Louise Smith papers
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1903, 1933-2013, bulk 2007-2011

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**Biographical History:** Ms. Louise Smith (b. 1940), was born in Salisbury, Maryland to William and Blanche Smith. Ms. Smith attended Wicomico Senior High School, Southern Seminary and Junior College and the Maryland Institute of Art where she obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts. In 1977, she received her Master of Education of the University of South Florida. Ms. Smith continued on in academia as the Dean of Students at Cypress Lane High School, and president of the Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Sorority. Ms. Smith was employed as the Exceptional Student Education Coordinator for the School District of Lee County. In 1979, Ms. Smith was appointed as the Exceptional Student Education Coordinator for the School District of Lee County and in 1990 as the District Bilingual Specialist, retiring from the school board in 1997. Ms. Smith returned to her beloved Salisbury post-retirement, and took up varying committee memberships including United Methodist Women and the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2007, Ms. Smith ran for Salisbury City Council, winning District 2 with 20.25% of the vote. Serving as Salisbury’s two term City Council President, Ms. Smith supported resolutions and ordinances, initiated neighborhood clean ups, amended The Municipal Code, spoke to varying organizations and committees and adopted financial policies. Ms. Smith was a believer that elected officials should lead by example, donating a portion of her annual salary to charity or a city entity.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Louise Smith papers document the personal and political activities of Salisbury, Maryland’s City Council President Louise Smith from 1940-2011, with the bulk of the records documenting her political career from her initial entry into the race in 2007 through her decision not to run for re-election in 2011. Documenting records include photographs, official campaign documents, newspaper clippings, and speeches. The meeting minutes from city council meetings April 2007 – April 2011 including legislative, special and closed meetings.
Arrangement Statement: The materials are arranged in the order by which they were compiled by former Salisbury City Council President Louise Smith.

Subject Terms:

General Terms

- Brown Book of Boston
- City Council
- Politics
- Public Works Projects
- Republican politics
- Salisbury, Md.
- Wicomico High School

Corporate Names

- Community Development Block Grant Committee
- Salisbury City Council
- United States Senate

Personal Names

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.
- Ireton, Mayor James
- Smith, Blanche Williams
- Smith, Lois
- Smith, Louise
- Smith, William M.
- Tilghman, Mayor Barrie
- Williams, Senator John J.
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Scrapbook 1: Biographical Profile, Virginia Louise Smith, 1940-2011

Box 2
Scrapbook 2: Campaign and Election, Salisbury City Council, 2007 January -April

Box 3
Scrapbook 3: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2007 May –December

Box 4
Scrapbook 4: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2008 January – August

Box 5
Scrapbook 5: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2008 August – November

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Scrapbook 6: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2008 November – 2009 April

Box 7
Scrapbook 7: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2009 May – September

Box 8
Scrapbook 8: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2009 September – 2010 April

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Scrapbook 9: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2010 April – June

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Scrapbook 10: Salisbury City Council President, Actions and Activities, 2010 June – November
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2010 November – 2011 January

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Scrapbook 12: Community Development Block Committee, 2011 - 2013

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Meeting Minutes, Salisbury City Council, 2007 April 26 – 2009 January 5

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Meeting Minutes, Salisbury City Council, 2009 January 12 - 2011 April 18

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1. Program, *Strawberry Kate*, Wicomico High School, 1933 November 24
2. Program, Graduation Exercises, Wicomico High School, 1946 June 3
3. Program and Invitation, Eisenhower Inauguration, 1953 January 20, 1957 January 21
4. Correspondence, From Frank Perdue to William and Blanche Smith, undated
5. Description, Lancet Windows, Louise Brewington, undated
6. Newspaper Clippings, Views of Main Street, undated

Oversize Box

Artifacts
1. Globe, Snow, 2015.088.001