



## Southwestern Writers Collection

Special Collections at the Alkek Library  
Texas State University-San Marcos

# A Guide to the J. Edwin Smith Collection

1958 - 1992

Collection 040

## Descriptive Summary

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

## **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**

Donated by J. Edwin Smith, 1992.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by: Amanda Oates, 1999. Inventory revised by Alan Schaefer, 2010

### **Notes to Researchers**

Please contact the Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, for reprints or permission to publish these photographs.

# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Inventory

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	1	Black and white 8x10 photographs of J. Edwin Smith, by Russell Lee (copy prints)
1	2	Photocopy of Smith's 1958 campaign booklet featuring photographs by Russell Lee
1	3	Letter from Smith to Dr. Jack Rosenbaum, SWTSU, 1992 (photocopy)