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**Southern Railway Historical Association Collection of Southern Railway
President's Files: Earnest E. Norris, 1937 - 1951
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Description: This series consists of correspondence and business files of Earnest E. Norris, President of Southern Railways 1937 – 1951 with some overflow into Harry A. DeButts era of leadership. Descriptions are representative samples in the collection and not detailed entirely as to their contents.

Box	File	Contents – Ernest E. Norris President's Files, 1942
497	10,321, 10,322, 10,323, 10,324	File No. 1-8, Section 5, dated 1942 – 1949 (4 Files) Correspondence: Railway Express Agency Meetings of the Board, Docket, and Minutes
497	10,325	File No. 1-9, Section 3, dated 1942 – 1943 Correspondence: Fruit Growers Express Company Board and Stockholder's Meetings - Minutes
497	10,326, 10,327	File No. 1-71-1, dated 1942 – 1962 (2 Files) Correspondence: Sale of Railroads Photographs: Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia Railway Company Train and covered gondolas on Yellow Creek Bridge Reports: Traffic and Statistical Analysis of Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia Railway (TAG Line), Compiled in Office of Gen'l. Frt. Traf. Mgr., Atlanta, Georgia, February 1962 Industrial Potential of TA&G Railway Traffic Study of Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia Railway, Compiled in Office of Ass't. Gen'l. Frt. Traffic Mgr., Atlanta, Georgia, July 21, 1959 Copy of Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia Annual Report for the Year 1958, Filed With The Interstate Commerce Commission Annual Report of Ware Shoals Railroad Company, Ware Shoals,

		South Carolina, To The Interstate Commerce Commission for the Year Ended December 31, 1957
498	10,328, 10,329, 10,330	File No. 1-150-4, dated 1942 – 1950 (3 Files) Correspondence: Freight Car Supply
498	10,331, 10,332	File No. 1-172, dated 1942 – 1960 Correspondence: Switching and Spotting Cars for Industry Various Cases: Atlanta, Georgia, Pregnall, South Carolina G.M.&O. at Birmingham – Clinch field Railroad G.M.&O. at Mobile – Kennedy Hospital, Memphis Hapeville, Georgia Defense Department various locations Central of Georgia Railroad General Mills, Louisville Textiles Concrete Materials, Charlotte Advertisements: American Car and Foundry Company Cars (colored ad) Pan American World Airways (colored ad), 1944 In the Heart of Piedmont, North Carolina, Acres for Industry (colored ad)
498	10,333	File No. 1-649, dated 1942 – 1961 Correspondence: Tallulah Falls Railway Company Postcard Photo: The Year 1905 – First passenger train of Tallulah Falls Railway arrives at Tiger, Georgia, 32 miles from Cornelia. H.L. Brewer, 12-15-1949 gave this postcard to Harry DeButts
498	10,334	File No. 1-183, dated 1942 – 1955 Correspondence: Meridian Terminal Company
499	10,335	File No. 1-189, dated 1942 – 1968 Correspondence: Interlocking Southern Railway Track & Signal Location Plan, West End Central Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee Proposed automatic interlocking plant at Helena, Georgia Trackage Controlled by Interlocking from East City Junction – L&N Junction & N.E. Tower at New Orleans, Louisiana Proposed installation of automatic interlocker at Laurel, Mississippi Manually operated interlocking plant at East Durham, North Carolina, to an automatic interlocker – Joint between Southern, Durham and Southern and Norfolk Southern, 1960 Proposed study of Memphis Area trackage
499	10,336	File No. 1-192, dated 1942 – 1969 Correspondence: Augusta Union Station Company Photographs: 8x10 View of Train Shed in Foreground and Central Office Building to the Left Looking West , photo taken by Schaeffer Studio, Augusta, Georgia 8x10 View of Augusta Union Station from Walker Street Looking

		<p>Southwest, photo taken by Schaeffer Studio, Augusta, Georgia 8x10 View of Post Office Annex and Platform on Western Wing of Union Station Building Looking Southeast, photo taken by Schaeffer Studio, Augusta, Georgia 8x10 View of Georgia Railroad Freight Depot Looking Northeast, photo taken by Schaeffer Studio, Augusta, Georgia Dolph's Indexed Street Map of Greater Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia Including North Augusta, South Carolina and Aiken, South Carolina, Subsidized and Distributed by: Chamber of Commerce, Augusta, Georgia Group Medical Care Benefits, Atlanta and West Point Rail Road Company, The Western Railway of Alabama, Georgia Railroad, Atlanta Joint Terminals, The Augusta Union Station Company</p>
499	10,337	<p>File No. 1-215, dated 1941 – 1968 Correspondence: Chattanooga Terminal Railway Company Board and Stockholders' Meetings</p>
499	10,338	<p>File No. 1-216, dated 1941 – 1968 Correspondence: Woodstock & Blocton Railway Company Board and Stockholders' Meetings</p>
499	10,339	<p>File No. 1-238, dated 1942 – 1952 Correspondence: Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Pamphlet: "Tour of Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad" Sponsored by Norfolk Traffic Club, October 7, 1952</p>
499	10,340	<p>File No. 1-242, dated 1942 – 1973 Correspondence: Disorderly Conduct on Trains – Sale of Liquors on Trains Prohibited, 1942 - 1973</p>
499	10,341	<p>File No. 1-249, dated 1942 – 1968 Correspondence: Length of Freight and Passenger Trains Reports: Train Length and Radio Train Study Proposed Operating Plan</p>
499	10,342	<p>File No. 1-279, dated 1942 – 1976 Correspondence: Smoking on Trains – No Smoking Rules</p>
499	10,343	<p>File No. 199, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Member Road Letter No. 199 re: Mr. Felley has called a meeting of the member roads at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, for Friday, February 27th.</p>
499	10,344	<p>File No. 200, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Member Road Letter No. 200 re: Report made by Mr. Bell, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and Mr. McWhorter, of the NC&StL</p>
500	10,345	<p>File No. 211, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Member Road Letter No. 211 re: arbitrate all matters of differences</p>
500	10,346	<p>File No. 214, dated 1942</p>

		Correspondence: Member Road Letter No. 214 re: Action items in the minutes of the Member Road meeting held in Atlanta on April 10, 1942, references to the pass situation and action taken
500	10,347	File No. 17-249-B, dated 1942 Correspondence: Asheville and Craggy Mountain Railway Company Acquisition by Southern Railway Company
500	10,348, 10,349	No File Number, dated 1942 (2 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference File of Letters in Consecutive Order Year 1942
500	10,350, 10,351	File No. S-General, dated 1942 - 1944 (2 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Call of Meetings, Minutes of Meetings, May 8, 1942 to and including meeting of October 5, 1944
500	10,352	File No. S-3, dated 1942 – 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Fast Freight Schedules
501	10,353, 10,354, 10,355, 10,356, 10,357	File No. S-9, dated 1942 – 1952 (5 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Advertisements including colored posters from: American Railway Car Institute <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> Pleasure Planned Tours to Eastern Wonderlands by Trailways Bus System Stencil Duplicator Machines – Pronto Stencil Duplicator – Heyer Stencil & Gelatin Duplicators For All Duplicators <i>The Miracle of America – This booklet tells you:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How our free American System grew</i> - <i>Why it is the hope of the world</i> - <i>How it can meet today's challenge</i>
501	10,358	File No. S-10, dated 1942 – 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Blockouts
501	10,359	File No. S-11, dated 1942 – 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Guaranteed Schedule on Perishable Traffic
501	10,360	File No. S-14, dated 1942 – 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Fireman's Diesel Case
501	10,361	File No. S-15, dated 1942 – 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Course of Training in Police Protection Against Sabotage and Bomb Reconnaissance
501	10,362	File No. S-16, dated 1942 – 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Discontinued Sale of Liquor on Trains
502	10,363	File No. S-17, dated 1942 – 1943

		Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Rail and Scrap Salvage Campaign
502	10,364	File No. S-18, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Article to the Manufacturers Record on Railroads of the Southeast
502	10,365	File No. S-19, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Trainmen and News Agents on Jim Crow Cars
502	10,366	File No. S-20, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Centralized Traffic Control
502	10,367	File No. S-21, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Regional Mechanical Advisory Committee
502	10,368	File No. S-22, Not dated – Cover Only Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Gross Revenues of Railroads in Southeast for Basis of Voting on S.E.P.C. – File is empty as it is being held in the office of the Association of Southeast Railroads at Washington, D.C.
502	10,369	File No. S-23, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Dining Facilities for Negro Soldiers
502	10,370	File No. S-24, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Army Specialist Corps
502	10,371	File No. S-25, Not dated – Cover Only Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference National Safety Council Contributions Above file being held in office of Association of Southeastern Railroads at Washington, D.C.
502	10,372	File No. S-26, dated 1942 – 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference War Manpower Commission
502	10,373	File No. S-27, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Reserve Gas and Pipe Line Company Natural Gas
502	10,374	File No. S-28, dated 1942 – 1944 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference 14 Brotherhoods asking 5 ½ cents an hour increase, August 1942
502	10,375	File No. S-29, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Annual Meeting of Roadmasters' and Maintenance of Way Association Annual Meeting of American Railway Bridge and Building Association
502	10,376	File No. S-30, dated 1942

		Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Overtime Wage Compensation – Executive Order No. 9420 Effective 10-1-1942
503	10,377, 10,378, 10,379, 10,380, 10,381	File No. S-31, dated 1942 – 1952 (5 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Election Board of Directors of American Association of Railroads
503	10,382	File No. S-32, dated 1942 – 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Joint Management Labor Committees
503	10,383	File No. S-33, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Request for Union Shop Agreement, October, 1942
503	10,384	File No. S-34, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference War Bond Sales
503	10,385	File No. S-35, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Rail-Truck Coordination
503	10,386	File No. S-36, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Proper Utilization of Passenger Train Cars
503	10,387	File No. S-37, dated 1942 – 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Dispatchers Association
503	10,388	File No. S-38, dated 1942 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Traffic Solicitations To Be Discontinued During The Emergency
503	10,389	File No. S-39, dated 1938 – 1942 (Cover Only) Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Advisory Committee of Railway Counsel for Freight Claim Division of A.A.R. Note: No documents in this file Above file being held in Office of the Association of Southeastern Railroads, Washington, D.C.
503	10,390	File No. S-40, dated 1942 Correspondence: Wage Stabilization Act George H. Dugan, Southeastern Representative
503	10,391	File No. S-49, dated 1942 – 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Compensation for Lawyers in Wage Cases
503	10,392	File No. S-94, dated, 1942 – 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Election of Chairman of Southeastern President's Conference – Mr. Earnest E. Norris was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the

		Conference for the year 1947
503	10,393	File No. State 114, dated 1942 Correspondence: Mile Post J-3.3 – New Hope Bridge Construction of plain concrete wing-walls and filling trestle approaches
503	10,394	File No. WB-120, dated 1942 – 1949 Correspondence: Woodstock & Blockton Railway Company Depreciation on Road Property, December 1942 to December 1949
503A	1,2,3,4	File No. 1-237, dated 1942 – 1969 (4 Files) Correspondence: Norfolk Southern Railway Company Evaluation by Southern of Norfolk Southern Purchase Texas Gulf Sulfur Phosphate in Beaufort County, North Carolina Petitions by Norfolk Southern and Atlantic Coast Line to build to Texas Gulf Sulfur New Weyerhaeuser pulp plant near New Bern, North Carolina Other Railroads Include: Durham and South Carolina Railroad Company A.E.&C. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company Norfolk & Western
503A	5	No File Number, dated 1942 – 1950 Correspondence: General File Freight Bill – Plonk Bros. Co., Kings Mountain, North Carolina Coverdale & Colpitts, made a survey of the early operation of the “Pioneer Zephyr”, the first of the streamliners. Brief History of the Central of Georgia: “On December 20, 1833, a charter was granted by the State Legislature of Georgia to the Central Railroad and Canal Company for the purpose of laying, building and making railroad and canal communications from the City of Savannah to the interior of the State. Subsequently the charter was amended and the name of the Company was changed to the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia.” Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company concerning toilet paper moving from Greenwich, New York to Portland, Oregon. Railroad Education Poster of Scrapbook clippings: Locomotive and Trains of the Southern Railway System from wood-burners to Diesel-Powered Streamliners with inscription “You may want to clip and paste these pictures in your railroad scrapbook – to show trains that have served the South, since 1830, on the Southern Railway System and its predecessor lines” Arch Bar Truck Situation As of December 31, 1937
503A	6,7,8,9	File No. 1-70-7, dated 1942 – 1943 (4 Files)

		<p>Correspondence: World War II Wartime Manpower, August 18, 1942 – December 31, 1943 Association of American Railroads Communications Southeastern Presidents' Conference Communications United States Railroad Retirement Board, Atlanta 3, Georgia, December 31, 1943 copy of memorandum issued by the War Manpower Commission outlining the procedure which has been adopted for the railroad industry with respect to the tentative hiring provisions of the Region VII Employment Stabilization Program.</p> <p>Brochures: "Railroad Manual on Employment Stabilization" by Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C., September, 1943 "Federal Aids to Training, With Special Reference to The Transportation Industry", November 1942, Division of Transport Personnel – Office of Defense Transportation</p> <p>Correspondence to "All Payroll Preparing Officers" – "Because of anticipated calls by the Army and Navy on the Selective Service System for acceptable men to serve in the armed forces, and the probability that we will be called on to release a number of our employees between the ages of 18 and 36, we have been called on by Selective Service to prepare and submit a so-called "Replacement Schedule."</p>
503A	10	<p>File No 1-57-2, dated 1942 – 1952 Correspondence: Passenger Service and Alcoholic Beverages</p> <p>Application by D. W. Brosnan to the: Government of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board</p> <p>Statement of receipts from and direct costs in connection with sale of Liquors, Beer, Soft Drinks and Mineral Waters.</p>