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Biographical Sketch

John Egerton was born in Atlanta, Georgia, June 14, 1935, the son of William G. Egerton, a traveling salesman, and his wife, Rebecca White Egerton. The family soon settled in Cadiz, Kentucky, where John Egerton remained until leaving to attend Western Kentucky University, 1953-1954. From 1954 until 1956, he served in the United States Army. He earned a B.A. at the University of Kentucky in 1958 and an M.A. in 1960. In 1957 he married Ann Elizabeth Bleidt, the couple have two sons.

Between 1958 and 1960, Egerton was with the Public Relations Department of the University of Kentucky, and from 1960 to 1965, he was the Director of Public Information for the University of South Florida. He was a staff writer for *Southern Education Report*, 1965-1969, and for *Race Relations Reporter*, 1969-1971.

In 1971, Egerton began his career as a free-lance reporter. He was a contributing editor for *Saturday Review of Education* (1972-1973), *Race Relations Reporter* (1973-1974), and *Southern Voices* (1974-1975). From 1973-1975, he was a writer for Atlanta's Southern Regional Council. In 1977-1978, he was journalist-in-residence at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Egerton has written or edited eleven non-fiction books and contributed over two hundred articles to periodicals. He has also been a participant in and writer for many projects or conferences dealing with desegregation and civil rights.

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Scope and Content Note

Most of this addition to John Egerton Papers (MSS128) consists of freelance articles Egerton wrote between 1966 and 2006. There are also additional materials relating to his books: *A Mind to Stay Here* (1970); *The Americanization of Dixie* (1973); and *Nashville: The Faces of Two Centuries* (1979). Other materials include speeches, book reviews, and planning for Nashville's first Southern Festival of Books.

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6. Southern Festival Of Books---Correspondence, Incoming---Alexander-Woodward
7. Southern Festival of Books---Correspondence Outgoing, August 3, 1986-April 4, 1989
8. Southern Festival of Books, 1989---Planning Materials
9. Southern Festival of Books, 1989---Planning Materials
10. Southern Festival of Books---Publicity and Author Biographies
11. Southern Festival of Books, 1989---Reviews
12. Southern Festival of Books, 1990---Correspondence-Incoming---Cheatham-McCash
13. Southern Festival of Books---Planning
14. Avon Williams, Jr. Tribute, 1994---Correspondence-Incoming---Dinkins-Williams

15. Avon Williams, Jr. Tribute, 1994---Correspondence-Outgoing, June, 1994
16. Avon Williams, Jr. Tribute, 1994---Research
17. Avon Williams, Jr. Tribute---Tributes for Memorial Service, 1994 and 63rd Birthday Celebration, 1984
18. John Maguire Project (Democracy/Race/Culture/), 1998-2001---Correspondence-Incoming--Maguire, 1998-1999
19. John Maguire Project---Correspondence-Incoming---Maguire, 2000
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21. John Maguire Project---Correspondence-Outgoing---June 2, 1999-November 20, 2001
22. John Maguire Project---Participants

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1. John Maguire Project---Publications---*Tool Kit*---English
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Freelance Articles, 1966-2006 (A note attached to these papers states that most freelance articles from the 1990s on are on floppy discs.)

7. Alice Lloyd-The College That Can't Be (1966)
8. About Will Campbell; Little Rock-Ten years Later (1967)
9. The Last People Between the Lakes (1968)
10. A Report on New Educational Enterprises (1971)
11. Special to *American Report*, Doctorates (1971)
12. *The Healing of a Nation* by David Loye (Book review); An Overview of Governance in Public Black Education with Particular Emphasis on the Public Black Institutions in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Louisiana (1971)
13. Model Programs for Cultural Pluralism in Higher Education (1972)
14. Opryland; Columbia, South Carolina-A Southern Center Where There May Still Be Time; Ole Miss (1972)
15. Preliminary Information on Public Higher Education in South Carolina; *Down to Now* by Pat Walters (Book Review); Black Colleges (1972)
16. Grandparents; Tennessee Politics (1972)
17. What's Right with Busing (1972)
18. Alright, Everybody Off the Bus, WLAC Radio Talk (1972)
19. Teachers (1972)
20. The School Desegregation Act of 1972 (1972)
21. Desegregation (1972)
22. Hayes Mizell, School Board Member; Wey's Way; Infant Education (1972)
23. *Facing the Lions* by Tom Wicker and *The Last of the Southern Girls* by Willie Morris (Book Reviews); Head Start; Vouchers; CUTE-Cooperative Urban Teacher Education (1973)

24. Interviews with Dr. Leon Kamin; Farm School; Memorandum to Jean Fairfax; Katallgete; Being a Southerner in the New South (1973)
25. But Does One Know When to Quit Hustling His Book?; Transforming Trash in Nashville; Mississippi Conversations (1973-1974)
26. Fisk (1974)
27. *The Deep South States of America* by Neal R. Pierce (Book Review); This Little Piggie Cried "Wee! Wee! Wee!"; South
28. Reflections of a (lower-case) humanist; Cities (Nashville); Southern Governmental Monitoring Project; The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (Report) (1974)

BOX 4

1. Ending Discrimination in Higher Education: A Report from Ten States (1974)
2. Hello, Boston, This Is Little Rock Calling; The Man Who Cried Impeachment First; Minority Policemen: How Many Are There? (1974)
3. Can Separate Be Equal?; The View from the Hills (1974-1975)
4. My Turn; Address to the Queens College Book and Author Luncheon (1975)
5. Equality of Access to postsecondary Education (1975)
6. The Word Crisis; Psychology-Dartmouth (1975)
7. Education by Crisis; Looking for Jimmy; Back to Basics (1976)
8. Patty Hearst; Inequality; Teachers; Pride (1976)
9. John Buffington; Carter and the Southern Issue; Final Tribute to the Good Ole Boys (1976)
10. Minorities and the Media; Land-Use Planning in North Nashville; Sue Alston; Tip Top Inn (1976)
11. South Can Preserve Its Heritage By Balancing Growth; Merger of Black, White Universities Ordered in Nashville; New Dissension Flares in Tennessee System; Head Elementary School Has All the Ingredients (1977)
12. Humanities; *A Chance to Learn* by Meyer Weinberg (Book Review) (1977)
13. Reflections on Utopianism; Speech at Virginia Tech; Ruth Harriet Jacobs (1977)
14. The Changing Agenda of Higher Education; Speech to Trident 2000, Charleston; Speech to Charlotte Historic Properties Commission (1977)
15. Apples; New South; Carter Country; Squatters' Rights; Starting Over (1977)
16. The Seeds of Racial Justice (A review of *In Search of the Silent South* by Morton Sosna (1978)
17. Days of Heroism and Shame (A review of *My Soul Is Rested* by Howell Raines; A Pervasive Acceptance of Segregation; The Issues Medical Schools Have Ignored (1978)
18. A One-Year Hitch in the Professoriate; After A Year of Teaching At VPI, A Writer Calls It Quits (1978)
19. *The Winner Names the Age* by Lillian Smith (Book Review); Koinonia Housing; Libraries (1978)
20. Moving; Shaggy-dog Stories; *Watermelon Wine: the Spirit of Country Music* by Faye Gaillard (Book Review) (1978)
21. The Albatross Lives; Letters from Rhodesia (1978)
22. A Gentlemen's Fight; Going Back Would Be Unthinkable (1979)

23. Fantasy; *The Second Coming* by Walker Percy (Book Review); *American Dreams: Lost and Found* by Studs Terkel (Book Review) (1980)
24. A Pilgrim's Progress (Speech at Rugby, Tennessee (October 5, 1980 and October 5, 2005); Addie Ledford (1980)
25. Words as an Endangered Species; Metro School Tax (1981)
26. The Match, And How to Make It (1981)
27. Gene Graham; Policy Comes Home; New Harmony; Wordsmiths (1982)
28. Can We Save the Schools?; Pack Up Your Troubles; The Lost Art of Listening; My Son, On the Right Track; A Lock of Ages Opens to a Book Called *Generations* (1982)
29. Book Reviews---*There Is a River* by Vincent Harding; *Hearts and Minds* by Harry S. Ashmore; *The Glad River* by Will Campbell (1983)
30. The Push Is On; Country Ham and Beaten Biscuits; Julius Wayland; Nashoba Experiment (1983)

BOX 5

1. Eighty Years of Respect for Berea; An Interview with John Egerton; "Progress" Is Wonderful Only If You Can Afford It (1984)
2. Olympics "Big Show" A Spectacle Not To Be Missed; Capital Punishment a Legal Killing Which Has No Place in Our Society (1984)
3. Appalachia: The Politics of History; I Am What I Am; Barbecue (1984)
4. Southern Voices, Old and New; Will the Earth Endure?; Morrissey Photographs (1984)
5. Book Reviews---*Southern Progressivism: The Reconciliation of Progress and Tradition* by Dewey W. Grantham; *The Good War* by Studs Terkel; *Tell About the South: The Southern Rage to Explain* by Fred Hobson; *The Kidwells: A Family Odyssey* by Dwayne E. Walls (1984)
6. Speaking of History; A Determined Wordsmith; The Bottom Line; The Second Coming of Watson Brown (1985)
7. *Gone with the Ivy: A Biography of Vanderbilt University* by Paul Conkin (Book Review) (1985)
8. Daniel Kimmis; Wentworth Caldwell; The Greeks: Coming in Through the Kitchen; A Writer Turns to Farming (1986)
9. Kate Jackson; Bobbie Ann Mason (1986)
10. Book Reviews---*Forty Acres and a Goat* by Will Campbell; *Looking for Hogeye* by Roy Reed; *Vera Cruz* by Rosalind Wright; *Myth, Media, and the Southern Mind* by Stephen A Smith (1986)
11. Pilgrim's Progress: The Travels of Duncan Hines; A Latter-day Immigrant in America; Looking Back: From Miami to Milwaukee (1986)
12. Possum on Terrace (John Popham) (1987)
13. Weems Book: The Land, The People, The Homeplace, The Workplace (1987)
14. Book Collecting; John Egerton on Writing; *A Past Remembered: A Collection of Antebellum Homes in Davidson County* by Paul Clements (Book Review) (1987)
15. The Klan Basher; When "Reason" Reigned in Kansas; Women, Food, and Southern Culture; Politics and Food (1988)

16. Robert Allen; *The Lost First Edition of Upton Sinclair's 'The Jungle'*, Edited with an Introduction by Gene DeGruson (1988)
17. New Southern Cookbooks Owe Much to Dull, Brown; About Men and Cooking; Kentucky Book Fair (1988)

Files 18 through 25 are Food Articles for "Southern Food", October, 1988 to December, 1989

18. October 2, 1988-November 6, 1988
19. November 13, 1988-December 25, 1988
20. January 1, 1989-February 26, 1989
21. March 5, 1989-April 30, 1989
22. May 7, 1989-June 25, 1989
23. July 2, 1989-August 27, 1989
24. September 1, 1989-October 29, 1989
25. November 5, 1989-December 31, 1989
26. Commanding Presence; The South's Last Stand; Myles Horton
27. Book Reviews---*Covenant* by Al Clayton; *The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Edited by William Ferris and Charles Wilson; *American Years* by Harold Sinclair (1989)
28. Book Reviews---*The Dream Long Deferred* by Faye Galliard; *The Rest of the Dream* by Wade Hall; *A Turn in the South* by V.S. Naipul (1989)
29. Roots of Southern Food; Call It a Southern Revival; Barbecue; A Nashville Memory; Blue Plate Heaven; Deja Vu All Over Again (1990)

BOX 6

1. Book Reviews: *A Foxfire Christmas: Appalachian Memories and Traditions*, Editor-Eliot Wigginton; *The Secret Diary of Mikhail Gorbachev* by Faye Galliard; *Delta Time: A Journey Through Mississippi* by Tony Dunbar (1990)
2. Book Reviews: *Spring Hill, Tennessee* by Tom T. Hall; *The Long Haul* by Myles Horton, with Judith and Herbert Kohl (1990)
3. Dixie Diner; Merchants; Old Restaurants (1990)
4. *The Promised Land* by Nicholas Lemann (Book Review); Aloha, Y'all!; People's Houses; The Pre-Brown South; Highlander in the Thirties (1991-1994)
5. *Generations* by Richard Fielder, a Script Based on John Egerton's Book, *Generations* (1992)
6. Striving for Equilibrium; In Pursuit of the Perfect Fried Chicken; The Immortality of Fried Chicken (1992-1995)
7. *Redeye: A Western* by Clyde Egerton (Book Review); The South As An American Problem; James Still: In His World; Bob Sykes Barbecue (1994-1996)
8. A Southern Sense of Place; Promises, Promises; *Volunteer Forty-Niners: Tennesseans and the California Gold Rush* by Walter Durham (Book Review) (1997)

9. Unfinished Business; *Kentucky: A Guide to the Bluegrass State*- Compiled and Written by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Program Administration for the State of Kentucky, 1939 (Book Review) (1997)
10. His Own Drummer; Notes from the Hot Bread Zone; The Gravity of Segregation (2000-2004)
11. The People vs. George Bush; The Endurance of Southern Food; Writer of the South (2 copies) (2000-2004)
12. The Literary Patriot (2 copies); As God Is My Witness, I'll Never Go Hungry Again (2006-2007)