Grady L. Patterson, Jr.
(1924-2009)

Papers, 1990-2009

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Biographical Note:

In a speech to the Cayce United Methodist Church in 1999, Grady L. Patterson, Jr. stated “I have chosen a live in the public eye. There are benefits and drawbacks...one of the benefits is meeting people. For thirty years I have been able to meet folks all of the state and as a bonus, I’ve been able to help a lot of them.” Patterson served as South Carolina State Treasurer for thirty-six years, November 1966 to 1994 and 1998 to 2007 when he retired.

Patterson was born on January 13, 1924, to Grady L. and Claudia McClain Patterson of Calhoun, S.C. In 1942 he enrolled at Clemson University and enlisted in the Army Air Corps the following year. From 1943 to 1946, he served as a fighter pilot in the Pacific. Upon his return home, he joined the South Carolina Air Guard and enrolled at the University of South Carolina and graduated from USC’s School of Law in 1950. In 1951, he married Marjorie H. Faucett of Union. They had six children. After forty years with the S.C. Air Guard, he retired with the rank of Lieutenant General (three-stars) and became the first Air Guardsman to be so recognized. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan awarded Patterson the Distinguished Service Medal of the United States of America for “...exceptionally meritorious service in a Duty of Great Responsibility.”

Patterson became an Assistant Attorney General under Dan McLeod in 1959. He worked in that office for seven years until he was elected State Treasurer in November 1966. He lost the position in 1994 to Richard Eckstrom but was re-elected in 1998. He was narrowly defeated by Thomas Ravenel in 2006.

Description:

The Patterson Papers, less than one linear foot of material, 1990 to 2009, consist chiefly of speeches but also include general papers, clippings, and photographs.

General papers include letters to Patterson from Spartanburg County Senator Glenn Reese and Major General James A. Grimsley Jr., the President Emeritus at the Citadel.
Speeches, 1997 to 2006, consist of over sixty speeches delivered by Patterson. This series was created by Patterson and includes texts, talking points, and related material.

Clippings include press summaries from 2000 and 2001 and articles on the bond initiative, funding for schools, and the budget.

Photographs are from events relating to Spartanburg County Day, Future Farmers of America, the National Bank of South Carolina, and the General Assembly.

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**Collection Inventory**

Biographical Information
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Speeches:
- 1997, May 16, Memorial Day Service
- 1999:
  - Feb. 11, Association of Counties Mid-Year Meeting
  - Feb. 16, St Andrews Rotary Club
  - May 19, S.C. State Employees Retirees
  - May 28, S.C. Criminal Justice Academy Training Division Graduation Exercises, Columbia
  - June 23, Retirement Remarks for Hettie Cross, B&C
  - July 15, S.C. Internal Auditors Association

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July 30, Independent Banks of S.C.
July 31, Dedication of James C. Dozier Regional School House Facility
Sept. 21, Conway Kiwanis
Sept. 29, Golden K Kiwanis, Columbia
Oct. 22, Society of Municipal Analysts
Oct. 25, Government Finance Officers Association of S.C., Hilton Head
Nov. 21, Cayce United Methodist Church
Dec. 17, The State Editorial Board Interview

2000:
Feb. 8, Boy Scouts Annual Gold Palmetto Club Breakfast, Columbia
Feb. 9, Sumter Chamber of Commerce
Mar. 10, Battle of the Bulge Veterans at Ft. Jackson
Mar. 23, Laurens County Democratic Party
Apr. 15, Lexington County Democratic Party
Apr. 21, Excel Leadership
May 25, U.S.C. Economics Class for Jim Bradley
July 12, Housing Authority Press Conference
July 13, Firemen Retirees
July 21, Countywide Elected Officials
July 26, BidSC Press Conference
Aug. 4, Independent Banks
Aug. 20, Abbeville Church
Sept. 27, Government Finance Officers Association of S.C.
Oct. 21, S.C. Association of Special Purpose Districts
Oct. 27, Agency Directors Organization
Nov. 28, Local Government Training Conference
Dec. 12, Orangeburg Rotary

2001:
Mar. 17, Greenwood Democratic Party Breakfast
Apr. 3, Main Street United Methodist Church, Columbia
Apr. 25, Breakfast Optimist Club
May 2, National Bank of South Carolina
May 5, South Carolina Democratic Party State Convention, Columbia
May 7, American Legion, Columbia
May 20, Opal Financial Conference, Kiawah Island
June 10, Independent Consumer Finance Association
June 16, Democratic Party of Lexington County
Aug. 19, Cayce United Methodist Church
Sept. 17, Financial Services
Sept. 17, Budget and Control Board Meeting
Nov. 1, Agency Directors Organization of South Carolina, Columbia

2002:
Mar. 4, College 529 Plan Introduction
Mar. 5, American Legion, Cayce
Mar. 11, Highway Dedication, Abbeville
May 2, Government Finance Officers Association of S.C.
May 14, Hilton Head Democratic Club
Aug. 26, Upper Savannah Council of Governments

2003:
Apr. 11, Carolina Business Review
Apr. 14, Sertoma Club Meeting
May 5, Budget and Control Board Meeting
May 13, G.F.O.A. Award to Greenville School District
May 22, State Retirees

2004, Feb. 4, Leadership Anderson
2005, Nov. 1, Remarks for William M. Mackie Event
2006, Feb. 9, Leadership Hilton Head
n.d., Dick Gephardt Introduction

Clippings:
General
Bonds/Schools
Budget

Photographs