

Forrest David Mathews Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Forrest David Mathews Papers

Span Dates: 1967-1980

ID No.: MSS57208

Creator: Mathews, Forrest David, 1935-

Extent: 300 items ; 4 containers ; 1.6 linear feet ; 39 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare; and educator. Correspondence, memoranda, speeches, writings, subject files, and other papers relating chiefly to Mathews' service as secretary of health, education, and welfare.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006.

Mathews, Forrest David, 1935-

Organizations

United States. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Subjects

Abortion--United States.

Aging--United States.

Education--United States.

Medical care--United States.

Public health--United States.

Public welfare--United States.

Segregation--United States.

Places

United States--Economic conditions--1971-1981.

United States--Social policy.

Occupations

Cabinet officers.

Educators.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Forrest David Mathews, U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare; and educator, were deposited in the Library of Congress between 1977 and 1981 by Mathews. Included is microfilm of material in Mathews's possession.

Processing History

The papers of Forrest David Mathews were processed and described in 1980. The collection was revised and expanded between 1981 and 1984. The finding aid was revised again in 2012.

Other Repositories

Copies of the microfilm of Mathews Papers on deposit in the Library of Congress are also on loan at the University of Alabama Library, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, Mich. Microfilming was done at the University of Alabama under the direction of the staff of William Stanley Hoole Special Collections Library.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Forrest David Mathews is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply concerning the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions.

Microfilm

Part of this collection consists of thirty-nine reels of microfilm of material in private possession. On deposit, the microfilm is not available for purchase and may not be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Forrest David Mathews Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|--------------|--|
| 1935, Dec. 6 | Born, Grove Hill, Ala. |
| 1975-1977 | Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare |
| 1958 | Graduated, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
| 1961 | M.A., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
| 1965 | Ph.D. in history, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1969-1975 | President, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
| 1972 | Elected to board of trustees, Kettering Foundation |
| 1977-1980 | President, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
| 1981 | Became president and chief executive officer, Kettering Foundation |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Forrest David Mathews (1935-) span the years 1967-1980, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1975-1976. The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, speeches, writings, subject files, and other papers relating chiefly to Mathews' service as secretary of health, education, and welfare (HEW) in the administration of Gerald R. Ford from 1975 to 1977. Most of the collection is available only on microfilm produced by the University of Alabama from originals in Mathews's possession. Topics include education, aging, economic opportunity, desegregation, abortion, and the management of the agency.

Arrangement of the Papers

Original papers in the collection are organized into biographical sketches, a small file of HEW subject matter arranged alphabetically by topic, and bound speeches by Mathews. The microfilm is organized by type of material and includes three supplementary files.

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