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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Southern States Industrial Council records (1933-1964) are centered around the activities of the Council. The Southern States Industrial Council records are a gift of Mr. J. Scott Grigsby and Mrs. Dell Chandler, Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure 15.12 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Southern States Industrial Council may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Southern States Industrial Council records span the period 1933-1964. The records consist of account books, audit reports, printed materials, scrapbooks, and reel-to-reel tapes. The collection is concentrated on the activities of the council. The council was designed for the benefit of all business, with a special emphasis on the southern states. The council had staff that was responsible for research to aid southern business production and ability to sell their products across the nation and the world. As a result of this research, the council compiled printed material and sent it to members. Membership in the council was on a voluntary basis with each business able to determine the amount of their contribution. In most cases, these voluntary contributions were sufficient to cover the operating cost of the council, but on a few occasions, an additional contribution was asked for.

Of interest in the collection are the articles written by Thurman Sensing. Mr. Sensing was very conservative in his approach to business, but very outspoken in his views on business in the south. In his articles, he spoke of how businesses nationwide could help each other, while at the same time emphasizing the benefits of being a southern business.

Also of interest in the collection are the reel-to-reel tapes that Thurman Sensing made, entitled "Sensing the News". These reels were produced and distributed to various radio stations for airplay, and contain several articles written by Thurman Sensing. Copies of these reels have been made and are available in the Public Services area of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Included with this register is a log sheet guide for the articles that are included on each tape. The program numbers listed on the guide refer to the location of the programs on the original reels.

In processing this collection, the original order of the records was retained. The only change is that the volumes of printed materials were removed from the three ring binders that they came in and placed in folders. This was done for ease of access. Each folder (volume) of printed material includes an index of publications included by title. This index was done by the council and was left in the folders to expedite research. The value of this collection lies in the ability to research efforts that were made to help strengthen the industrial base of the United States emphasizing the southern states.

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22. Scrapbook, Oct. 1945 – Dec. 1946

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