Inventory of the
John C. Ruoff Papers, 1972 - 2002
Table of Contents

Descriptive Summary.............................................................................................................................................. 3
Biographical Note.................................................................................................................................................. 3
Collection Overview........................................................................................................................................... 4
Restrictions............................................................................................................................................................ 4
Subject Headings.................................................................................................................................................. 4
Administrative Information.................................................................................................................................... 5
Detailed Description of the Collection.................................................................................................................. 6
  1. Professional Papers, 1972-2002....................................................................................................................... 6
**Descriptive Summary**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>John C. Ruoff Papers,</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dates:</td>
<td>1972 - 2002</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Creator:</td>
<td>Ruoff, John C..</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abstract:</td>
<td>John Carl Ruoff (born 1948) received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1976, specializing in social and cultural history of the 19th century American South. Starting in 1987, he has worked as Executive and then Research Director for South Carolina Fair Share, a civil rights advocacy group, providing statistical and demographic technical assistance and support to community groups. He has also provided policy analysis and advocacy on consumer, utility, and telecommunications issues, and gave expert legal testimony for several legal cases during his career. The collection consists almost exclusively of demographics, statistics, and data collected by John C. Ruoff in his capacity as Director of South Carolina Fair Share. The bulk is mostly data and statistics regarding legal cases for which Ruoff provided expert testimony. Legal cases include National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) versus City of Columbia (1993), NAACP versus Richland County, Williams versus Baldwin County Commission, Able versus Wilkins, Smith versus Beasley, NAACP versus Kershaw County, and NAACP versus Spartanburg County Board of Education mostly regarding voting rights, local and state cases concerning reapportionment and redistricting, school desegregation, deregulation and restructuring of the electric industry and bus routes involving the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, auto insurance reforms, and various other economic and social reforms such as crack-addicted babies, teen pregnancy, statutory and marital rape, and other issues.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extent:</td>
<td>37.25 linear feet linear feet(24 record cartons, 3 archival boxes, 2 oversize boxes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Repository:</td>
<td>Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call Number:</td>
<td>AMN 1027</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language of Material:</td>
<td>Material in English</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Biographical Note**

John Carl Ruoff (born 1948) received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1976, specializing in social and cultural history of the 19th century American South. Earlier, he received an A.M. in history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1971) and a B.A. in history from Seattle (WA) University (1969). Starting in 1987, he has worked as Executive and then Research Director for South Carolina Fair Share, a civil rights advocacy group, providing statistical and demographic technical assistance
and support to community groups. He has also provided policy analysis and advocacy on consumer, utility, and telecommunications issues, and gave expert legal testimony for several legal cases during his career.

Collection Overview

The collection, following the original order of the donor, contains materials grouped by subject, consisting almost exclusively of demographics, statistics, and data collected by John C. Ruoff in his capacity as Director of South Carolina Fair Share. The bulk is mostly data and statistics regarding legal cases for which Ruoff provided expert testimony. Legal cases include National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) versus City of Columbia (1993), NAACP versus Richland County, Williams versus Baldwin County Commission, Able versus Wilkins, Smith versus Beasley, NAACP versus Kershaw County, and NAACP versus Spartanburg County Board of Education mostly regarding voting rights, local and state cases concerning reapportionment and redistricting, school desegregation, deregulation and restructuring of the electric industry and bus routes involving the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, auto insurance reforms, and various other economic and social reforms such as crack-addicted babies, teen pregnancy, statutory and marital rape, and other issues.

Collection Arrangement

1. Professional Papers

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

No restrictions.

Copyright Notice

The nature of the Avery Research Center's archival holdings means that copyright or other information about restrictions may be difficult or even impossible to determine despite reasonable efforts. The Avery Research Center claims only physical ownership of most archival materials.

The materials from our collections are made available for use in research, teaching, and private study, pursuant to U.S. copyright law. The user must assume full responsibility for any use of the materials, including but not limited to, infringement of copyright and publication rights of reproduced materials. Any materials used for academic research or otherwise should be fully credited with the source.

Subject Headings

African Americans -- Civil rights -- South Carolina -- History.

African Americans -- Politics and government -- South Carolina -- 20th century.

African Americans -- Suffrage -- South Carolina -- History.

Apportionment (Election law) -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.

Bus lines -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.

Election districts -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.

Electric utilities -- Deregulation -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.

Insurance -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Newborn infants -- Effects of drugs on -- Miscellaneous.

Pressure groups -- South Carolina.

Rape in marriage -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.

Ruoff, John Carl, 1948

School integration -- South Carolina -- History -- 20th century -- Miscellaneous.

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

South Carolina Fair Share.

Statutory rape -- South Carolina -- Miscellaneous.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], John C. Ruoff Papers, Avery Research Center, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Donated by John C. Ruoff, March 2002

Processing Information

Processed by Jessica Lancia, August 2007

Encoded by Melissa Bronheim, July 2010

Edited by Aaron Spelbring, January 2014

Funding from the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation supported the processing of this collection.

Funding from the Council on Library and Information Resources supported the collection processing and encoding of this finding aid.
Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Professional Papers, 1972-2002

Box 1 Folder 1-7

Legal papers regarding NAACP versus City of Columbia court cases 3:92-914-17, and 93-2255, 93-2319.

Deals with voting discrimination in Appeals Court. Includes briefs, memoranda, affidavits, defense exhibits; statistics regarding race, voting, city zoning; report by Orville Vernon Burton concerning racial bloc voting in Columbia; John Ruoff vitae and info on case # 3-88-1281-15 NAACP versus Richland County.

Box 1 Folder 8 - Box 2 Folder 9


Includes county-level elections. Also includes two CD-ROMs

Box 3 Folder 1-3

Binders containing legal papers regarding Williams versus Baldwin County, Alabama commission.

Binder 1 includes population statistics regarding: Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina for 1999. Binders 2 and 3 include plaintiff exhibits. Binder 4 includes case info.

Box 4 Folder 1 - Box 5 Folder 3

Printed materials regarding voting statistics and election returns for all types of election results in South Carolina, 1992-2000.

including county level elections and Presidential elections

Box 5 Folder 4-16

Printed materials regarding statistics, civil cases, congressional materials, articles, and reports dealing with the reappointment of South Carolina state election districts, 1997.

Includes legal materials regarding civil cases in favor of reapportionment, House and Senate voting results, reports by John Ruoff on voting turnout by race, news articles concerning redistricting in South Carolina, legal and court documents concerning redistricting, reports on reapportionment, vitae of John Ruoff and Ronald Weber and a copy of Bill 4333.

Box 5 Folder 17 - Box 6 Folder 21

Printed materials regarding electric industry deregulation and restructuring in South Carolina.

Also includes printed materials regarding other public policies such as welfare, voter turnout, and non-profit organizations. Includes 9 folders on deregulation in the electric industry, 9 folders regarding other public policies.

Box 6 Folder 21 - Box 8 Folder 14

United States District Court Cases concerning redistricting of state legislative boundaries in South Carolina with Able versus Wilkins; Smith versus Beasley; Burton versus Sheheen; Branton versus Campbell.

Also included are reports and statistics on redistricting in the 1990s in South Carolina and district maps and statistics for Williamsburg, Charleston, York, Richland, Beaufort-Colleton, Allendale, Chester-Fairfield, Aiken-Abbeville, Georgetown, Marlboro, and other counties.

Box 8 Folder 15-24

Reports, court cases, and statistics regarding redistricting in South Carolina, 2001-2002.
Includes voting and population statistics, news articles, district maps, and other material concerning redistricting.

Box 8 Folder 25 - Box 9 Folder 14
South Carolina Electric and Gas [SCE&G] and Columbia, South Carolina Transit Buses material concerning the altering of bus routes and other transit matters in Columbia.

Includes reports of the public service commission, printed materials regarding court cases concerning SCE&G and the transit authorities, court testimonies, material and reports regarding SCE&G and Columbia transit authority.

Box 9 Folder 15 - Box 10 Folder 22
Statistics and data regarding voting, election results for various offices.

Box 11 Folder 22
Statistics and data for offices including sheriff, country school board, congressional, house and senate districts, and county clerk of court throughout South Carolina counties.

Box 12 Folder 1 - Box 13 Folder 21
Statistics and data regarding voting and election results for various local, state, and national offices in South Carolina and North Carolina, 1992-2000.

Box 13 Folder 22-36
Printed materials regarding electric industry deregulation in South Carolina, a restructuring of the electric industry in South Carolina, 1997-2002.

Includes reports of restructuring the electric industry in South Carolina presented mainly to public service commission. Includes bound reports and material concerning deregulation; news articles, correspondence, and other states' deregulation procedures. Also includes house bills on deregulation in South Carolina.

Box 14 Folder 1 - 21

Court cases center around busing, transit, and fare increases in Charleston, South Carolina. Complaints revolve around SCE&G providing transit service in the city but the Public Service Commission regulating fares and refusing fare increases in spite of lack of funding. Includes case files, testimonies, bus transfer information and agreements.

Box 15 Folder 1-14
Papers regarding auto insurance reform and Worker's Compensation reform in South Carolina.

Includes reports on Auto Insurance in South Carolina, House and Senate bills concerning auto insurance reform, statistics concerning auto insurance, material about auto insurance reform, including correspondence and news articles; and material regarding worker's compensation.

Box 15 Folder 15 - Box 16 Folder 9
Papers regarding John C. Ruoff redistricting cases.

Includes court documents, maps, statistics, and research.

Fairhope, Alabama (Baldwin County); Rowan County, North Carolina; Reidsville, North Carolina; and various local South Carolina redistricting cases including Cherokee County, Sumter County, and Kershaw Counties and the cities of Lexington, Greenville, Dorchester, Charleston, and McCormick, South Carolina. Includes court documents, maps, statistics, and research.

Box 16 Folder 10-33
Printed material regarding various social and economic reforms, 1983-1999.

Includes welfare reform, foster parents, crack-addicted babies, teen pregnancy/statutory rape, home builders/buyers, credit and insurance, the Charleston Housing Authority, Single application, rate hikes, art in the schools (South Carolina Arts Commission), Alternative dispute resolutions, Grand Jury, Savings and Loan Campaign, Tort Reform, South Carolina
Low-Income Housing Commission, Prepossession, South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations, and Public Service Commission elections. Material includes legal files, and newspaper clippings.

Box 17 Folder 1-14 Legislation and documents concerning insurance and various insurance companies, 1989-2000.

Includes material about Nationwide, South Carolina Farm Bureau, All State, State Farm, External Review, SCE&G Load Forecasts, and clippings/leaflets regarding SCE&G rate hikes, legal papers regarding United States versus Simmons, and Barnes versus South Carolina Farm Bureau.

Box 18 Folder 1-9 Court transcripts of SCE&G and Public Service commission hearings regarding buses and rate increases, 1992 and 1995.

Box 18 Folder 10 - Box 19 Folder 4 Local redistricting and voting statistics, 1976-1990.

Includes Florence School District #1, Richland County Council, Jasper-Beaufort Annexation, Horry County Council. Also, includes South Carolina census, Richland County Voter statistics turnout, Richland County Council white voters, primaries by black voter percentage, primaries summary by race, special elections by black voter percentage, Jasper-Beaufort annexation.

Box 19 Folder 5 - Box 21 Folder 6 Printed materials regarding SCE&G rate case, 1995-1997.

Includes transcripts of legal hearings regarding SCE&G application before the Public Service Commission for electric rate and charge increases and printed material regarding case appeal to Supreme Court of South Carolina. Also contains info on case before it was appealed to the Supreme Court. Includes case documents and reports.

Box 21 Folder 1 - Box 23 Folder 2 Various election voting results from and around South Carolina. Folders marked with place, year and election.

Box 23 Folder 3-14 Printed material from various legal cases, 1991-2001.

Hemingway Land Annexations, Kingstree voting by Race case, Edisto Ambulatory Surgery Center, Lexington School District #3, Orangeburg City and Council Elections, and various other court cases concerning voting by race and bloc voting.

Box 24 Folder 1-16 Local redistricting court cases and statistics of voting results in South Carolina.

Includes NAACP versus Kershaw County, NAACP versus Spartanburg County Board of Education, Horry County Coalition, Winnsboro, Conway single member housing, Union County, Greenwood redistricting and Hartsville Challenge. Includes maps, computer disks.

Box 25 Folder 1-32 Materials from various projects involving John Ruoff.

Community Reinvestment Association (CRA) of Nations Bank giving loans for home improvements; case concerning workers in South Carolina and their choice of doctor if they are injured on the job; ethics reform; race and sex in the South; and various other cases and legalities with which John Ruoff was associated. Includes files on Greenbrier Water, jury selection and discrimination, Norman, Lovely Acres community, Huffstetler, power failure profile, marital rape, Hispanic and Asian turnout during the 2000 elections, Charleston press, insurance, child support, Fuel Use Act (FUA) energy grant, FUA literacy, Sea Island Youth Development, Fairfield Demographics, Jesse Jackson, computers, mining
farmers' rights bill, Brown Lung Association, school board of education, the Get Ready literacy program, and South Carolina National Bank.

Box 25 Folder 33 - Box 26 Folder 9
Materials regarding voting results and population data from localities in South Carolina regarding redistricting.
Includes city and county maps and statistics. Also includes reports for the cities of Union and Lancaster, South Carolina regarding racial polarization/redistricting. Includes files on towns of Laurens, Greenwood, Abbeville, Gaffney/Cherokee, Clinton, Fairfield/Winsboro, Lee, Georgetown, Holly Hill, City of Charleston.

Box 26 Folder 10 - Box 27 Folder 2
Includes legal documents regarding Able versus Wilkins case concerning redistricting of state legislative districts. Includes statistics and data from recent legislative districts and proposed new legislative districts, including non-voter study, House district plans, the Sheheen House plan and the South Carolina House of Representative data.

obox 1027/OSB 1-2
Various oversized maps of South Carolina cities, districts, and the state of South Carolina.