

Guide to

The Charles E. Canady Papers, 1970-2014

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Charles E. Canady was born in Lakeland, Florida on February 5, 1933 to Arthur Pinkney Canady and Vivian Vinell Canady nee Streetman. Charles attended Kathleen Senior/Junior High School, from which he graduated in 1950. He enrolled in Florida Southern College in 1951.

On April 18, 1953, Charles Canady married Dolores Jeffries. After graduating from Florida Southern College in January, 1954, Canady took a job with the National Biscuit Company, better known as NABISCO, where he worked in sales and marketing. Charles and Dolores had two children. Dolores graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Florida Southern College in 1963.

In 1958, Canady left NABISCO to become an educator. His first assignment was teaching sixth grade at Winston Elementary School. In August, 1961, he earned a Master's Degree in School Administration and Supervision from the University of Mississippi at Oxford. From 1961-1964, Canady was an adjunct professor at Florida Southern College, where he taught *Social Studies in the Elementary School*, *Science in the Elementary School*, and *The Modern Elementary School*. From 1962-69 Canady was principal at Jesse Keen Elementary School.

In March, 1969, Lakeland State Senator Lawton Chiles offered him a job as a Legislative Assistant/Administrative Assistant. In 1970, Chiles ran for a U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Spessard Holland. Canady became Senator Chiles's Campaign Manager/Director.

When Lawton Chiles was elected to the United States Senate in November, 1970, he asked Charles Canady to be his Chief of Staff/Administrative Assistant in his Washington D.C. office. Canady remained in the Senate with Lawton Chiles until 1989, managing his office as well as subsequent reelection campaigns. Upon the retirement of Lawton Chiles from the Senate, Canady went to work for U.S. Senator Bob Graham and Congressman Andy Ireland, both of Florida. He retired from federal service in 1991.

Since his retirement, Charles Canady has traveled, explored personal interests, and participated in business and political consulting. He published a book, *Running to Win: A Step-by-Step Campaign Guide*. He has remained active in the Lakeland community, and in 2009 was inducted into the Polk County Public Schools Hall of Fame.

Charles E. Canady's unpublished memoirs, *Seasons of My Life*, which is maintained in the collection.

Scope & Content Note

The Charles E. Canady Papers reflect his lifelong interest in politics. The collection is arranged in two series. The **Biographical** materials contain an unpublished memoir, published reference materials, as well as awards and family information, especially about his son Charles T. The bulk of the series contains collected political advertisements and news clippings ranging from local to national elections, covering a period from the early 1970s through 2014. The **Lawton M. Chiles** series contains documents, ephemera, and articles relating to the Canady's work on the Senator's election campaigns.

Restrictions

The Papers are available for research in the McKay Archives Center

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