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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Legal History Collection Established*

The University of South Carolina School of Law has announced the establishment of a South Carolina Legal History Collection. The Collection will be unveiled on May 3 in conjunction with the South Carolina Bar Association's 1984 Centennial Meeting. The Collection will be located on the first floor of the law school's Coleman Karesh Library and will be open to the general public on May 4.

The Collection will include resource books, rare books, original documents and copies, and other memorabilia related to South Carolina's legal history. Dean Harry M. Lightsey, Jr., who is spearheading the establishment and organization of the Collection, has described the exhibit as a "working collection." According to Dean Lightsey, "Its objectives will be to accumulate original sources and other materials relevant to South Carolina law and lawyers, to foster a sense of the tradition and accomplishments of the profession in South Carolina, and to stimulate research and publication concerning major legal issues in the State."

A major portion of the Collection will be devoted to eight prominent South Carolina lawyers who lived and practiced during five noteworthy periods in the State's legal history. Nicholas Trott, Charles Pickney, and John Rutledge will represent the Colonial and Revolutionary Periods (1689-1795). James L. Pettigru and John C. Calhoun will represent the Ante Bellum Period (1795-1860), and John Gary Evans and Daniel S. Henderson will represent the Populist Period (1880-1915). James F. Byrnes will represent the Modern Period (1915-1955).

The Collection will also include five of the constitutions adopted during South Carolina's rich history. This portion of the exhibit will feature the original documents, journals, and other materials explaining the drafting and adoption of these constitutions. This portion of the Collection will also display the Workman Papers, produced by the secretary of the Constitutional Revision and Study Committee of the 1960's and 1970's, William Workman.

Other exhibits which highlight the history of the South Carolina Bar Association and the School of Law will be present for the opening of the Collection. Two biographical collections, *The Bench and Bar of South Carolina*, by John Belton O'Neill, and *Memory Hold the Door*, established by former law school Dean

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Samuel L. Prince, will also be on display. *The Bench and Bar of South Carolina*, is a collection of biographies of great eighteenth and nineteenth century South Carolina lawyers. *Memory Hold the Door* is an on-going collection of biographies honoring deceased lawyers. Pictures of early law school deans, faculty members, and graduating classes will be included, as well as correspondence evidencing the law school's initial accreditation. Law books donated by the family of Benjamin L. Abney, which became the foundation of the law school's first library, will also be on display.