

JOHN C. CHASE CARTOONS

Mss. 1414, 1549, 1568, 1806

Inventory

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SUMMARY

Size.	10.6 linear ft.
Geographic locations.	Baton Rouge, LA
Inclusive dates.	1927-1962
Language.	English
Summary.	John C. Chase was a political cartoonist. The collection contains original drawings of editorial cartoons that Chase drew between 1949 and 1962. The collection also contains a book by Chase and scrapbooks of his cartoons clipped from newspapers; these cartoons date from 1927 to 1947.
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions on access.
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Stack locations.	6:1-3

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John C. Chase (1906-1986) was a New Orleans native and political cartoonist. He began his career in Chicago in 1924. In 1927, Chase returned to Louisiana and was hired by the *New Orleans Item*. He worked there until 1947 when he went to work for the *New Orleans States*. Chase was also a pioneer in the development of animated editorial cartoons. He worked for WDSU-TV in New Orleans producing cartoons for television.

Chase worked for Louisiana newspapers and television stations for more than 50 years. It is estimated that Chase produced over 15,000 cartoons during his lifetime. He was also a former president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. In addition to his work as a political cartoonist, Chase was an author of several books and was in high demand as a lecturer and teacher. He also produced 400 football program covers, including the cover for the first Sugar Bowl.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes of 153 original 15 x 20" drawings of cartoons published in newspapers from 1949 to 1962. The cartoons reflect the political career of Huey P. Long, in addition to Louisiana and national politics. In addition to original drawings, the collection also contains five scrapbooks containing newsprint copies of the cartoons clipped from the original newspapers. These cartoons date from 1927 through 1940. Three of the scrapbooks focus on specific themes. They are entitled: "The Lost Cause – Wilson vs Long vs Sherman - Nov. Dec. Jan. – 1927-28," "The Saga of Huey, 1928-," and "Kingdom of the Kingfish (incomplete) and some other political sketches of 1939." A copy of the publication *40 Cartoons in Wartime* by John Chase is also present.

INDEX TERMS

Civil Rights

Communism

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969

Kefauver, Estes, 1903-1963

Khrushchev, Nikita Sergeevich, 1894-1971

Long, Huey Pierce, 1893-1935

Louisiana-Politics and government

Morrison, deLesseps S. (deLesseps Story), 1912-1964

Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing), 1900-1965

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
6:1-3	1	Volume 1	<i>40 Cartoons in Wartime (1945)</i> Scrapbook: "The Lost Cause – Wilson vs Long vs Sherman - Nov. Dec. Jan. – 1927-28"
		Volume 2	Scrapbook: "The Saga of Huey, 1928- "
		Volume 3	Scrapbook: Cartoons, January 1937-September 1940
	2	1-3	Volume 4: Scrapbook, Cartoons, October 1940 – December 1944
	3	1-2	Volume 5: Scrapbook, Cartoons, January 1945 – September 1947
	4	1	Copies of cartoons from the newspaper from "Kingdom of the Kingfish (incomplete) and some other political sketches of 1939"
		2 3-10	Copies of cartoons from the newspaper, 1940 40 Original drawings, June 10, 1949 – December 7, 1953
	5	1-8	40 Original drawings, December 8, 1953 – September 2, 1955
	6	1-8	40 Original drawings, September 18, 1955 – June 23, 1956
	7	1-5	25 Original drawings, June 24, 1956 – November 6, 1956
6-8		A cover with an original signature, along with 2 original drawings and their corresponding cartoon from the newspaper	
9		Original drawing with smaller version, April 14, 1959 and original drawing, March 15, 1962	
10		Original drawings, July 16, 1959; Jan 11, 1960; Aug 29, 1962; Oct 28, 1962	