A Guide to the J. Edwin Smith Collection

1958 - 1992

Collection 040

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Smith, J. Edwin
Title: The J. Edwin Smith Collection
Dates: 1958 - 1992
Abstract: Photographs, correspondence and political campaign literature comprise the bulk of this collection. Dates range from 1958-1992.
Identification: Collection 040
Extent: 3 folders (.10 linear feet)
Language: English
Repository: Southwestern Writers Collection, Special Collections, Alkek Library, Texas State University-San Marcos
Biographical Sketch/Historical Sketch

Noted Texas attorney James Edwin Smith, who won a U.S. Supreme Court case striking down an election primary system that excluded black voters, was born in Sonora, Texas on October 18, 1911. He ran for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas in 1958, as a member of the Democratic Party. Publicity photographs for this campaign were taken by Russell Lee. Smith lived and worked in Houston for much of his life. He died on February 1, 2001.

Scope and Content Note

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Open for Research.

Preferred Citation

The J. Edwin Smith Collection, Southwestern Writers Collection, Texas State University-San Marcos

Acquisition Information


Processing Information

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Notes to Researchers

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Inventory

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