

Collection: POU, EDWARD W., PAPERS (1863-1934)
Smithfield, North Carolina

P.C. 219.1

1884; 1915-1933

Physical Description: Letters, newspaper clippings. 61 items.
30 ft., 35 mm. negative microfilm, and positive copy.

Acquisition: Gift of Mrs. Edwin S. Pou, Raleigh, North Carolina.
October 27, 1955.

Filmed by the Department May, 1965; originals withdrawn by Mr.
Edwin S. Pou, Raleigh. *Returned to Dept.*

Description: Edward William Pou was born in Tuskegee County, Alabama in 1863; three years later the family moved to Smithfield, North Carolina. After graduation from the University of North Carolina and admission to the bar, Pou entered politics. Elected to Congress in 1901, he served until his death in 1934.

A few of the letters in these papers are from Pou's son Edwin, stationed in France during World War I. Many are from Woodrow Wilson (1915-1922) expressing his appreciation of Pou's support and requesting his help, as a member of the Rules Committee of the House, in having certain timely legislation put on the calendar. Letters from Franklin D. Roosevelt (1931-1933) discuss party politics, and after election contain friendly messages. Other correspondents are: Josephus Daniels, Warren G. Harding, Herbert Hoover, and William G. McAdoo.

The two newspaper clippings have Pou as their subject; one gives a brief biographical sketch and the other is W. T. Bost's "Among Us Tar Heels," October 23, 1942, recalling a discourse by Pou, as a student at the University in 1884, on "Freedom of the Seas." There is a typed copy of the speech referred to by Bost.

ADDITION: pamphlet. "Testimonials Concerning Hon. Edward W. Pou's Service as Representative in Congress from the Fourth District" (Raleigh: E.M. Uzzell & Co., [1915]. 15p. Gift: V.D.P. Doughton, Apr 28, 1993.

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NAME OF COLLECTION: Edward W. Pou Papers (addition)

Johnston County, N. C.

DATES: 1915-1934, 1970

ACQUISITION INFORMATION:

Gift of Mr. Edwin Pou, [REDACTED] Raleigh, received August 1974; accessioned 22 August 1974.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

3 items (2 volumes, 1 newspaper)

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

Memorial addresses delivered in Congress, 1934;
Smithfield Herald, Harvest Edition, August 1970;
Letters to Pou, 1915-1933.