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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 as to their contents.

Box	File	Contents – Ernest E. Norris President's Files, 1945
514	10,489, 10,490, 10,491	No File Number, dated 1945 – 1947 (3 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Consecutive File of S.E.P.C. Letters for 1945
514	10,492, 10,493	No File Number, dated 1945 – 1952 (2 Files) Correspondence: Office of The President, The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company, Directors' Minutes
514	10,494	No File Number, dated 1945 – 1949 Correspondence: General File – Charleston, South Carolina Bulletin No. TM-93 re: Operating Rule No. 2 re: use of watches that have been examined and certified by a designated inspector must be used by train dispatchers, conductors, enginemen, trainmen, firemen, hostlers, yardmasters, yardmen, switch tender, operators, levermen, track cars, and such other employee as may be designated. Discontinue use of yellow slips and request trip passes Safe Movement of Trains Inspection of Turnouts

		<p>Train Derailment at Pineland, South Carolina</p> <p>Shortage of 85 lb. Switch Material</p> <p>Police investigation of packing being removed from journal boxes</p> <p>Injury to extra gang laborer on Washington Division</p>
514	10,495	<p>No File Number, dated 1945 – 1946</p> <p>Correspondence: Instructions to Foremen - General</p>
514	10,496	<p>File No. State 123, dated 1945 – 1946</p> <p>Correspondence: State University Railroad</p> <p>Reconstruction of Underpass, M.P. JO.3, North Carolina Route 70 Between Durham and Hillsboro</p>
514	10,497, 10,498, 10,499	<p>File No. 1-6, dated 1945 – 1948 (3 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Western Union Telegraph Company</p> <p>January 2, 1945 to and including December 1948</p>
515	10,500, 10,501, 10,502	<p>File No. 1-8, Section 3, dated 1221945 – 1947 (3 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Railway Express Agency</p> <p>General File – July 15, 1945 to March 3, 1947</p>
515	10,503, 10,504, 10,505	<p>File No. 1-63, dated 1945 – 1950 (3 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Newspaper Clippings – General from January 8, 1945 to December 21, 1950</p>
516	10,506, 10,507, 10,508, 10,509	<p>File No. 1-71, dated 1945 – 1951 (4 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Southern Railway Company</p> <p>Leasing and Acquisition of Various Properties & Rights of Way, October 5, 1945 to December 28, 1951</p>
516	10,510, 10,511, 10,512, 10,513	<p>File No. 1-104, dated 1945 – 1955 (4 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Requests for Authorities from October, 1945 to February, 1955</p>
516	10,513A	<p>File No. 1-161, 1-161-1 & 1-161-2, dated 1945 – 1949</p> <p>Correspondence: Purchasing Equipment</p>
517	10,514	<p>File No. 1-354, dated 1945 – 1953</p> <p>Correspondence: Alabama State Docks Board</p>
517	10,515	<p>File No. 1-356, dated 1945 – 1977</p> <p>Correspondence: Southern Railway Company\ Clinch field Railroad</p> <p>Papers of: Earnest E. Norris Harry A. DeButts D. William Brosnan W. Graham Claytor, Jr.</p>
517	10,516	<p>File No. 1-382, dated 1945 – 1978</p> <p>Correspondence: Southern Railway Company</p> <p>Interline Settlements</p>

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517	10,517, 10,518	<p>File No. 1-383, dated 1945 – 1964 (2 Files) Correspondence: Southern Railway Company Trackage Rights Holston Ordnance Works, Kingsport, Tennessee</p>
517	10,519, 10,520	<p>File No. 1-390, dated 1945 – 1968 (2 Files) Correspondence: Southern Railway Company Inquiries received inquiring as to History of Southern and Related Lines Papers of: Earnest E. Norris Harry A. DeButts, D. William Brosnan W. Graham Claytor, Jr.</p>
518	10,521, 10,522, 10,523	<p>File No. 1-391, dated 1945 – 1967 (3 Files) Correspondence: Lauderdale Yards Depot, Memphis, Tennessee Relocation of L.C.L. Facilities from Freight Station to Forrest Yard Storehouse Appraisal Southern Railway Madison and Lauderdale, Memphis, Tennessee (2 copies) Appraisal of Southern Railway Lauderdale Yards, Memphis, Tennessee by Bethel Hunt, Jr. of Memphis Realty Company</p>
518	10,524, 10,525, 10,526, 10,527, 10,528	<p>File No. 1-408, Part 1, dated 1945 – 1963 Correspondence: Proposed abandonment of Georgia and Florida Railroad due to labor troubles, August 1945</p>
519	10,529	<p>File No. 1-496, dated 1945 – 1964 Correspondence: “The Wreck of the Old 97” Newspapers: Richmond Times-Dispatch, Sunday, September 27, 1964, article entitled “61 Years Ago Today, Facts, Ballads of Old ‘97’ Recalled” The Spartanburg Herald, Monday, April 30, 1962, article entitled ‘Old Ninety-Seven’...Remember The Tale?” Letters advising of the program adopted by the Danville Council of Garden Clubs for beautifying the city and, particularly, the area made famous by the wreck of old ‘97. Letter re: Columbia Pictures is now making a movie titled “Miss</p>

		Casey Jones” in which the wreck of the old '97 is to be featured. The movie will star Ernie Kovacs, Doris Day and Jack Lemmon. Memorandum of “Old 97” details of the wreck, how it happened, the song and lawsuit.
519	10,530, 10,531, 10,532	File No. 1-1652, dated 1945 – 1968 (3 Files) Correspondence: Tennessee Central Railway For Sale
519	10,533	File No. 1-138, dated 1945 – 1947 Correspondence: John Dickinson, General Counsel for The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, sent a copy to Mr. Norris of the transcript of arguments presented to the Federal District Court on December 10, 11 and 12, in the Pullman case.
520	10,534	File No. 51,310, Binder No. 2, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southern Railway Company Washington, Ohio and Western Railway, Bluemont Branch, Sale of Sale of this branch line to “The Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Company” for a consideration of \$70,000.00, from December 21, 1943 to 1945
520	10,535, 10,536, 10,537	File No. S-General, dated 1945 – 1947 (3 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference General File, January 11, 1945 to April 26, 1951
521	10,538, 10,539, 10,540, 10,541, 10,542	File No. S-9, dated 1945 – 1946 (5 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference Interregional Advertising
521	10,543	File No. S-65, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference Membership in Army Transportation Association
521	10,544	File No. S-67, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference Restricting Passenger Train Service
521	10,545	File No. S-69, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference Shortage of Clothing and Gloves for Railroad Men
521	10,546	File No. S-71, dated 1945 – 1950 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference Standing Committee of (5) on labor to represent the Southeastern Railroads and to serve in advisory capacity for the Bureau of Information of Southeastern Railways
521	10,547	File No. S-76, dated 1945 – 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents’ Conference Anti-Trust Relief Bill No. 2536
521	10,548	File No. S-77, dated 1945

		Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference (S.E.P.C.) Study entitled "Enemy Hours" published by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen
521	10,549	File No. S-78, dated 1945 – 1950 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference – General File European Railroad Executives Touring the United States
521	10,550	File No. S-79, dated 1945 – 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Passenger Fares
522	10,551	File No. S-80, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Shortening Troop Train Schedules
522	10,552	File No. S-81, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference 1945 Wage and Rules Case
522	10,553	File No. S-82, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Labor cases handled before the National Railroad Adjustment Board
522	10,554	File No. S-83, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Railroad Retirement Board Unemployment Insurance Claims
522	10,555	File Numbers S-84 and S-85, dated 1945 – 1955 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference File No. S-84: Application for positions – no documents in this file, cover only with note "papers taken by J.H. Reynolds, March 15, 1955" File No. S-85: Central of Georgia re: building equipment in our railroad shops The Association of Western Railways re: Contracting out of repairs to General Motors of Diesel Electric Locomotives and Equipment
522	10,556	File No. S-86, dated 1945 – 1953 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Government subsidies for municipal airports, highways, waterways Project Adequate Roads
522	10,557	File No. S-87, dated 1945 – 1949 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Increase in salary of J.J. Quinn, Chairman, National Perishable Freight Committee and Joint Bureaus
522	10,558, 10,559,	File No. S-88, dated 1945 – 1953 (4 Files) Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference

	10,560, 10,561	National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners
523	10,562	File No. S-89, dated 1945 – 1949 Correspondence: Contributions to the Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association) Pamphlet: "Blue Ridge Training Center"
523	10,563	File No. S-90, dated 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Requests to be put on S.E.P.C. mailing list for various bulletins and pamphlets
523	10,564	File No. S-91, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Brownell Travel Bureau, Birmingham, Alabama, re: street display window facilities
523	10,565	File No. S-92, dated 1945 – 1946 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Southeast Shippers Advisory Board
523	10,566	File No. S-93, dated 1945- 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Correspondence: National Legislature Matters
523	10,567	File No. S-95, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Treatment of Cross Ties and Bridge Timbers
523	10,568	File No. S-96, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Cigarette Smoking – Jamaica Hospital News reports practical and scientific study and observations shows harmful effects which so often result from smoking.
523	10,569	File No. S-97, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Rules for feeding livestock in transit
523	10,570	File No. S-98, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Refrigerator Car-Hire
523	10,571	File No. S-99, dated 1945 – 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Georgia Forestry Association
523	10,572	File No. S-100, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Troop sleeping and troop kitchen cots
523	10,573	File No. S-101, dated 1945 – 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Possible conflict of interest between Southeastern Presidents' Conference and various organizations concerned with the St. Lawrence River, so-called Sea-Way
523	10,574	File No. S-102, dated 1945 – 1946

		Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Senate Bill 1606, Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, to provide for a national health program
523	10,575	File No. S-103, dated 1945 Correspondence: Western Association of Railway Executives Minutes of Meetings
523	10,576	File No. S-104 Correspondence: Tax Foundation, Inc. Contributions Note: Above File in Office of Association of Southeastern Railroads, Washington, D.C. Cover only, no documents in this file
523	10,577	File No. S-105, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Refrigerator Car Design
523	10,578	File No. S-107, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference "Systematized Protection for Earned Revenue", paper written by L.S. Gannon
523	10,579	File No. S-108, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference American Standards Association
523	10,580	File No. S-110, dated 1945 Correspondence: Note: This file transferred to file S-87 on October 2, 1946 Cover only, no documents in this file
523	10,581	File No. S-111, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance
523	10,582	File No. S-112, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Pullman Conductors Wage Dispute, July 1946
523	10,583	File No. S-113, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Herald Tribune Forum on Current Problems to be held at Waldorf Astoria on October 28, 29, and 30, 1946
523	10,584	File No. S-120, dated 1945 Correspondence: Contributions to National Live Stock Loss Prevention Board
523	10,585	File No. S-124, dated 1945 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Increase of 14 cents per hour effective May 15, 1946 to non-operating employees
523	10,586	File No. S-125, dated 1945 Correspondence: Firemen, Conductors and Switchmen's Union
523A	1	File No. 1-91-5-New Royal Palm, dated 1945 Correspondence: New Royal Palm

		<p>Report: Revenues & Direct Expenses from Operation of the New Royal Palm, Cincinnati, Ohio to Jacksonville, Florida, Season 1954 – 1955 versus Season 1953 – 1954.</p> <p>Advertisement: New Royal Palm seen in the December 1951 issue of <i>Trains and Travel Magazine</i> and the November 1951 issue of <i>The Official Guide</i>.</p> <p>Brochure: The New Royal Palm</p>