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The Springfield Voting Rights Lawsuit Records and Clippings, 1984 - 1987

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Records and newspaper clippings related to the case McNeil et al. vs. the City of Springfield et al., known as the Springfield Voting Rights Lawsuit, which began in 1984 and ended in 1987 with the abolition of Springfield's racially exclusive Commission form of government and the defeat of the mayor Mike Houston. The collection includes photocopies of legal documents filed by the plaintiffs and defendants in U.S. District Court, correspondence, flyers, and a research paper concerning the lawsuit; also newspaper clippings from the Springfield State Journal-Register and other newspapers regarding the lawsuit.

Donated by Mike Townsend, 1987.

Box 1

Folders:

1. Voting Rights Lawsuit: Court Documents, 1985-86
2. Voting Rights: Brief of the City of Springfield in Opposition to Objector's Petition, 1986
3. Voting Rights Lawsuit: Court Documents, 1987
4. Voting Rights: Exceptions of Local Government, 1900-85 □
5. Voting Rights: Exhibits (A-J), 1973-86
6. Voting Rights: Discrimination in Springfield, 1986
7. Voting Rights: First and Second Voting Rights Act Memos, 1985?
8. Voting Rights: Plaintiffs' First Interrogatories to Defendants, No Date
9. Voting Rights Lawsuits from Other States, 1980-84
10. Voting Rights: Notes, Correspondence, etc., 1984-86
11. Voting Rights: Judie Dirksen - Class Project Material on Springfield's Commission Form of Government, 1984
12. Voting Rights: Flyers, Press Release, and Bulletin, 1985-86

Box 2

Folders:

1. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Nov., 1984
2. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Mar., 1985
3. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, April, 1985
4. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, May, 1985
5. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, June, 1985
6. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Aug., 1985
7. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Sept., 1985
8. Voting Rights, Newspaper Clippings, Oct., 1985
9. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Nov., 1985
10. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Dec., 1985
11. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Jan., 1986

12. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Feb., 1986
13. Voting Rights: Newspaper Clippings, Mar., 1986
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