.

[Alabama Department of Industrial Relations state publications, 1869-2007.](#)

The function of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) is to administer programs related to unemployment compensation, workmen's compensation, child labor, mine and industrial safety, surface mine laws, and the State Employment Service. These state publications include annual reports, press releases, handbooks, guides, statistics, newsletters, magazines, periodicals, and reports on child labor, mine and industrial safety, affirmative action programs, job market news and job creation, agricultural and nonagricultural employment, and other subjects.

Social Rights

[Alabama State Department of Human Resources state publications, 1901-2001.](#)

This series consists of state publications, including annual reports of the department and its predecessor agencies, annual reports for each county department from 1936-1978, administrative procedures rule filings, directories, laws, manuals, minimum standards, periodicals such as the foster child, Alabama social services, happenings, statistics and statistical reports of various kinds, as well as general publications. General publications include histories of the Department, descriptions of organization and functions, registers of chief county officials, and public information brochures.

Alabama Department of Public Health child welfare services files, 1920-1989.

This series provides a comprehensive look at the functions of the child welfare program in the state and the changes through which the program evolved. It consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, reports, budgets, and other materials. Among the topics included in this series are: histories of the Child Welfare Department and foster care programs; newspaper clippings on the activities of the Child Welfare Department in the early 1920s; a follow-up study of older children and their adoptive families; budgets for the Child Welfare Service, ca. 1942-1952; and needs analyses, workplans, regulations, and reports for 1972-1982.

Human Rights

[Equality Alabama records, 1999-2010.](#)

This collection includes administrative files, subject files, printed materials, and photographic material documenting the history and work of Equality Alabama, a Montgomery-based organization working for LGBTQ rights, with special emphasis on the work of its founder, Ken Baker. Administrative files include information on procedures and policies; meeting material; lists of organizational accomplishments; correspondence; an organizational history; notes; a

resolution naming the Ken Baker Equality Alabama Center and a pencil drawing of the building; and other material created or collected by Equality Alabama. The subject files document topics, events, and laws and litigation related to Equality Alabama and the LGBTQ community.

Social Responsibilities

[Alabama Governor \(1993-1995: Folsom\) National and Community Service volunteer files, 1987-1994 \(bulk 1993-1994\). SG0020342-SG0020343](#)

This series documents volunteer programs overseen by the State Service Commission under Governor Folsom's leadership. It consists of information regarding people, places, projects, and events connected with volunteerism in Alabama from 1993 to 1994. Documents include briefing forms and notes about events, general notes, resumes and recommendations for potential participants, correspondence, speeches, press releases and other publicity materials, service recognition nomination forms, volunteer conference material, and volunteer newsletters. Many of these records focus on AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve Alabama programs.