



**Governor Joseph Jacob Foss**  
**Years in Office: 1955-1959**

Birth: April 17, 1915; Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Death: January 1, 2003

Governor Foss was a World War II air ace prior to his terms as a State Representative in 1948 and 1952. While Governor, Foss worked to increase industry in South Dakota, raise funds to improve buildings at universities, restructure state departments, and change tax laws.

**Classification Number:** 1/30/1

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Message to the Legislature, 1959.

**Shelf Location:** Box 2247B

**Classification Number:** 1/30/2

**Accession Number:** 87-192

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Budget Digest, 1958-1959. Preview of the budget to be presented to the legislature.

**Shelf Location:** Box 2314D

**Classification Number:** 1/30/3

**Accession Number:** H83-12

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Board of Regents and Institutions of Higher Education Records, 1956. This series includes correspondence and materials relating to state institutions of higher learning, as well as information relating to the South Dakota Board of Regents.

**Shelf Location:** Box 3601B

**Classification Number:** 1/30/4

**Accession Number:** H83-12

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Board of Pardons Records, 1955-1956. This series includes the governor's copies of the meeting minutes of the State Pardons Board, as well as four copies of commutation orders issued by Governor Foss.

**Shelf Location:** Box 3601B

**Classification Number:** 1/30/5

**Accession Number:** H83-12

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Public Welfare Commission Records, 1955-1957. Collection includes meeting minutes as well as correspondence relating to Public Welfare.

**Shelf Location:** Box 3601B - 3602A

**Classification Number:** 1/30/6

**Accession Number:** 83-12

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Legislative Correspondence, 1955. Collection includes correspondence regarding notification of bill signings to both the House and the Senate.

**Shelf Location:** Box 3602A

**Classification Number:** 1/30/7

**Accession Number:** 96-117

**Collection:** Governor Joseph Foss

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Report, 1958, entitled "The South Dakota Survival Plan".

**Shelf Location:** Box 4316

**Accession Number:** H99-217

**Collection:** Negatives

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Governor Joe Foss and South Dakota State University President John W Headley, 1952.

**Shelf Location:** Box 8527 (digital image)

**Collection:** Biographical Information

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** 1943 Life Magazine Article

**Shelf Location:** FB 034

**Accession Number:** 96-332

**Collection:** Governor, Inaugural Addresses

**Series Title & Inclusive Dates:** Inaugural Message 1955, Message to the Legislature 1957, Message of Retiring Governor Joe Foss to the Legislature 1959

**Shelf Location:** 7136C