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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Title:	Joe W. Burleson deposition
ID:	MSS.0232
Date [inclusive]:	1977 February 3
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear Feet (1 item, 135 pieces; photocopy)
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Abstract:	Tuscaloosa, Alabama Circuit Court deposition, dated 3 February 1977, of the plaintiff in civil action no. 7984, Joe W. Burleson vs. National Broadcasting Co., et al.

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Biographical / Historical

Burleson was the commander of the National Guard troops assigned to provide security to the defendants and their lawyers at each of the Scottsboro trials (there were four: the first trial was held in Scottsboro, the next three in Decatur). Burleson filed a \$1.2 million lawsuit against NBC-TV on 15 October 1977, for airing the "Judge Horton" documentary, claiming that the network inaccurately portrayed the troops he commanded during the trials.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains the Tuscaloosa, Alabama Circuit Court deposition, dated 3 February 1977, of the plaintiff in civil action no. 7984, Joe W. Burleson vs. National Broadcasting Co., et al. The deposition

concerns his role in the trial of the Scottsboro Boys and the portrayal of the incident in a television documentary.

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- Civil Rights and Human Rights
- Government, Law and Politics
- African Americans
- Depositions
- Burleson, Joe W.

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