Inventory of the
Frank Sturcken Papers, 1951 - 1999

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Frank Sturcken Papers,
Dates: 1951 - 1999
Creator: Sturcken, Francis.
Abstract: Francis "Frank" Sturcken, a 1951 graduate of the College of Charleston, received the Bingham Oratorical award for a controversial essay entitled "The Liquid South." This essay denounced segregation.

This collection contains materials related to Frank Sturcken's essay, "The Liquid South," including copies of the essay, a memoir, correspondence in reaction to the essay, and clippings. Much of the material contains personal annotations.

Extent: 0.1 linear feet(3 folders)
Repository: Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston
Call Number: AMN 9004v
Language of Material: Material in English

Biographical Note

Francis "Frank" Sturcken graduated from the College of Charleston in 1951. That year, he wrote an essay denouncing segregation entitled "The Liquid South" for the College's annual Bingham Oratorical Contest and won the contest for the third consecutive year. In this piece, Sturcken wrote that segregation laws were "based upon the lie that the Negro can be segregated and not discriminated against.... In a complex society such as ours, that is, of course, impossible. You can have no segregation without discrimination."

The essay piqued the interest of Judge Julius Waties Waring, who distributed it to his associates and promoted its publication in various newspapers throughout the country, although it received minimal local attention.

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Collection Arrangement

1. Writings, Correspondence, and Clippings

Restrictions

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Subject Headings

College of Charleston -- Alumni and alumnae.

Segregation -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Segregation -- United States -- History.

Segregation in education -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

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Sturcken, Francis.

Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Writings, Correspondence, and Clippings, 1951-1999

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