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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	295 items and 10 printed volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Mississippi
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1912-1940, undated
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1923-1940
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Papers of Mississippi bureaucrat containing correspondence, speeches, and political writings.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged by type, then chronologically.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	N/A
<b>Copyright.</b>	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
<b>Citation.</b>	Archibald Stinson Coody Papers, Mss. 2446, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack location(s).</b>	C:89-90

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Archibald Stinson Coody was a secretary of the Mississippi State Tax Commission, a state agent for insurance companies, and a politician.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Correspondence, speeches, and political writings relate to Coody's professional life and his interest and participation in local, state, and national politics. General correspondence (1925-1940) consists of letters from political figures, many by Mississippi Governor and U.S. Senator Theodore G. Bilbo, on topics including political issues and personalities, economics, the Depression, international affairs, the Ku Klux Klan, the Progressive Party, religion and the First Christian Church, the political treatment of African Americans and movements to colonize them, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Socialist Party.

Coody's political writings (1935-1939) comment on current political, economic, and social events and include various speeches (1930) and pamphlets. Professional papers (1923-1940) include correspondence and other items related to insurance claims, clients, and policies.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Progressive Party (1912)	1912	"A Contract With the People. Platform of the Progressive Party Adopted at its First National Convention, Chicago, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1912." Pamphlet published by the Progressive National Committee, New York City
Vardaman, James Kimble, 1861-1930.	1922, 1930-1940	Letters commenting on Vardaman's policies and ideas, and printed volume, <i>Biographical Sketches of James Kimble Vardaman</i> , by A. S. Coody (Jackson, Miss., 1922).
Insurance--Mississippi.	1923-1940	Correspondence between A. S. Coody, as State Agent of the American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company and of the Mississippi State Pharmaceutical Association, and clients, and with the Insurance Commission of the State of Mississippi, relative to insurance fees, policies, and claims.
First Christian Church (Jackson, Miss.)	1928-1939	Correspondence with A. S. Coody concerning religious, political, and social matters.
Smith, Alfred Emanuel, 1873-1944.	1928, 1936	Letters stating objections to candidacy of Smith for President, commenting on his speeches. Oct. 12, 1928; Jan. 27 and 30, 1936.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.	1929	Correspondence among A. S. Coody, Theodore G. Bilbo, and others concerning Roosevelt's administration as President, his policies, associates, relations with voters, and ideas.
Bilbo, Theodore Gilmore, 1877-1947.	1929, 1933-1940	Correspondence with A. S. Coody and others, and comments about him, concerning political issues and events in Mississippi and in the nation.
American Civil Liberties Union.	1931-1940	Correspondence concerning civil cases and issues, including a letter from Director Roger N. Baldwin commenting on a scheme to have the African American population treated as wards of the government, Mar. 10, 1931.
Universities and colleges--Mississippi.	1931-1935	Correspondence of A. S. Coody with Millsaps College, Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College,

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		Mississippi State College for Women and the University of Mississippi concerning the education of his children
Collins, Ross A. (Ross Alexander), 1880-1968.	1931-1935	Correspondence concerning state and national political issues.
Conner, Martin Sennett, 1891-1950.	1935	Governor of Mississippi, correspondence with A. S. Coody, June 16 and Oct. 9.
McGehee, Dan R.	1935, 1939	U.S. representative from Mississippi, correspondence with A. S. Coody relative to political issues.
Thomas, Norman, 1884-1968.	1935-1936	Correspondence concerning political issues
Long, Huey Pierce, 1893-1935.	1933-1938	Letters commenting on Long, his policies, ideas, popularity, murder, and associates. Theodore G. Bilbo Correspondence.
Socialist Party (U.S.)	1935-1936	Acknowledgement of contribution to the 1935 United Socialist Drive Fund and correspondence with Norman Thomas.
Labor's Non-Partisan League.	1936-1937	Correspondence between President George L. Barry and A. S. Coody concerning political and economic issues.
Ku Klux Klan (1915- )	1927-1928, 1937	Correspondence between Hiram Evans, Imperial Wizard, and A. S. Coody concerning possibility of Coody joining the organization, Oct. 13 and 15, 1937; <i>The Kourier Magazine</i> , monthly publication of the Ku Klux Klan, December, 1927; Apr.-Oct., 1928.
African Americans--Colonization.	1938, undated	Letters discussing a scheme to support the return of African Americans to Africa, Mar. 18, 22, and 28, 1938, and undated
Downey, Sheridan, 1884-1961.	1939	Correspondence with A. S. Coody
Cotton trade--Mississippi.	1931-1940	Correspondence between A. S. Coody, Theodore G. Bilbo, and others concerning the effects of the Depression on cotton prices and farmers, and considering ways of reviving the market for cotton

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of relevant documents</b>
Mississippi--Politics and government--1865-1950.	1929-1940	Correspondence and other papers relative to products. Mississippi politics and political figures, economic and social problems, schools, and insurance companies and administration.
Mississippi--Economic conditions.	1929-1940	Correspondence and other papers relative to the economic problems of the Depression, including unemployment, poverty, labor problems, decline in produce and cotton prices, monetary and political manipulation, and various methods to resolve these problems.
Railroads--Economic aspects.	1929-1940	Correspondence discussing the economic problems of the nation's railroads and considering various methods of solving these problems.
Depressions--1929--Mississippi.	1929-1940	Correspondence and other papers relative to the economic problems of the national Depression, including unemployment, poverty, labor problems, decline in produce and cotton prices, monetary and political manipulation, and various methods to resolve these problems.
Politicians--Mississippi.	1929-1940	Correspondence between A. S. Coody and men involved in Mississippi state and national politics, relative to local, state, national, and international political issues and problems, personalities, and events.

**CONTAINER LIST**

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
C:89	1	1-6	Theodore G. Bilbo Correspondence and State Agency Papers (1923-1940)
	2	7-11	Correspondence (1925-1940, undated)
C:90	3	12-16	Political writings (1930-1939) and printed volumes: “A Contract With the People. Platform of the Progressive Party Adopted at its First National Convention, Chicago, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1912.” <i>The Kourier</i> , vol. 4. Dec. 1927-Oct. 1928 (8 volumes) Coody, A. S. <i>Biographical Sketches of James Kimble Vardaman</i> . (Jackson, Mississippi) 1922.