Senator John J. Williams papers
9.5 linear feet; 8 oversize boxes, 3 clamshell boxes
1880-2011, bulk 1946-1987

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Biographical History: A United States Senator from Sussex County, Delaware, John J. Williams (1904-1988), was Delaware’s first four-term senator. He was born near Frankford, ninth of eleven children to Albert and Annie Williams. He moved to Millsboro in 1922 to work with his brother in the grain business, and in 1924 married Elsie Steele; they had one child, a daughter, Blanche. Senator Williams began his foray into politics when he was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate, where he would serve for the next 24 years. The Senator resigned his position on December 31, 1970. In the years following his career in the Senate, Senator Williams continued to serve his public through varying organizations and commissions. He died in January, 1988.

Citation: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress
http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=w000518

Senator John J. Williams papers, University of Delaware
http://www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/findaids/williams/top/

Scope and Content Note: The Senator John J. Williams papers document his distinguished service as a United States Senator and his family history from Sussex County, Delaware 1880-2011. Documenting materials include five scrapbooks that were compiled by Williams’ niece and former Salisbury City Council President Louise Smith document the extensive Williams family including the Senator’s parents and ten siblings through photographs, correspondence, and news clippings. In addition to the scrapbooks, national publications and audio visual materials also contribute to the Senator’s political career and community involvement.

Arrangement Statement: The materials are arranged in the order by which they were compiled by former Salisbury City Council President Louise Smith. The scrapbooks are indexed by the person’s name and magazine publications by title and date. All other publications are noted by title and author.
Subject Terms:

**General Terms**
- Family history
- Millsboro, De.
- Sussex County, De.

**Corporate Names**
- United States Senate

**Personal Names**
- Smith, Louise
- Williams, John James

**Box 1**

**Scrapbook 1: Family Profile Part 1, 1880-2012**

1. Senator Williams’ Family History
2. Albert Frank and Annie Elizabeth Williams
3. Uncle Willie Hudson
4. Aunt Lucy Hudson Daisey
5. Uncle Charlie Williams
6. Uncle Jimmy Williams
7. Aunt Matilda Williams

**Box 2**

**Scrapbook 2: Family Profile Part 2, 1923-2011**

1. Sara Ellen (Ella) Williams Evans
2. Ida Smith Williams Barnett
3. Mary Eva Williams Daisey
4. Elbert Franklin Williams
5. Harry Ezekiel Williams

**Box 3**

**Scrapbook 3: Family Profile Part 3, 1926-2005**

1. Annie Katie Williams Esham
2. Roxie May Williams Rickards
3. Olive Miller Williams Rose
4. John James Williams

**Box 4**

**Scrapbook 4: Family Profile and Distinguished Career Part 4, 1979-2006**

1. Senator John James Williams

**Box 5**

**Scrapbook 5: Family Profile Part 5, 1922-2002**

1. Blanche Avery Williams Smith
2. Preston Lee Williams

**Box 6-7: Magazine Supplements, 1951-1966**

1. Delaware Today, April-May 1966
2. A Guide to the Papers of Senator John J. Williams of Delaware, undated
3. Tim Magazine, 1952 October 13
5. Pathfinder News Magazine, 1952 February 6
6. The American Magazine, February 1952
7. Time Magazine, 1952 February 25
9. Time Magazine, 1951 November 5

**Box 8: Magazine Supplements, 1951-1964**

1. Fortune, June 1964
2. Life, 1951 November 19
3. Look Magazine, 1951 December 18
4. Saturday Evening Post, 1952 March 1
5. Saturday Evening Post, 1952 August 16

**Box 9: Magazine Supplements, 1951-1952**

1. Look, 1951 December 18
2. Saturday Evening Post, 1952 March 1

**Box 10: Magazine Supplements, 1952-1988**

2. Coronet, 1957 January
3. Reader’s Digest, 1952 February
4. Reader’s Digest, 1964 September
5. Reader’s Digest, 1965 September
6. Reader’s Digest, 1988 September

Box 11: Cookbook


Box 12: Manuscript

1. The Ezekiel Connection of Andrew Williams’ Lineage, Blanche Williams Outten

Box 13: Audio Visual Materials

1. VHS Tape, Interview, Senator John J. Williams, November 1987
2. VHS Tape, Dedication Ceremony Senator John & Elsie Williams Conference Center, 1990 September 28

Library Materials

1. The Ezekiel Connection of Andrew Williams’ Lineage, Blanche Williams Outten, 1990
2. Honest John Williams: U.S. Senator from Delaware, Carol E. Hoffecker, 2000