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Peace Officers Association of Georgia (POAG) Collection

Extent: 7 linear feet (7 boxes)

Abstract: The collection contains meeting minutes, photographs, and quarterly publications relating to the Peace Officers Association of Georgia. All documents range in time from 1949 through 2013.

Language: English

Acquisition/Provenance Information: The collection was donated by John B. Edwards, Jr., the Secretary Treasurer of the POAG. The collection was delivered to the Georgia Southern University campus from the POAG headquarters in Reidsville, GA, on June 12, 2013. Oral histories were transferred electronically to the University Libraries in 2018.

Access Requirements and Restrictions: None; collection is open and available to the public.

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History: There are some records that put the formation of the POAG as early as 1900, though heavy documentation of the Association does not begin until 1950. Formal recognition of the organization by the State of Georgia was not until 1953, when the official name "The Peace Officers Association of Georgia, Inc." was adopted. One of the earliest and most important issues of the POAG was the establishment of a death benefit plan for members. The plan covered deaths both in the line of duty and of natural causes. Several years later, the Association turned their attention to the training and education of officers in the state. Certified training began following their 1988 convention and is still in operation today. The Association puts out a quarterly magazine entitled "The Georgia Peace Officer". This publication has been in regular print since at least 1950. There is one issue earlier but consistent printings have only occurred since 1950.

Scope and Content: The collection contains the minutes from the Association's annual conventions. The minutes cover the years 1950 through 1996, ordered chronologically. Intermixed are the resolutions, committee lists, and reservations lists for several of the years. Following the convention minutes are notes and minutes from the Executive Committee meetings for the years 1951-1971. There is also a collection of photographs at the end of the meeting minutes. Following the photographs are the copies of *The Georgia Peace Officer*, the Association's quarterly publication. The majority of the years are full runs, though there are a few that are missing, which are in the process of being acquired. These publication runs are from 1950 through the current issue of 2013.

Topics in the minutes range from concerns solely of the Peace Officers Association, such as their death benefits and scholarship programs, to national issues, such as the believed connections between the Communist Party and the NAACP. These latter issues are prevalent in the earlier convention speeches, and are typically addressed by the noted speakers attending the convention. These speakers include

Eugene and Herman Talmadge and Ernest Vandiver. Exact speeches are included in their respective years.

The Peace Officers Association of Georgia of oral history project is hosted on Digital Commons. It includes videos and transcripts of oral history interviews with retired and active duty law enforcement officers. Faculty and Students (undergraduate and graduate) from the Georgia Southern History Department conducted the interviews from 2014-18. The goal of the oral history project was to document the evolution of law enforcement in Georgia and to educate the public.

Subject Terms: Peace officers -- Georgia -- History -- 19th century; Police officers -- Georgia -- History; Peace officers -- Georgia -- Biography;

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