

E. Edward Wehman, Jr., Mayoral Papers, 1944-1950

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Creator:

E. Edward Wehman, Jr., Mayor of the City of Charleston, S.C., 1944-1950

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Correspondence, meeting minutes, newspaper articles, proclamations, resolutions, reports, maps, plats

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Abstract

This collection consists of the papers of the E. Edward Wehman, Jr., the fifty-sixth mayor of Charleston, who served from 1944-1947. The collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, along with various municipal documents.

Biographical Statement

E. Edward Wehman, Jr., was born in Charleston to Bertha T. and E.E. Wehman in 1891. He attended West Point from 1911-1912 where he studied alongside classmate Dwight D. Eisenhower. He later graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science before going on to a career in the insurance industry. He served as alderman representing the city's sixth ward during the 1940-1943 administration of Mayor Henry W. Lockwood, a position to which he was reelected in 1944. Upon the untimely passing of Mayor Lockwood that same year, Wehman was selected by his fellow councilmembers in a 16-7 vote to fulfill the remainder of Lockwood's term. After three years in office, Wehman chose not to run for reelection, instead returning full-time to his insurance business.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized alphabetically according to subject, document type, or the originating individual, organization, or city department. The papers consist of correspondence, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, proclamations, and resolutions. Subjects of interest include demobilization during the postwar period, the establishment of the State Ports Authority, development of the Charleston Municipal Airport, and postwar racial conflicts. Of special interest to students of African American history is the role of military institutions and black soldiers in the push for voting rights and equal facilities.

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	11	Charleston Service Men's Club, 1944-1947: papers re: George Street USO, military rehabilitation programs, military facilities, Federal Works Agency, Marion Square comfort station, Zion Church African American comfort station, Clelia P. McGowan, Shaw Center, Port of Embarkation, Stark Hospital, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston Army Air Base, Playland Pavillion, Isle of Palms, Community War Chest, Fraser Field USO, YMCA
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1	18	Burnet R. Maybank, US Senate, 1944: papers re: World War II, Lockwood family estate, Charleston Navy Yard, vocational education for war veterans, Fire Department equipment, St. Andrews Parish project, Charleston Municipal Airport, surplus military property, National Airlines, Colonial Airlines, Charleston Army Air Base, longshoremen, radio facilities, Federal Communications Commission, port terminals, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, War Powers Act, Port of Embarkation, Civil Aeronautics Board
	19	Burnet R. Manbank, US Senate, 1945: papers re: Charleston Navy Yard, food shortages, Public Welfare Board, Veterans Administration, Naval Ammunition Depot, Stoney Field / Harmon Field tracts, Navy Hospital Ships, Stark General Hospital, Port of Embarkation, Charleston Abattoir, military surplus, Office of Price Administration, Social Protection Committee, Charleston Ordnance Depot, workforce reduction, Charleston Municipal Airport, Marshall Military Reservation, Fort Moultrie, Grecian Society, Charleston Parochial School
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	28	Newspaper Clippings: Post-war Planning, 1944-1945: articles re: Port of Charleston, Santee-Congaree postwar navigation and hydro-electric power project, Charleston Navy Yard, employment, civilian defense offices, Port of Embarkation, bank credit program, postwar fund campaign, slum clearance

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