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JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS

(1854 - 1932)

The papers of John Sharp Williams, lawyer, Congressman and Senator, were given to the Library of Congress in 1936 by John Sharp Williams Jr.

Measure of size: 188 boxes

Approximate number of items:

The papers are open for scholarly use under Library restrictions.

## Biographical Note

1854, July 30      Born, Memphis, Tennessee

                     Studied law at University of Virginia and at  
                     Memphis, Tennessee

1877                Admitted to Tennessee Bar

1877, Oct. 2       Married Elizabeth Dial Webb (8 children)

1878-               In law practice, Yazoo, Mississippi

1893-1903         Member, 53rd to 57th Congresses, 5th Mississippi  
                     district (Democrat)

1903-09           Member, 58th to 60th Congresses, 8th Mississippi  
                     district - Minority leader of House

1911-23           U.S. Senator; member Finance Committee which  
                     reported tariff bill of 1913

1932, Sept. 28    Died

Author of:            Permanent Influence of Thomas Jefferson on  
                             American Institutions. 1913.

See: Who Was Who in America, 1897-1942, vol. I, Marquis

## Description of Series

The Williams' papers include a Presidential Series holding some correspondence with Warren G. Harding, but more with Woodrow Wilson to whom Williams was devoted. Letters concern the currency bill, trusts, Trade Commission, etc. No Federal Reserve material is specifically noted, but this may be only because the Library has no more than a two-page memorandum describing the collection. The period covered, and the interests of Mr. Williams, suggest that comment on the then new Federal Reserve System would probably be included.