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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 and other eras 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, 1943 - 1985
504	10,394A	No File Number, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference File of Letters in Consecutive Order Year 1943
504	10,395, 10,396, 10,397, 10,398	File No. 1-G, Part 2, dated 1943 Correspondence: Western Union Telegraph Company June 1 st , 1943 to December 23, 1943
505	10,399, 10,400, 10,401, 10,402	File No. 1-8, Section 2, dated 1943 – 1945 (4 Files) Correspondence: Railway Express Agency, April 29, 1943 to July 14, 1945
505	10,403, 10,404	File No. 1-91, dated 1942 – 1968 (2 Files) Correspondence: Fires Charlotte, North Carolina Jacksonville, Florida Baldwin, Georgia Sevier Transfer Shed, Knoxville, Tennessee with photo of burned building Blue Prints: Sevier Yard (Tennessee)
506	10,405,	File No. 1-129, dated 1943 – 1950 (6 Files)

	10,406, 10,407, 10,408, 10,409 10,410	Correspondence: Railway Mail Service
506	10,411, 10,412, 10,413	File No. 1-130, Part 2, dated 1943 – 1946 (3 Files) Correspondence: Expansion of Industrial Properties on Our Lines, August 9, 1943 to December 26, 1946
507	10,414, 10,415, 10,416, 10,417	File No. 1-134, Section 2, dated 1943 – 1944 (4 Files) Correspondence: Freight Rate Increase Ex Parte No. 148 April 12, 1943 to December 15, 1944
507	10,418, 10,419	File No. 1-140-1, Part 1, dated 1943 – 1963 (2 Files) Correspondence: Company Tracks Blue Prints: Track Changes, Pomona, North Carolina, October 8, 1963 Melrose, North Carolina Passing Track Ext. – 4 Copies Saluda – Melrose, North Carolina Proposed Double Track – 9 Sheets Edgewood, South Carolina Proposed Team Track Kings Mountain, North Carolina Proposed Track Extension and Trestle Dock Junction near Brunswick, Georgia – 2 Copies Brunswick, Georgia Proposed Tracks, July 15, 1941
507	10,420, 10,421	File No. 1-141-1, dated 1943 – 1947 (2 Files) Correspondence: New Freight and Passenger Cars Blue Prints & Engineering Drawings: Series 7000-8199, Cars 1200-T.S., Road D.P.C., Lot 6704 Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-6, End Sill Construction Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-4, Side Construction Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-2, Sections Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-3, Under framing Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-7, Brake Arrangement Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-8, Truck Conditions Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-10, King Pin Troop Sleeper Association of American Railroads Drawing No. TC-11, Generator Application Booklet: “Statistics Car Building and Car Repairing” by

		American Railway Car Institute
508	10,422	File No. 1-291, dated 1943 – 1944 Correspondence: Civilians Attendants Riding Freight Trains
508	10,423	File No. 1-195, dated 1943 – 1967 Correspondence: Savannah Union Station Company
508	10,424, 10,425, 10,426	File No. 1-299, dated 1943 – 1945 Correspondence: Regional Director Government Control of Railroads Executive Order No. 9412, Effective 7 P.M., December 27, 1943, Terminated January 18-19, 1944
509	10,427	File No. 1-301, dated 1943 -1967 Correspondence: Lease of tracks of the Georgia Railway Company to the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line
508	10,428	File No. 12,200-P, dated 1943 – 1946 Correspondence: Georgia Midland Railway Company Maturity of Georgia Midland Railway Company first mortgage 3% bonds on April 1, 1946 at 100 plus accrued interest \$608,000 P.A. outstanding as of that date. Bonds redeemed in N/O National Investment Company
508	10,429	File No. I-265, dated 1943 Correspondence: New ticket agency and audit office procedure developed by T.H. Seay, March 1, 1943
508	10,430	File No. I-269, dated 1943 – 1945 Correspondence: Sale of terminal properties of the Port Utilities Commission of Charleston, May 1943, Port of Charleston
508	10,431	File No. I-276, dated 1943 – 1970 Correspondence: Goldsboro Union Station Company
508	10,432	File No. I-280, dated 1943 – 1984 Correspondence: Evans Products Company Annual Reports, 1945, 1946, and 1947 Posters: “Have you asked your shippers what they expect from you in postwar box cars?” “Utility Loader For the Good of the Railroad Poster” “For Safe Delivery to a Fledgling Pilot Poster” “Trade Winds of the Future”
508	10,433	File No. I-288, dated 1943 – 1949 Correspondence: Oil properties located in Edwards County, Illinois, Oil Refineries, etc. Map of Sections – Edwards County, Illinois
509	10,434	File No. S-41, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President’s Conference Converting parlor, lounge and club cars into coaches
509	10,435	File No. S-42, dated 1943 – 1944 Correspondence: Southeastern President’s Conference Southern States Industrial Council, Inc.
509	10,436	File No. S-44, dated 1943

		Correspondence: Passenger Train Service
509	10,437	File No. S-45, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Amateur Radio and Photographic Equipment wanted by the U.S. Signal Corps.
509	10,438	File No. S-46, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Regulations Governing Children Traveling Alone
509	10,439	File No. S-47, dated 1943 (Cover Only) Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Lengthening Freight and Passenger Train Schedules
509	10,440	File No. S-48, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Membership Chambers of Commerce
509	10,441	File No. S-50, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Amortization of Railroad War Facilities for Tax Purposes
509	10,442	File No. S-51, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Post War Competition
509	10,443	File No. S-52, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference California Grape Growers and Shippers Association
509	10,444	File No. S-53, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Attendants Riding Freight Trains
509	10,445	File No. S-54, dated 1943 (Cover Only) Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission Rate Conference Regulations
509	10,446	File No. S-55, dated 1943 – 1944 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Fair Employment Practice Committee
509	10,447	File No. S-59, dated 1943 Correspondence: Southeastern President's Conference Representatives to Meeting with Messrs. Boatner and McCarthy
509	10,448	File No. WS 17, dated 1943 – 1947 Correspondence: Winston Salem Terminal Company Depreciation on Road Property Journal Entries 1/43 to 12/49
509A	1,2,3,4	File No. 1-70-2, Section 2, dated 1943 – 1944 (4 Files) Correspondence: World War II Rationing of Transportation, January 4, 1943 – December 29, 1944 Note: See 1-70-2, Section 1 in MS2003.023, Box 15, File 1 (Private Donor Collection)
509A	5,6	File No. 1-165, dated 1943 – 1952 (2 Files)

		<p>Correspondence: Segregation Related Segregation of White and Negro Passengers in Dining Cars Legal Documents pertaining to Henderson, Negro Dining Car Case (Elmer W. Henderson v. Southern Railway Company)</p>
509A	7	<p>File No. 165, dated 1945 – 1950 Correspondence: Segregation Related Legal Documents pertaining to Benjamin Mays Case before Interstate Commerce Commission (Benjamin E. Mays v. Southern Railway Company) I.C.C. Dockets: 29607 – Vashti Brown v. Southern Railway Company; 29607, Sub. 1 – Lillian Falls v. Southern Railway Company, 29607, Sub. 2 – Muriel Holcombe v. Southern Railway Company.</p> <p>Alabama Public Service Commission Rule T-18 Amended Segregation of White & Colored Races on Railroad Passenger Trains in the State of Alabama.</p> <p>Suggested Rules & Regulations for the Segregation of White & Negro Passengers on Trains.</p> <p>Copy of H.R. 22: A Bill to Amend the Interstate Commerce Act, so as to prohibit the segregation of passengers on account of race or color.</p> <p>Advertisements: “To Our Colored Friends: Coast Line is glad to serve its colored friends, and is pleased that so many of them ride with us. Coast Line hopes that you will continue to use its trains and that you will tell others that Coast Line welcomes its colored friends and is seeking to provide accommodations and service which make travel on the Coast Line a pleasure.”</p> <p>“You Don’t Have to Ride Jim Crow When Making a Trip on Interstate Passenger Crossing a Line” – Distributed by Greyhound Bus Terminals</p>
509A	8	<p>No File Number, dated 1951 Correspondence: Segregation Related</p> <p>Newspaper Article: <i>Minneapolis Morning Tribune</i>: “How Far From Slavery? Liberty Vanishes as Train Roars Into Georgia”, Monday, March 5, 1951, by Carl T. Rowan. Article describes Rowan’s experience with Jim Crow laws and question of segregation at the Macon (Georgia) Terminal Station.</p>