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SUMMARY

Size	1.33 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Virginia, Washington, D.C.
Inclusive Dates	1919-1979
Languages	English
Summary	The research papers of Dr. Robert E. Snyder compiled while writing his book <i>Cotton Crisis</i> . Papers include correspondence detailing the cotton crisis of 1931 and Huey P. Long's plan for a cotton holiday.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. Robert E. Snyder (1943-2019) was born in Amsterdam, New York on March 27, 1943. He received both a B. A. in history and an M.A. in American studies from Union College in Schenectady, New York, and he completed his Ph. D. in interdisciplinary social science at Syracuse University. Dr. Snyder taught American studies in the State University System of Florida, specializing in popular culture, film, and the American South and won several awards for excellence in teaching. He was the author of the books *Cotton Crisis*, and *Pioneer Commercial Photography: The Burgert Brothers of Tampa, Florida*. The latter received the Charlton W. Tebeau and D. B. McKay Awards and a certificate of commendation from the Association of State and Local History. Dr. Snyder was a prolific scholar with many published articles over the years. He was awarded the Willie D. Halsell Award from the Mississippi Historical Society in 1978 for his article, "The Cotton Holiday Movement in Mississippi, 1931." Dr. Snyder served as a humanities consultant for the Ken Burns documentary film *Huey Long*, which was nominated for an Academy Award. He died on April 26, 2019.

In 1931 the New Orleans Cotton Conference was organized by Huey P. Long and attended by members of all the cotton producing states. While there, participants unanimously endorsed Long's suggestions that the low price and large surplus of cotton could be rectified by prohibiting the cultivation of cotton in 1932. Four days later, the Louisiana Legislature convened for a special six-day session to consider cotton relief legislation, specifically the plan Long called the "cotton holiday." After Long addressed a joint session of the House and Senate, a cotton holiday bill was introduced.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers contain the research that Dr. Robert E. Snyder collected while writing his book *Cotton Crisis*. This research consists of photocopied documents received by Dr. Snyder from repositories around the South and in Washington D.C. The documents include correspondence and speeches between politicians and the public about the cotton holiday. There are also several references to Father Coughlin and Huey P. Long's "Share Our Wealth" plan. Notable material includes the contents of folder 17, box 1, which provides background information on the cotton holiday and corresponding legislation. These papers are arranged alphabetically.

INDEX TERMS

Snyder, Robert E., 1943- .	
Long, Huey Pierce, 1893-1935.	
Coughlin, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1891-1979.	
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Cotton--Diseases and pests--Control.	
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Cotton--United States.	
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