

# Guide to the ALABAMA ELECTIONS COLLECTION



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## Collection Summary

Creator:	This collection has been artificially constructed from a variety of sources. No information is available on the compiling of materials in this collection.
Title:	Alabama Elections
Dates:	1936- 1976
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## Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:	Alabama Elections Collection, Auburn University Montgomery Library, Archives & Special Collections.
Acquisition Information:	This collection has been artificially constructed from a variety of sources. No information is available on the compiling of materials in this collection.
Processing By:	Rickey Best Archivist/Special Collections Librarian (1988); Samantha McNeilly, Archives Assistant (2006)
Copyright Information:	Copyright not assigned to the AUM Library.

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## Restrictions

**Restrictions on access**

There are no restrictions on access to these papers.

**Restrictions on usage**

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**Index Terms**

The material is indexed under the following headings in the Auburn University at Montgomery's Library catalogs – online and offline. Researchers seeking materials about related subjects, persons, organizations or places should search the catalog using these headings.

**Subjects**

- Baxley, William
- Blacks/African Americans
- Brewer, Albert
- Education
- Election News
- Elections,  
Alabama Governor
- Hobbie, Walker
- Integration
- Johnson, Lyndon Baines
- Kennedy, John Fitzgerald
- Political Campaigns
- Politics
- Schools
- Voting

**Persons**

- Baxley, William
- Brewer, Albert
- Hobbie, Walker
- Johnson, Lyndon Baines
- Kennedy, John Fitzgerald

## Background

This collection has been artificially constructed by the AUM Archives & Special Collections Department from a variety of sources.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains information relating to state and local elections in Alabama from 1936 through 1976. Elections include general and primary contests for each party. Data on voter registration by race (1968) and election results for state and local offices, as well as presidential preference votes are included.

The election data includes a county by county break down of the vote totals. Data also included for elections involving amendments to the 1901 state constitution for the period of 1963 to 1969. The data consists of copies of official recapitulation sheets, listing vote totals, as well as copies of election results taken from The Official and Statistical Register of Alabama. Other information available includes examples of campaign literature and advertisements, primarily from the 1970 gubernatorial election. The campaign literature includes flyers, broadsides, cards, and other ephemeral materials. Of note is a pennant, circa 1960, with the initials "JFK" on one side, and "LBJ" on the other.

While the data sheets provide no significant new information, the collection does contain useful data. The Registered Voters Census of May, 1968, is valuable for its analysis of black registration on a county by county basis. An interesting omission in the collection is the lack of data sheets for the 1972 election. The completeness of data for the elections from 1950 through 1976 leads to speculation on the absence of data for 1972. Possibly the assassination attempt on presidential candidate George Wallace and dissatisfaction with the selection of George McGovern as the candidate influenced the compiler of the collection to ignore 1972.

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## Arrangement

The material is arranged into the following series:

### **SERIES 1. POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS**

Sub-Series I: Campaign Literature, 1960-1980

Folders: 1 Not arranged.

Materials include political flyers, handouts, cards, broadsides and a pennant. The materials are primarily advertisements for local and/or statewide candidates, primarily from 1970 through 1980. Of particular note is a pennant, circa 1960, with the initials "JFK" on one side and "LBJ" on the other.

Sub-Series II: Gubernatorial Campaign, 1970

Folders: 2-3 Arranged by type of material.

Materials consist of newspaper articles dealing with the 1970 Gubernatorial race between George Wallace and Albert Brewer. Along with a folder of newspaper ads for the candidates for governor, the materials document the use of "scare" tactics used in the campaign. Many ads and articles played up the role of the impact of the black vote and hinted at dire consequences for the state. References were also made to the educational system of the state, and the influence of the federal courts in promoting integration.

Sub-Series III: State and Local Offices, 1970

Folders: 4-5 Arranged by subject.

Materials consist of newspaper advertisements supporting candidates for state offices (other than governor) and local offices (Montgomery City/County).

**SERIES 2. ELECTIONS.**

Sub-Series I: Electoral Information, 1968-1972

Folders: 6-9 Arranged by subject.

Materials include information on nominating procedures for placing a candidate on the Alabama ballot; a voter registration census taken in 1968, showing the percentage of black voters by county; a sample ballot for the 1972 election; and copies of "Election News" from 1970 and 1972. Published as a supplement to the Advertiser/ Journal, "Election News" documents political attitudes and events prior to the general elections in both years.

Sub-series II: Vote Totals, 1936-1976

Folders: 10-25 Arranged by type of election, and there under chronologically.

Materials include information on the Montgomery City election of 1970 (primarily newspaper reports of the vote totals and the candidates), and statewide elections from 1936 to 1976. Election totals are broken down by county, and include the totals for the primaries as well as for the general elections. The data has been handwritten in most cases, on what appears to be official forms from the office of the Registrar of Voters. Data for the statewide elections from 1936 through, 1958 have been copied out of the Official and Statistical Register.

Sub-series III: Constitutional Amendments, 1963-1969

Folders: 26-30 Arranged chronologically.

Materials consist of recapitulation sheets for the elections of 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1969, where amendments to the state constitution of 1901 were voted upon.

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## Inventory

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Campaign Literature
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Gubernatorial Campaign/ Advertisements, 1970
<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	Gubernatorial Campaign/ News Articles, 1970
<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	State and Local Offices/Advertisements, State Offices, 1970
<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	State and Local Offices/ Advertisements, Local Offices, 1970
<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	Electoral Information/ Nominating Procedures
<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	Electoral Information/ Registered Voters Census, 1968
<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	Electoral Information/ Sample Ballot, 1972
<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	Electoral Information/"Election News" 1970 and 1972
<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	Vote Totals/ Local Results, 1970
<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	Vote Totals/ Official & Statistical Register, 1936-1958
<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1950
<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1952
<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1954

<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1956
<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1958
<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1960
<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1962
<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1964
<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1966 (1st Primary)
<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1966 (2nd Primary)
<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	Vote Totals/Results, 1968
<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	Vote Totals/ Results, 1970
<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	Vote Totals/ Results, 1974
<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	Vote Totals/ Results, 1976
<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	Constitutional Amendments/ Results, 1963
<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	Constitutional Amendments/ Results, 1965
<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	Constitutional Amendments/ Results, 1966
<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	Constitutional Amendments/ Results, 1967
<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	Constitutional Amendments/ Results, 1969