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Taylor, John Harry **Papers, 1905-1942**

Background:

John Harry Taylor was born in Tallassee (Elmore County), Alabama in 1876. His family relocated to Birmingham when Taylor was eight year old. As an adult Taylor worked for various abstract companies in Birmingham before co-founding Thompson and Taylor Real Estate and Loan Company in 1908. Taylor was elected to the Birmingham City Commission in 1917 and served as Commissioner of Public Safety until 1921. Taylor was elected to the commission again in 1925 and reelected in 1929. He was defeated in a bid for fourth term in 1933. After leaving the city commission Taylor returned to the real estate business and later served as a member of the Jefferson County Board of Equalization, the county agency that oversees the appraisal of property.

John H. Taylor died in Birmingham July 19, 1958 and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery.

Scope and Content:

The John Harry Taylor Papers contain correspondence, campaign literature, real estate and insurance documents, and other material relating to Taylor's life and career in politics and business.

Related Collections:

Jones, James M. Scrapbooks, 1924-1940

Subject Areas:

Birmingham (Ala.). City Commission.
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Correspondence

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- 589.1.11 J.E. Rolston, State Manager Home Owners' Loan Corporation, to Estelle S. and Jno. H. Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, December 7, 1938.
- 589.1.12 J.E. Rogers, General Secretary and Treasurer Order of Railway Conductors of America to John H. Taylor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 8, 1939.
- 589.1.13 E.F. Blake, Loan Service Analyst Home Owners' Loan Corporation to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Taylor, Atlanta, Georgia, February 4, 1939.
- 589.1.14 C.H. Hutton, Manager Investment Department Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Tennessee to J.H. Taylor, Nashville, Tennessee, December 4, 1939.
- 589.1.15 C.H. Hutton, to J.H. Taylor, Nashville, Tennessee, December 7, 1939.
- 589.1.16 Roy Johnson to Honorable Lister Hill, n.p., December 26, 1939.
- 589.1.17 Lister Hill to Honorable Roy Johnson, Montgomery, Alabama, December 27, 1939.
- 589.1.18 Harold Harper, Project Director Inventory Board of Jefferson County to John H, Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, January 30, 1940.
- 589.1.19 Harold Harper to John H. Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, February 13, 1940.
- 589.1.20 John A. Hand, Vice President The First National Bank of Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, February 17, 1940.
- 589.1.21 Ralph K. Weir Chief Veterans Claims Investigator Department of Charities County of Los Angeles to Honorable John H. Taylor, Los Angeles, California, April 18, 1940.
- 589.1.22 William H. Ellis to J.H. Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, June 12, 1940.
- 589.1.23 Helen Hettrick, S.E. Thompson and Company to J.H. Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, July 25, 1940.

589.1.24 Reverend Harold J. Dudley First Presbyterian Church to Mrs. John H. Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, April 24, 1942. Attached is typed manuscript, "National Socialism and Christianity", undated.

Political Material

589.1.25 Manuscript, "Radio Talk Over WKBC, Monday, March 23rd, 1931, 5:30 - 5:40 P.M. By Commissioner John H. Taylor.

589.1.26 Card, appointing John H. Taylor and Deputy Sheriff for Jefferson County, August 27, 1935; Business Card, listing John H. Taylor a candidate for re-election as Associate City Commissioner, September 12, 1933; Boardside, Public Rally to hear John H. Taylor candidate for Associate City Commissioner, undated.

589.1.27 Statement of Candidacy, John H. Taylor for election to the office of Associate Commissioner of the City of Birmingham, August 21, 1933.

589.1.28 Petition, calling for registration of J.M. Jones as President of the Commission of the City of Birmingham, Alabama, undated.

589.1.29 Letter, C.E. Armstrong, City Controller to John H. Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, January 13, 1933.

589.1.30 Sheet, listing members of the Birmingham Police Department with their dates and place of birth and duties within the Police Department, undated.

Miscellaneous Documents

589.1.31 Benefit Certificates of Knights of Honor, issued to Benjamin W. Taylor, Sr., October 1, 1905.

589.1.32 Legal Document, appointing J.H. Taylor the true and lawful attorney of M.Z. Taylor, September 8, 1904.

589.1.33 Legal Documents, establishing that J.H. Taylor is justly indebted to the Board of Revenue of Jefferson County as Trustees under the will of Emily S. Hillman, February 9, 1922.

- 589.1.34 Land Title, Lots 17 and 18, Block 1, prepared by John H. Taylor, February 1, 1922.
- 589.1.35 Land Title, Lot 19, Block 1, prepared by John H. Taylor, February 18, 1926.
- 589.1.36 Life Insurance Policy, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company of Paul L. Taylor, October 19, 1910. (Two Policies).
- 589.1.37 Life Insurance Policy, The Travelers Insurance Company of Paul L. Taylor, October 29, 1910.
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- 589.1.40 Individual Income Tax Return, J.H. Taylor, 1936.
- 589.1.41 Appraisal Report of McLaughlin Coal Company, December 19, 1939. John H. Taylor signed as one of the Appraisers.