

## **The Emory Folmar Papers**

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Montgomery County Archives, Courthouse Annex III, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104, (334)-832-7173

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**Collection Creator:** Emory Folmar

**Collection:** The Emory Folmar Papers

**Collection Dates:** ca. 1977–1999

**Collection Size:** 236 cubic feet

**Abstract:** The Emory Folmar Papers consists of office files, press clippings, photographs, and other materials related to Folmar's twenty-two year tenure as mayor of Montgomery, Alabama.

**Repository:** Montgomery County Archives, Courthouse Annex III, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104, (334)-832-7173

**Reference Code:** 2006.001

**Languages and Scripts:** The entire collection is recorded in English.

**Administrative/Biographical History:** Born in Pike County, Alabama on June 3, 1930, Emory McCord Folmar graduated from Montgomery's Sidney Lanier High School and served as a United States Army ranger during the Korean War. Shortly after his military service Folmar attended the University of Alabama and graduated with a business degree. Folmar entered politics in 1975 when he won a seat on the Montgomery City Council, later becoming council president. In 1977, Folmar became mayor of Montgomery when a scandal forced then Mayor James Robinson to resign. Folmar held the position of Mayor for twenty-two years, the longest consecutive tenure of any Montgomery mayor. Folmar was also at the vanguard of the state's Republican Party, serving as its chairman. As a result of his involvement in the Republican Party, he received political appointments from both President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W Bush. In 1982 Folmar unsuccessfully ran for Governor of Alabama against incumbent George Wallace. Folmar took 40% of the vote, proving to be a formidable opponent for Wallace who sought his fourth term in office. Folmar finally relinquished his role as Mayor of Montgomery in 1999 when he lost to Democrat Bobby Bright. Emory Folmar died on November 11, 2011 at the age of 80.

**Scope and Content:** This collection documents Emory Folmar's twenty-two year tenure (1977-1999) as mayor of Montgomery, Alabama. While the collection includes personal materials, such

as birthday cards and invitations to social functions in Montgomery, it primarily consists of materials documenting Folmar's political career, including his work with the Montgomery police and fire departments, as well as his work within the Alabama Republican Party. Significant themes and subjects in the Folmar Papers include the development of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and the Montgomery Zoo, Folmar's involvement with Maxwell Air Force Base, and his relationship with Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Much of the collection concerns itself with records related to Folmar's unsuccessful 1982 campaign for governor of Alabama. Additionally, a number of records relate to the social activities of Folmar's wife Anita, including her involvement with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Montgomery Council on Aging, and firearm safety training courses. The Folmar Papers are largely textual and include memoranda, minutes and agendas, financial and legal material, clippings, publications, and related printed matter. Other formats in the collection include photographs and artifacts such as plaques, ephemera, and campaign paraphernalia.

**System of Arrangement:** This collection is organized into three series:

#### Series I: Office Files

- Sub-series I: Over-sized newspaper clippings

The "Office Files" series dominates the Emory Folmar Papers collection, consisting of 121 of the 126 boxes in the collection. The series contains a wide assortment of topic matter, including everything from Folmar's work as mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, to his run for governor of Alabama in 1982. Press clippings, correspondence, materials related to Folmar's multiple mayoral re-election campaigns, records created in the course of the day-to-day functioning of the city, are among the records represented in this series. Because Folmar served as mayor of Montgomery for so long, 1977-1999, the "Office Files" series provides a fascinating glimpse into Montgomery's political, social, and economic spheres over a twenty-two year period. The one sub-series of Series I, "Over-sized newspaper clippings" trace Folmar's political career over time, as well as—like the office files—providing an engrossing look at political, economic, and social life in Montgomery.

#### Series II: Photographs and other images

- Sub-Series I: Scrapbooks

Because Emory Folmar served as mayor of Montgomery so long, the photographs in this collection provide a pictorial history of Montgomery over a twenty-two year period. The photographs in series II depict everything from city council meetings to programs at the Montgomery Zoo. In particular, the photographs show the extent to which the physical landscape of Montgomery has changed over time.

#### Series III: Ephemera

The "Ephemera" series contains records like political pins, resolutions, pamphlets, assorted publications, etc.

**Location of Originals:** Montgomery County Archives; Vault 116, Bay 11A-11B

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** The collection consist of newspapers, paper-based office files, and paper-based photographs.

**Access Points:**

Montgomery (Ala.)  
Mayors  
Police  
Fire Departments  
Political campaigns  
Police  
Advertising, Political  
Campaign literature  
Elections  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Republican Party (Ala.)  
Democratic Party (Ala.)  
Alabama Shakespeare Festival  
Zoos  
United States Air Force  
Municipal government  
City councils  
Bush, George, 1924-  
Reagan, Ronald

**Conditions Governing Access:** Collection is open for access with the exception of box 110, which is restricted due to privacy concerns. This box contains individuals' medical information and social security numbers, as well as information related to police investigations. Researcher must demonstrate need to review materials in box to county archivist and probate court assistant chief clerk or chief clerk.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected with this collection.

**Acquisition Info:** Anita Folmar donated the Emory Folmar Papers to the Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) sometime in the early to mid-2000s. In 2006, the MCHS offered the Folmar Papers to the Montgomery County Archives (MCA). (For more information, see the MCA's accessions file on the Emory Folmar Papers.)

**Alternative Forms:** None

**Additional Finding Aids:** None

**Appraisal Process:** The Montgomery County Archives' mission statement notes that the MCA collects non-government records, as long as they pertain to the history of Montgomery County.

**Custodial History:** The Folmar Papers were in the possession of Emory and Anita Folmar until their transfer to the Montgomery County Historical Society in the early to mid-2000s. In 2006, the MCHS transferred the papers to the Montgomery County Archives.

**Preferred Citation:** (Name of record cited, type of record, date of record,) Emory Folmar Papers, Montgomery County Archives.

**Processing Information:** In summer 2016 Montgomery County Archives intern John Harrelson began processing the Emory Folmar Papers. In October 2016 Montgomery County Archives intern David Cook resumed processing the collection. He finished in spring 2017. Montgomery County Archivist Dallas Hanbury supervised the processing of this collection.

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**Separated Materials:** None

**Bibliography:** "Alabama Academy of Honor." Emory McCord Folmar. November 15, 2011. Accessed April 26, 2017. [http://archives.state.al.us/famous/academy/e\\_folmar.html](http://archives.state.al.us/famous/academy/e_folmar.html)

**Note:** The Montgomery County Archives has completely digitized and made available for on-site viewing, on its Archives Search database, the images contained in **Series II: Photographs and Other Images**.

### Inventory

#### **Series I: Office Files**

(Note: Unless otherwise listed, the following boxes contain records from Emory Folmar's office files.)

Box 1: Press Clippings, Invitations, programs 1977-1978

Box 2: May–August 1979

Box 3: September 1979

Box 4: Press Clippings July 1977–December 1979

Box 5: September 1978, January–April 1979

Box 6: Monthly Files

Box 7: Monthly Files

Box 8: Press Clippings January 1980–June 1981

Box 9: November–December 1980; Christmas records

Box 10: Presidential Inauguration 1981

Box 11: Office Files November 1980–January 1981

Box 12: Press Clippings July 1981–February 1982

Box 13: 1981

Box 14: June–July 1981

Box 15: August–October 1981

Box 16: November 1981–January 1982

Box 17: February–May 1982

Box 18: Press Clippings August–October 1982

Box 19: Press Clippings March–July 1982

Box 20: Press Clippings October 1982–May 1983

Box 21: Press Clippings October 1982

Box 22: 1982 Governor's Race Correspondence

Box 23: June–September 1982

Box 24: October–December 1982

Box 25: January–April 1983

Box 26: May–August 1983

Box 27: October–December 1983

Box 28: MFD 1977–1981; U. S. Army 1983–1989; National Security Forum 1980; Political-city 1983

Box 29: FFC 1977–1980; Lister Hill Advisory Board; Regrets July–December 1982; Regrets June 1983–January 1984

Box 30: Mayoral Campaign Race 1983

Box 31: Press Clippings May–December 1983

Box 32: January–May 1984

Box 33: June–October 1984

Box 34: Press Clipping January–May 1985

Box 35: December–March 1985

Box 36: April 1985–June 1985

Box 37: August 1985–October 1985

Box 38: December 1985

Box 39: Press Clippings: June 1985–March 1986

Box 40: January–April 1986

Box 41: May 1986–July 1986

Box 42: August 1986–July 1986

Box 43: November 1986–December 1986

Box 44: Press Clippings July 1986–July 1987

Box 45: January–March 1987

Box 46: April–May 1987

Box 47: June–July 1987

Box 48: August 1987–September 1987

Box 49: September 1987–November 1987

Box 50: December 1987; July 1985

Box 51: January–March 1988

Box 52: April–June 1988

Box 53: July–August 1988

Box 54: September–October 1988

Box 55: November–December 1988

Box 56: January–February 1989

Box 57: March–April 1989

Box 58: May–June 1989

Box 59: July 1989–August 1989

Box 60: September 1989

Box 61: October 1989

Box 62: November–December 1989

Box 63: January–February 1990

Box 64: March–April 1990

Box 65: May–June 1990

Box 66: July–June 1990

Box 67: September–November 1990

Box 68: December 1990–March 1991

Box 69: January–February 1991 “Citizen of the Year”

Box 70: April–May 1991

Box 71: June–August 1991

Box 72: November–December 1991

Box 73: January–February 1992

Box 74: March 1992–April 1992

Box 75: May–June 1992

Box 76: July–September 1992

Box 77: October – November 1992

Box 78: December 1992 Misc. checks

Box 79: January–December 1993

Box 80: January–March 1993

Box 81: April–June 1993

Box 82: June–September 1993

Box 83: October–December 1993

Box 84: January–December 1994

Box 85: January–March 1994

Box 86: April–May 1994

Box 87: June–September 1994

Box 88: October–December 1994

Box 89: January–December 1995

Box 90: January–March 1995

Box 91: April–June 1995

Box 92: July–September 1995

Box 93: October–November 1995

Box 94: December 1995–March 1996

Box 95: April–August 1996

Box 96: September–December 1996

Box 97: January–December 1996

Box 98: January–December 1997

Box 99: January – April 1997

Box 100: May – September 1997

Box 101: October – December 1997

Box 102: January–April 1998

Box 103: May 1998; October 1999 and Miscellaneous

Box 104: June–September 1998

Box 105: October–December 1998; Black books

Box 106: January–December 1998

Box 107: January 1999–May 1999

Box 108: June–September 1999

Box 109: Police and Fire History, Budget, Miscellaneous

Box 110: Aids info, Budgets, and Miscellaneous

Box 111: U.S. Army Reds; Declined invites February–December 1989; DAR Reds; Old Party List

Box 112: Miscellaneous; Mrs. Folmar; Guns

Box 113: Keys to the City

Box 114: DAR Harlequins

Box 115: Press Clippings September 1975–June 1977

Box 116: Scrapbooks

Box 117: Clippings, Scrapbooks, and Publications December 1977 – December 1978

- **Sub-Series I: Oversized newspapers**

Box 1

Box 2

Box 3

Box 4

**Series II: Photographs and other Images**

Box 1:

- 001-002
- 005
- 009-010
- 013-015
- 019
- 031-032

- 037-039
- 047-148
- 067-075
- 090-091
- 100-144
- 148-153
- 162-175
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- 192-195
- 203-214
- 235-242
- 261-274
- 284-336
- 360-365
- 374-287
- 398-406
- 415-417
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- 440-453
- 494
- 496
- 502
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- 523-524
- 612
- 667
- 669-670
- 675
- 677
- 687

- 697
- 704-711
- 727
- 729-733
- 735-738
- 740-741
- 743-744
- 747-751
- 756-773
- 780-803
- 821-826
- 835-851
- 854-866
- 871-886

Box 2:

- 003-004
- 006-009
- 011-012
- 016-018
- 020-030
- 033-036
- 040-046
- 049-066
- 076-089
- 092-099
- 145-147
- 154-161
- 176-186
- 189-191
- 196-200
- 215-234
- 243-260
- 275-283
- 337-359
- 366-373
- 388-397
- 407-414

- 418-432
- 434-439
- 454-493
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- 497-501
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- 506-511
- 513-522
- 525-611
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- 655-666
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- 671-674
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- 698-703
- 712-726
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- 745-746
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- 804-820
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- 852-853
- 867-870
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**Sub-Series I: Scrapbooks**

Box 1

**Series III: Ephemera**

Box 1