

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. OTIS
W. LIVINGSTON AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE TAX
COMMISSION TO SUCCEED THE LATE THOMAS M. HOWELL.
OCTOBER 3, 1949

I have today appointed Mr. Otis W. Livingston, of Columbia, as a member of the State Tax Commission to succeed the late Commissioner Thomas M. Howell, whose term extends to May 15, 1951.

Mr. Livingston is at present Director of the Income Tax Division of the Tax Commission. His appointment as a Commissioner is the culmination of a career of 27 years' service with this important agency of our State Government.

I am particularly gratified to announce this appointment, since it means recognition for a man who is already in the service of the State, and whose ability, energy, and devotion to his duties have led him to one of the top positions in his field of service.

Mr. Livingston is a native of Columbia, the son of John Fraser Livingston and Mrs. Mattie Withers Livingston. His wife is the former Miss Alma M. Perry, and they have two sons, John F. Livingston, who is employed by the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, and Otis W. Livingston, Jr., a junior at Clemson College.

Completing grammar school and Banks High School in Columbia, Mr. Livingston was graduated at Presbyterian College, Clinton. He served in the infantry during World War I, and became connected with the Tax Commission as a clerk 11 days after the passage of the State's first modern income tax law in March, 1922.

He has successively been head of the individual income tax section, the domestic corporation tax section, and the foreign and textile corporation tax section. He was appointed Director of the Income Tax Division on July 1, 1947.

Mr. Livingston is a member and Past Commander of Richland Post No. 6, American Legion, and is also Past Commander of the Richland Forty-and-Eight. He is a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, and a member of the Executives Club and the Rotary Club.

I am confident that Mr. Livingston's long experience and great abilities in the taxation field render him capable of outstanding service to our State as a member of the Tax Commission.