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Concerned White Citizens of Alabama Papers, 1965-1966 and undated

Background:

In response to the strict segregation and racial violence that dogged Alabama's black community in the 1960s, 72 whites formed the Concerned White Citizens of Alabama. They promoted equality and marched in support of voting rights for African Americans.

Scope and Content:

This collection includes the organization's constitution, minutes of meetings, membership list, correspondence, subject files and newspaper clippings.

Related Collections:

Concerned White Citizens of Alabama Records, 1965-1968 (Birmingham
Civil Rights Institute, Archives Division)

Subject Areas:

Civil rights movements – Alabama.
Civil rights workers – Alabama.

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Description:

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Constitution and Statement of Purpose, March 6 and May
8, 1965 (4 pages).

- 212.1.2 Membership List, undated (3 pages).
- 212.1.3 Minutes and Agenda of Meetings, June 12, 1965-January 9, 1966 (20 pages).
- 212.1.4 Correspondence, March 5-December 15, 1965 (56 pages).
- This file includes correspondence protesting discriminatory practices in voter registration, state mental hospitals, and the Alabama National Guard. There is also correspondence lamenting the death of Episcopalian seminarian Jonathan Daniels and the resulting legal action as well as general letters both of support for and condemnation of the work of the CWCA.
- 212.1.5 Birmingham Police Recruitment (7 pages).
Includes a Public Safety Committee Report (February 13, 1964).
- 212.1.6 Depositions (6 pages).
- Includes statements regarding police brutality towards blacks.
- 212.1.7 School Desegregation, March 30, 1965 and undated (11 pages).
- 212.1.8 Alabama Boycott, July 1, 1965 and undated (45pages, 1 pamphlet).
- Includes statement of purpose and a list of corporations targeted for boycott.
- 212.1.9 Miscellaneous, undated (24 pages).
- 212.1.10 Newspaper Clippings: Education and Local Suits, July 16-25, 1965 and undated (11 items).
- 212.1.11 Newspaper Clippings: Willis Brewster, July 16-24, 1965 (4 items).
- 212.1.12 Newspaper Clippings: Wallace and Southern Congressmen, July 23, 1965 and undated (4 items).

- 212.1.13 Newspaper Clippings: Uniontown Incident, July 9-16, 1965 and undated (4 items).
- 212.1.14 Newspaper Clippings: Federal Judgeship Appointments, July 12-16, 1965 and undated (7 items).
- 212.1.15 Newspaper Clippings: Bogalusa, Louisiana, July 12-22, 1965 and undated (10 items).
- 212.1.16 Newspaper Clippings: Thomas Coleman, September 29-30, 1965 (3 items).
- 212.1.17 Newspaper Clippings: General, March-June, 1965 (4 items).
- 212.1.18 Newspaper Clippings: General, July 1965 (39 items).
- 212.1.19 Newspaper Clippings: General, undated (39 items).
- 212.1.20 Miscellaneous: Pamphlets (9 pamphlets).