

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to Judge J.B. Coleman, Department of Justice, Jackson, Mississippi, December 19, 1952

Letter from George A. Hill, Ponca City, Oklahoma, to George B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, July 13, 1953

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Governor, State of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, to Mrs. Etta Rosson, Donald B. Clayton and Frank R. Coleman, January 22, 1957

Miscellaneous notes of J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, taken March 16, 1956 from a Manuscript History of Winston County, Mississippi, written in 1876 by William T. Lewis, Mississippi State Department of Archives and History

Letter from J.P. Coleman (Governor's Office, State of Mississippi) to Etta Rosson, Donald B. Clayton and Frank R. Coleman, February 1, 1957

Letter from William J. van Schreeven, Virginia State Archivist, Richmond, Virginia, to Governor J.P. Coleman, Jackson, Mississippi, February 1, 1957

Notes [from Donald B. Clayton], Ackerman, Mississippi, March 23, 1957

Letter from Nellie Commander, Secretary to Governor J.P. Coleman, Jackson, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Frank R. Coleman, Miss Margaret Coleman, Bob Coleman, Senior, and George Coleman, October 2, 1957; Ms. Commander wrote to inform the governor's "kinfolks" that he had undergone unexpected gall bladder surgery.

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to Mississippi Governor J.P. Coleman, Jackson, Mississippi, October 5, 1957

Letter from Mississippi Governor J.P. Coleman, Jackson, Mississippi, to Mrs. Etta Rosson, Shelton, South Carolina, October 22, 1959

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, April 14, 1960

Memoranda of J.P. Coleman's visit to Amelia Court House, Virginia, May 13, 1961

Letter from James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, May 16, 1961

Letter from J.P. Coleman to Frank R. Coleman, Dallas, Texas, June 28, 1961

Letter from D.B. Clayton to James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, July 3, 1961

Letter from James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, July 4, 1961

Letter from J.P. Coleman to Donald B. Clayton, November 12, 1961

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, November 14, 1961

Letter from J.P. Coleman (Attorney at Law, Ackerman, Mississippi) to Donald B. Clayton (Birmingham, Alabama), November 14, 1961

Letter from J.P. Coleman (Attorney at Law, Ackerman, Mississippi) to Donald B. Clayton (Birmingham, Alabama), November 15, 1961

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, November 17, 1961

Letter from Corinne King (Mrs. J.H.) Murphy, Sheffield, Alabama, to George A. Hill, Panco City, Oklahoma, January 8, 1962

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, January 20, 1962

Letter (2 copies) from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, February 24, 1962

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, February 24, 1962

Letter from Corinne King (Mrs. J.H.) Murphy, Sheffield, Alabama, to [Donald B.] Clayton, February 27, 1962

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, June 22, 1962

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, July 8, 1962

Letter from J.P. Coleman to Donald B. Clayton, July 30, 1962, with attachment Data sent to J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, July 10, 1962

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, August 5, 1962

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, November 21, 1962

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to Probate Judge, Washington County, Chatom, Alabama, December 5, 1962

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, December 23, 1962

Letter from Vanita Rose [?] to Cousin Donald [Donald B. Clayton], September 6, 1963

Letter from J.P. Coleman to Mrs. S.H. Burrow, fort Smith, Arkansas, September 16, 1963

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, October 23, 1963; notes stapled to letter.

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to J.P. Coleman, November 11, 1963

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, January 6, 1964

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, January 23, 1964

Letter from James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, February 18, 1964, February 18, 1964

Letter from James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, to Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, March 11, 1964

Letter from Donald B. Clayton to James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, May 14, 1964

Letter from Donald B. Clayton, Birmingham, Alabama, to James P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi, February 3, 1965

Letter from J.P. Coleman, Ackerman, Mississippi to unidentified [Donald B. Clayton]; attachment, notes from History of Arkansas, Dallas County, reference Captain David R. Feaster

Miscellaneous typed and handwritten notes (primarily grave transcriptions from Glenn [Fish Dam] cemetery)

Miscellaneous typed notes on the Feaster-Cockrell-Hill families of Fairfield County, South Carolina

Miscellaneous typed and handwritten notes on the Hill family

Miscellaneous typed notes (primarily land grants and plats) on the Hill family

Miscellaneous typed notes (grave transcriptions from the Shelton-Sims cemetery near Neals Shoals, Union County, South Carolina)

Miscellaneous typed notes (from "Sunlight on the South Side" [Lunenburg County records])

Miscellaneous typed notes, reference Donald Brevard Clayton, Senior, born 1890

Miscellaneous typed notes, reference Charles P. Coleman (1762-1850)

Miscellaneous typed notes, reference Griffin Coleman, died 1853

Miscellaneous typed notes, reference Jesse Rowe Coleman, born 1847

Miscellaneous typed notes, reference John G. Coleman, born 1768

Hill Family pedigree chart

Miscellaneous typed and handwritten notes, reference Hill family (2 folders)

Miscellaneous typed notes from Union County Court House

Miscellaneous notes

Draft manuscript, Colemans in America Prior to Jamestown

Draft Manuscript, Virginia Origins

Draft Manuscript, Isle of Wight, Virginia

Draft Manuscript, Cavaliers & Pioneers

Draft Manuscript, Francis Coleman

Draft Manuscript, Robert Coleman (died 1795/1796)

Draft Manuscript, Thomas Coleman

Draft Manuscript, William Coleman

Draft Manuscript, Descendants of Robert Coleman

Newspaper clipping: "Governor of Mississippi Speaks at Coleman-Feaster-Moberly [sic] Reunion." No publication information: date "1952" is hand-written in margin

STATES' RIGHTERS WIN IN MISSISSIPPI SCRAP FOR DEMOCRATIC LEAD

Atty. Gen. J.P. Coleman Receives Credentials from McKinney

WILL FILL VACANT POST

Action Is Reversal of 1948 Position When Two Others Were Refused
Recognition After Convention

By W.D. SISSON

From The Commercial Appeal

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 24. Atty. Gen. J.P. Coleman Tuesday was recognized as national committeeman for Mississippi by the Democratic National Committee.

Recognition was granted by national chairman Frank E. McKinney after Mr. Coleman presented credentials showing he had been formally elected by the States' Rights-dominated Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee on June 13 to fill the vacant post. No announcement was made by the executive committee at the time of Mr. Coleman's election.

Went with Senators

Mr. Coleman was accompanied by Senators James O. Eastland (D., Miss.) and John Stennis (D., Miss.) when he called on Chairman McKinney.

In recognizing Mr. Coleman as national committeeman the national committee reversed its position taken after the Democratic Convention of 1948 when it refused to accept credentials of J.B. Snider and Mrs. Hermes Gautier as national committee members

Mrs. John A. Clark of DeKalb and Clarence Hood of Meridian were then named acting committee members by the national committee. Mr. Hood later was removed from the acting post after the United States Senate Investigating Committee held hearings on charges that Post

Office jobs in Mississippi had been “sold” by member so the so-called pro-Truman faction of the party.

Also, the national committee cut the ground out from under attempts by Mrs. Clark and others to organize a state convention for election of a slate of “loyal” delegates to the national convention in opposition to the regular organization’s delegates.

When questioned as to the effect his recognition as national committeeman would have on the efforts of Mrs. Clark and others to organize precinct, county, and state conventions in opposition to the regular party, Mr. Coleman said no national committeeman or committee women have the authority to take such action.

Vested in State

He said that according to the official Democratic Manual, this authority is vested wholly in the state party organization. Therefore, the national committee has never authorized or condoned the action of Mrs. Clark or any other person in attempting to set up a new Democratic organization in Mississippi.

A spokesman for the national committee said Mr. Coleman had “correctly” interpreted the situation and said the national committee had not and did not intend to meddle in state affairs.

Mr. Coleman’s election was for the unexpired term ending at the close of the national convention late next month in Chicago.

The state convention meeting Thursday in Mississippi is expected to name a national committeeman and committee woman who will present their credentials when the new committee is organized.

Mrs. Clark will continue to serve as acting committeewoman through the national convention.

“This acknowledges receipt of the certification of the resolution adopted by the Mississippi State Democratic Executive Committee whereby, under the authority vested in it, J.P. Coleman has been named as national committeeman, to fill the existing vacancy in that post,” Chairman McKinney said in a letter given Mr. Coleman.

For Existing Term

“Pursuant to that action, the Democratic National Committee, through me as chairman, hereby acknowledges and recognizes the Hon. J.P. Coleman as the national committeeman for the state of Mississippi for the duration of the existing term which expires at the termination of the forthcoming Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago.”

“I appreciate the confidence which the Mississippi State Democratic Executive Committee has reposed in me by electing me national committeeman,” Mr. Coleman said in a statement.

“Chairman McKinney’s approval of this action constitutes formal recognition by the national committee of the validity of our state committee and of its authority to act. All questions in that regard from any source is now definitely settled,” he said.

The new Mississippi national committeeman was turned down two years ago by President Truman for the Northern Mississippi District United States attorney.

Mr. Coleman has been recommended by Senator Stennis, but because of his asserted criticism of some of the President’s actions, Mr. Truman refused to send his appointment to the Senate.

He is known to favor no action at Thursday’s Democratic State Convention which would serve as a bar to the national convention seating the States’ Rights-dominated faction.

Newspaper clipping: "Governor of Mississippi Speaks at Coleman-Feaster-Moberly [sic] Reunion." *The State* (Columbia, South Carolina), July 21, 1956. [*News & Herald* (Winnsboro, South Carolina), August 2, 1956.]

The annual reunion of the Coleman-Feaster-Moberley family association was attended by a record crowd on Sunday, July 22nd at Feasterville, composed of descendants of Robert Coleman (1745-1811), Andrew Feaster, Revolutionary patriot, and Edward Moberley, Revolutionary soldier. The meeting was opened with devotional service led by Rev. Ted. R. Morton, Jr., with Mrs. Sumter Williams at the piano.

Hon. George F. Coleman, of Winnsboro, presented the president of the association, the Hon. J.P. Coleman, governor of Mississippi, who presided. Gov. Coleman stated that of all the honors that had come to him, he appreciated none so much as being president of the family association. Miss Mary Bess Coleman, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The following officers were elected to serve for the next two years: President, Hon. J.P. Coleman; 1st Vice President, Wm. M. Mobley; 2nd Vice President, Samuel P. Bolick; Chaplain, Rev. David T. Lauderdale; Asst. chaplain, Rev. John Lyles; Rec. Secy., Miss Mary Bess Coleman; Cor. Secy., Mrs. Etta Rosson; Treasurer, Miss Julia Faucette; Registrar, Mrs. Benton C. Beam; Historian, Mrs. James C. Tennant; Genealogist, D.B. Clayton, Jr.

The highlight of the meeting was the address by Governor J.P. Coleman. He told of the first Colemans, Robert Coleman and his wife, Elizabeth Roe, coming to Fairfield from North Carolina in 1775; and later of the move west by many of their descendants, with other families of this section, in the 1830s and 1840s. His great-grandfather, Isaiah Daniel Coleman, son of Allan J. Coleman, son of Robert, above, went to Mississippi when the Choctaw Indians were moved further west, and his descendants have lived there ever since. Gov. Coleman reported on his work on the Coleman genealogy, which he says is practically ready for the printer, with the exception of the first chapter, on which he will do some more research, to carry the line as far back as possible. He has had research done in Virginia and in England. He related interesting stories pertaining to some of the early Colemans, such as one being fined for "cursing the king", which, he added, "was not too unpatriotic a thing to do at that time." He will call his Mississippi plantation "Fairfield" in honor of Fairfield County, S.C., from which his ancestors came.

Among those attending from out of the county were: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Wm. B. Cork (he is a Robert Coleman descendant); Frank R. Coleman, Dallas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Coleman, west Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. C.P. McMurry, Decatur, Ga.; Miss Edith Manning, Marietta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Feaster, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Feaster, 3rd, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Feaster and daughter, Phyllis of Gadsden, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feaster, Charlotte, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Feaster, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Feaster, Jr., and Marshall 3rd of Brevard, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Miller, Charlotte, N.C.; W.C. Colvin and Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Colvin, Jr., Holly Hill; Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Castles, Jr., New York City; and W.T. Castles, Sr., and F.P. Castles, of Chester; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Reese, Jr., Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Froscher and daughters, Peg and Jill, Apopka, Fla.; Mrs. Mary C. Froscher, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Also, Mrs. H.D. Coleman, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Jack Gore, Coral Gables, Fla.; Mrs. Mamie Norris Tillman and Miss Hortense Woodson, Edgefield; Mr. and Mrs. J.T. McAlister and Mrs. Clarence Jeter, Orangeburg; Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Ballenger, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Sumter Williams and daughters, Vicki and Carolyn, Orangeburg; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bush, North Augusta; and Mr. Alvin Bush, Newberry; and C.W. Valentine, Miss.

The meeting adjourned with all singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and a picnic lunch was enjoyed under the trees at the historic old Boarding House. The reunion is held each year, on the fourth Sunday in July.

Governor Coleman arrived in Columbia on Friday and was the dinner guest of Governor Timmerman that evening. Saturday, he visited relatives in Fairfield County, and also visited the birthplace of Andrew Jackson, of whom he is a great admirer.