

CHARLES A. SHROPSHIRE PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size	1.5 linear ft.
Geographic Locations	East Feliciana Parish, West Feliciana Parish, Baton Rouge
Inclusive Dates	1943-2018
Bulk Dates	1996-2002
Languages	English
Summary	Papers pertaining to the personal life and professional career of attorney Charles A. Shropshire, the first African American district attorney of the 20th Judicial District of Louisiana.
Access Restrictions	None. Collection is unprocessed but open for use.
Reproduction Note	May be reproduced.
Copyright	For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. Copyright law.
Related Collections	None.
Citation	Charles A. Shropshire Papers, Mss. 5393, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries Special Collections, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack Location(s)	UU:335-336, OS:S

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Charles A. (Alphonse) Shropshire (1952-2010) was the son of Al J. Shropshire and Gertrude Shropshire (née Davis) and a native of Woodland, East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. Charles attended Clinton High School and graduated in 1970. He received a B.S. degree in general studies from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1974, then a Juris Doctor degree from Southern University Law School in 1979. He married Evelyn L. (Lenora) Wilson in 1983. After practicing law in Baton Rouge and Clinton, Louisiana, he was appointed an assistant district attorney for the 20th Judicial District, which covers West Feliciana Parish and East Feliciana Parish. In 1996, he was elected as district attorney for the 20th Judicial District, becoming the first African American district attorney in Louisiana. After his term, he returned to private law practice.

Charles was a lifelong member of the Union Chapel Baptist Church in Clinton, serving on the deacon board and as church treasurer as well. He was a member of and served on the boards of 100 Black Men of East Feliciana Parish, the Capital Area United Way, the Greater Baton Rouge Area Food Bank, and the Avondale District of the Boy Scouts of America.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers include correspondence, newspaper clippings, other printed items and ephemera, genealogical items, certificates, awards, plaques, a scrapbook, a guest book, daily planners, photographs, negatives (35mm film strips), six VHS tapes, one floppy disk (3.5-inch), and other materials documenting Charles A. Shropshire's personal life and professional career as an attorney, an assistant district attorney, and a district attorney. Topics covered include Shropshire's 1996 campaign and election as district attorney for the 20th Judicial District of Louisiana; his 2002 re-election campaign; and his involvement in African American churches and professional organization in Greater Baton Rouge, East Feliciana Parish, and West Feliciana Parish. Some items of note include his B.S. degree from LSU (1974, box 1); his Silver Beaver Award from the Istrouma Area Council, Boy Scouts of America (1997, box 1); newspaper clippings documenting his 1996 campaign and election and his 2002 re-election campaign (box 2); and a scrapbook documenting his 1996 campaign (box 4).

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.

African American public prosecutors--East Feliciana Parish.
African American public prosecutors--West Feliciana Parish.
African American lawyers--Louisiana--East Feliciana Parish.
African American lawyers--Louisiana--West Feliciana Parish.
Letters (correspondence)
Photographic prints.
Political campaigns--Louisiana.
Printed ephemera.
Shropshire, Charles A. (Charles Alphonse), 1952-2010.
Videocassettes.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
UU:335	1	Correspondence, printed items and ephemera, photographs, negatives, certificates and awards, genealogical items, campaign materials, and other papers and records, 1948-2018
UU:336	2	Newspaper clippings, guest book, VHS tapes, floppy disk, wallets/badges, award/certificate, and seal press sample, 1994-2008
	3	Daily planners/appointment books (5 volumes), 1996-2000
	4	Scrapbook, 1996
OS:S	--	Folder 1: Oversize photographs and certificates, 1998-2000, undated