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FURNIFOLD McLENDELL SIMMONS

(1854 - 1940)

The papers of F. M. Simmons, lawyer, Congressman from North Carolina, Senator from 1901 to 1931, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee at the inception and during the early days of the Federal Reserve Act, are in the Manuscript Department of the Duke University Library at Durham, North Carolina.

Measure of size: 243 boxes, each $17\frac{1}{2}$ " x $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Approximate number of items: 75,000 papers

These papers are said to have been "cursorily catalogued" and a brief sketch of their contents to have been written. The collection has remained as it was arranged by the Senator's secretarial staff. Despite its size, there are large gaps for the years before 1918.

The papers are open to study by qualified students. Literary rights to correspondence rest, as always, with the heirs of the persons writing the letters.

See: Correspondence, Nov. 1955, with Mrs. Harrison at Duke Univ. Library.

Biographical Note

1854, Jan. 20	Born, Jones County, North Carolina
1873	A.B., Trinity College, N.C.
1875	Admitted to bar
1875-1901	Practiced in New Bern and Raleigh
1875	Married Eliza Humphrey
1886	Married Belle Gibbs (2nd wife)
1887-89	Member of 50th Congress, 2nd N.C. District
1893-97	Collector Internal Revenue, 4th District
1901-31	U. S. Senator from North Carolina (5 terms)
1913-19	Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
1913-21	Co-author Underwood-Simmons Tariff Act
1940, Apr. 30	Died

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