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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, D. William Brosnan, and W. Graham Claytor 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, 1947
527	10,607, 10,608, 10,609	File No. 1-8, dated 1947 – 1948 (3 Files) Correspondence: General File: Railway Express Agency, Inc. Address by Robert G. Hendon, Manager, Prevention and Security Department, Railway Express Agency, Inc., Before the Silver Jubilee Meeting, Great Lakes Regional Advisory Board, Toledo, Ohio, March 23, 1948 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, April 7, 1948 Pamphlet: "Wheels" published by American Car and Foundry Company, March – April, 1948 Summary of Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Directors for Railway Express Agency, Incorporated
527	10,610, 10,611	File No. 1-84, dated 1947 – 1967 (2 Files) Correspondence: General File Donation of the City of Durham of a part of Southern leasehold right-of-way in that City Proposed extension to Peabody Street, Durham, North Carolina Discontinuance of Agency at Concord, Georgia Station platform at Russellville, Alabama is of wooden construction and in poor condition – too decayed to repair Charlotte Passenger Station (New Depot)

		Parking facilities north of Third Street and east of College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina
527	10,612, 10,613,	File No. 1-88, dated 1947 – 1952 (5 Files) Correspondence: General File
528	10,614,	Mr. Smith of Norfolk & Western protesting plan to put
528	10,615,	Birmingham-New York sleeper on trains 47 and 48
528	10,616	Government agency undertaking study to help railroads eliminate their passenger deficits Booklet: "Factors Affecting Freight Rates on Agricultural Commodities: The Railroad Passenger Deficit" Real estate property at Haymarket, Virginia Newspaper articles re: New Crescent: Southern completed streamlining of its all-Pullman New York – New Orleans Crescent Streamlined Trains Financing Southern Railway Passenger Equipment Improving Service of the Crescent Limited
528	10,617, 10,618, 10,619	File No. 1-130, dated 1947 – 1949 (3 Files) Correspondence: General File Newspaper Clippings: <i>The Kentucky Time Star</i> published at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 3, 1949 entitled "Kenton Firm Acquires Dixie Highway Property" <i>Gadsden Times</i> published at Gadsden, Alabama, August 18, 1947 entitled "Mill Is First Set For South: 300 Expected to Get Republic Jobs; Urgent Need for Product Revealed" <i>Kingsport News</i> published at Kingsport, Tennessee, March 2, 1949 entitled "Survey Shows Small Layoff in Kingsport" – Tennessee Eastman Corporation laid off approximately 1200 employees <i>The Atlanta Journal</i> published at Atlanta, Georgia, December 21, 1949 entitled "Kroger to Build Large New Warehouse Here" General Motors B-O-P Division operation for the year 1949 tonnage per carload for 1949 report Proposed purchase from Argonaut Realty Division, General Motors Corporation, of approximately 76 1/4 acres of land adjoining General Motors Assembly Plant at Doraville, Georgia, December 22, 1949 Freight Traffic Department Reports Freight Tariff of Southern Railway Company Local Rates on Circus Companies and Show Outfits as Published Herein, Issued November 1, 1949, Effective November 9, 1949 – Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc. The Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry Transportation Committee, Bulletin No. 204, "Way to Ship", August, 1949, Package Car Service from Chicago

		<p>Record of handling cars to and from Chevrolet Motor Company's plant at Atlanta, 1949</p> <p>Comparative Statement of Revenue Freight Loaded and Received from Connections four weeks ending May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1949</p> <p>Statement Show Present Status of Operations At Pulp And Paper Mills, Also Board Plants, Served by Southern Railway System Lines</p> <p>Oil, Gas and Mineral Development in Tennessee</p>
528	10,620, 10,621	<p>File No. 1-138, dated 1947 – 1948 (2 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: The Pullman Company – General File</p> <p>Meeting Minutes of Executive Committee re: Dividends</p> <p>Stockholders Meetings</p> <p>Special Stockholders Meetings Called</p> <p>Contract Roads</p> <p>Net Income Statements</p> <p>Pullman Sleeping Car Service</p> <p>Southern Railway System will purchase Pullman Cars</p> <p>Closing Agreement Between Pullman Incorporated and Certain Railroads</p> <p>Escrow Agreement Between Pullman Incorporated and The Pullman Company, June 30, 1947</p>
529	10,622	<p>File No. 1-184, dated 1947 – 1954</p> <p>Correspondence: North Charleston Terminal Company</p> <p>Charleston Union Station</p>
529	10,623	<p>File No. 1-487, dated 1947 – 1948</p> <p>Correspondence: MP 20.5, Richfield, North Carolina Valuation Section 30, construction of flashing light crossings signals at North Carolina Route 49</p>
529	10,624, 10,625,	<p>File No. 1-150-4, dated 1947 – 1945 (2 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Association of American Railroads Statement of Revenue cars undergoing repairs or awaiting repairs.</p> <p>Location Summary</p> <p>Car Service Division</p>
529	10,626,	<p>File No. 1-575, dated 1947 – 1951</p> <p>Correspondence: Savannah & Atlanta Railroad</p> <p>Petition of the Georgia Railway and the Georgia Public Service Commission, I.C.C. reopened its decision which approved plan of purchase by the Central of Georgia Railway.</p>
529	10,627, 10,628	<p>File No. 1-601, dated 1947 – 1967 (2 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Intercity Auto-Train Service</p> <p>Earnest E. Norris</p> <p>Harry A DeButts</p> <p>D. William Brosnan</p>
530	10,629, 10,630,	<p>File No. 1-161-1, dated 1947 – 1952 (3 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Freight Car Program – General File</p>

	10,631	<p>American Railway Car Institute Department of Commerce, Office of Industry Cooperation "A Request Under Public Law 395, 80th Congress for Allocation of Steel Products for Construction of Domestic Freight Cars and the Repair of Railroad Rolling Stock" I.C.C., No. 29669, Car Service-Freight Cars Fruit Growers Express Company invitation to inspect a new light weight aluminum super-structure refrigerator car</p>
530	10,632	<p>File No. 1-662, dated 1947 – 1968 Correspondence: Tennessee Railroad – General File Movement of coal for Tennessee Valley Authority at Kingston Plant, Emory Gap, Tennessee Section 22 rate on coal to T.V.A. at Emory Gap, Tennessee Reports: Tennessee Railroad Company, Operating Statement, October, 1956 Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1956 Net Income or Loss for 1948 – 1955 Securities Outstanding First Mortgage Bonds Notes Outstanding</p>
530	10,633	<p>File No. 1-668, dated 1947 – 1954 Correspondence: Ernest Norris Yard, Birmingham, Alabama – General File W.A. Johnston, President of Illinois Central Railroad visits Earnest Norris Yard, February, 1954 Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Poster entitled "They all say..." "Gee Whiz What a Yard!" re: Earnest Norris Yard costs over \$9 million August 29, 1952, the operation of Ernest Norris Yard when placed in service, will be under the jurisdiction of the Birmingham Division of Southern Railway Company. Photographs: Aerial black and white photograph of Ernest Norris Yard taken by Charlie Preston Studios of Birmingham, Alabama Black and white photograph of Diesel Locomotive Shop, Ernest Norris Yard reproduced from a perspective drawn by Harry T. Bell Blueprints/Drawings – Ernest Norris Yard The Alabama Great Southern Railroad</p>
530	10,634	<p>File No. S-114, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeast Presidents' Conference Commissions to travel agents Member Letters from these companies: Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company Central of Georgia Railway Company Interstate Railroad Company</p>

		<p>Norfolk Southern Railway Company Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Company Piedmont and Northern Railway Company Durham and Southern Railway Company Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company Illinois Central Railroad Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Florida East Coast Railway Company Atlanta & West Point Railroad Company The Western Railway of Alabama Georgia Railroad Clinch field Railroad Company The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Georgia and Florida Railroad</p>
530	10,635	<p>File No. S-115, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Supplemental Petition by Railway Express Agency for Increased Rates. Ex Parte 163</p>
530	10,636	<p>File No. S-116, dated 1947 – 1949 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Complaints by Montgomery Ward Company on the handling of L.C.L. shipments by railroads in the Chicago, Illinois area</p>
530	10,637	<p>File No. S-117, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Wage Increase Demands – Non –operating Unions, May, 1947</p>
530	10,638	<p>File No. S-118, dated 1947 – 1953 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Pan American Railroad Congress</p>
530	10,639	<p>File No. S-119, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Extension of Eastern Standard Time Zone</p>
530	10,640	<p>File No. S-121, dated 1947 – 1949 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Department of Justice suit vs. Railroads for excessive freight charges during World War II</p>
531	10,641	<p>File No. S-122, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference No standards set for size of waiting room, toilet rooms, etc.</p>
531	10,642	<p>File No. S-123, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Possible reactivation of the Railway Military Battalions The War Department</p>
531	10,643	<p>File No. S-126, dated 1947 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Contribution to the Louisville Safety Council</p>

531	10,644	File No. S-127, dated 1947 – 1953 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Per diem charges on freight cars Member Roads of the S.E.P.C. meeting minutes, April 23, 1953
531	10,645	File No. 138, dated 1947 Correspondence: Pullman Company Closing Agreement between Pullman Incorporated and Certain Railroads Escrow Agreement between Pullman Incorporated and The Pullman Company
531	10,646	File No. 138, dated 1947 – 1951 Correspondence: Pullman Company Development and Performance of the P-S Cushion Under Frame Report
531	10,647	File No. 27925-A, dated 1947 Correspondence: Brunswick, Georgia re: Joint Use of Terminal Facilities Southern – A.C.L. Railroad Company from June 24, 1947
531	10,647A	File No. 1-57-Misc., dated 1947 – 1950 Correspondence: Dining Car Service Menus: Southern Railway System Breakfast Menu with drawing of antebellum mansion on the cover with inscription on the back cover stating: <i>You're Being Imposed Upon</i> re: 15 percent Federal Transportation Tax imposed during World War II to discourage travel. Seaboard Air Line Railroad <i>Route of the Streamliners</i> , Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Menus Pamphlets "Something New in Dining Car Service" – Read before entering diner, and "What They're Saying About Single Entrée Service", and "Steps we're taking to Improve Dining Car Service", Pennsylvania Railroad Magazine: "Wheels: American Car and Foundry Company"
531A	1	File No. 1-624, dated 1947 – 1972 Correspondence: Trackage rights by Southern Railway over Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company
531A	2	No File Number, dated 1947 – 1963 Correspondence: Control of The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company by The Southern Railway Company Brochures/Bulletins/Pamphlets/Magazines/Maps: " Brochures: The Metropolitan Cincinnati Market", Issued June, 1948, by <i>The Cincinnati Times-Star</i> "Some Early Transportation History Associated With Cincinnati,

		<p>Ohio” by Chas. W. Braden</p> <p>Bulletins: August 1947, “The Third Union Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio”</p> <p>Magazines: “Cincinnati ...”The Queen City of the West” <i>Is No Boom Town...</i>by C.M. Robertson, Jr., President, The Ralph H. Jones Co., Cincinnati</p> <p>Pamphlets: “Cincinnati’s New Union Terminal Now in Service” by Walter S. Lacher, Engineering Editor, <i>Railway Age</i> <i>“Cincinnati in Black and White”</i> <i>“Looking at Cincinnati”</i> <i>“Make your move to the area on the move Cincinnati”</i></p> <p>Maps: Industrial Areas Metropolitan Cincinnati published by Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce - 1954</p>
531A	3,4,5,6	<p>No File Number, dated 1947 – 1949 (4 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: The Pullman Company Uniform Service Contract Between The Pullman Company and Southern Railway Company, Effective July 1, 1949.</p> <p>The Pullman Company Net Income for the Month of October 1947, 1946, and for the months ended October 31, 1947 and 1946, separate page for November 1947 and 1946.</p> <p>Uniform Service Contract Dated March 15, 1949.</p> <p>Condensed Report on Formula for Determining The Pullman Company’s Service Charges for Sleeping & Parlor Car Operations in the United States and Canada, Appendix B also included, August 16, 1948.</p> <p>Appendix A for Determining the Pullman Company’s Service Charges, August 16, 1948.</p>
531B	7, 8	<p>File No. 1-91-30, dated 1947 – 1951 (2 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 24 and 25 List of Alleged Protestants as shown in Petitions on File with the Georgia Public Service Commission</p>
531B	9	<p>File No. 1-91-36, dated 1947</p> <p>Correspondence: Telegram re: Ft. Valley (torn with part of the telegram missing)</p>
531B	10, 11	<p>File No. 1-161-2, dated 1947 – 1957 (2 Files)</p> <p>Correspondence: Pullman Company Advertising 1957 Media Recommendations for The Pullman Company 1948 Advertising Recommendations for The Pullman Company</p>

		<p>Report: Joint Pullman - Railroad Committee at the annual meeting of the American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers, October 11, 1956.</p>
531C	12	<p>File No. 1-64, dated 1947 – 1950 Correspondence: Harry A. DeButts, Vice President re: Railway Mail Service Comprehensive Plan of the Postmaster General of the United States for the Transportation of United States Post Office, October 16, 1950.</p> <p>Mail Handling Stations List</p> <p>Report: Authorized Mail Service by Trains, Southern Railway System, April 1948 compared with April 1947.</p> <p>Petition for Increase in Rates of Compensation for Transportation of United States mail by Railroad Companies.</p>
531C	13 & 14	<p>File No. 1-91-24, dated 1947 – 1951 (2 Files) Correspondence: Harry A. DeButts, Vice President re: Passenger Train Discontinuance Petition of Southern Railway Company to discontinue passenger trains No. 1 and 2 between Sheffield and Parrish, Alabama.</p> <p>Legal Documents: In the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Southern Railway Company v. Alabama Public Service Commission.</p> <p>Application of Southern Railway Company to Discontinue Operation of Certain Passenger Train Service (Schedules Nos. 1 and 2) between Sheffield and Parrish, Alabama.</p>
531C	15	<p>File No. 1-197, dated 1947 – 1950 Correspondence: Time Zone “Standard Time Zone Investigation – No. 10122 – as decided August 25, 1947.”</p> <p>Maps: Southern Railway System, 1947 Southern Railway System, 1948</p>
531D	16, 17	<p>File No. 1-57-1, dated 1947 – 1960 (2 Files) Correspondence: Passenger Service, Dining Car Complaints, Refusal of Service, and Violation of Procedures</p>
531D	18	<p>File No. 1-57-3, dated 1947 – 1948 Correspondence: Passenger Service, Dining Car Complaints</p>

531D	19,20,21	File No. 1-91 Misc., dated 1947 – 1951 Correspondence: Status of Applications for Discontinuance of Passenger Train Service
531D	22,23,24 ,25	File No. 1-91 Misc., dated 1947 – 1952 (4 Files) Correspondence: Passenger Train Discontinuance North Carolina Railroad Association Newsletter
531D	26	File No. 1-91-2, dated 1947 – 1950 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 17 and 18 between Asheville and Murphy, North Carolina
531E	27,28,29	File No. 1-91-4, dated 1947 -1970 (3 Files) Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains Applications & Legal Documents: Southern Court of Appeals of Virginia, Case No. 4349, Southern Railway Company vs Commonwealth of Virginia et al., February 14, 1955. Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, Case No. 11770, Application of Southern Railway Company for Authority to Discontinue Trains 7 & 14 Between Richmond and Danville, Virginia. Testimony of Mr. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr., Executive Vice President, State Planters Bank & Trust Company, Richmond, Virginia. Supreme Court of Appeals at Richmond, Case NO. 3875, Southern Railway Company v. Commonwealth of Virginia, June 26, 1951.
531E	30	File No. 1-91-6, dated 1947 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 11 & 12
531E	31	File No. 1-91-7, dated 1947 – 1949 Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission, No. 29845, Increases in Alabama Freight Rates and Charges
531E	32	File No. 1-91-12, dated 1947 Correspondence: Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission – Discontinuance of Trains
531E	33,34	File No. 1-91-13, dated 1947 – 1955 (2 Files) Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 43 & 44 Documents relating to discontinuance of route between Cincinnati and New Orleans
531E	35	File No. 1-91-14, dated 1947 Correspondence: Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission – Discontinuance of Trains
531F	36	File No. 1-91-5, dated 1947 – 1958

		Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 26 & 27 Between Macon and Brunswick, Georgia Newspaper ads for the "Cracker"
531F	37	File No. 1-91-6, dated 1947 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 1 & 4 Between Bristol and Knoxville Letter from Irving Bacon expressing displeasure in schedule changes in trains 1 & 4, also one from Clara Sherwood.
531F	38	File No. 1-91-18, dated 1947 Correspondence: Revenues and Direct Expenses of Passenger Trains Nos. 1 & 2 Between Knoxville, Tennessee and Oakdale, Tennessee, Month of March 1947; January and February 1947.
531F	39	File No. 1-91-25, dated 1947 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 3 and 4, Norfolk to Danville, Virginia
531F	40	File No. 1-91-26, dated 1947 – 1948 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 31 and 32, Atlanta to Chattanooga
531F	41	File No. 1-91-27, dated 1947 – 1953 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 15 and 16, Cincinnati to Chattanooga Letter from the <i>Georgian News</i> Copies of "What Would You Do?" ad to explain reasons for train discontinuance.
531F	42	File No. 1-91-28, dated 1947 – 1950 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 11 and 12, Columbia to Charleston. Application of Southern Railway Company to Discontinue Operation of Passenger Trains 11 & 12 Between Charleston, South Carolina and Columbia, South Carolina.
531F	43,44	File No. 1-91-29, dated 1947 – 1955 (2 Files) Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains 13 and 14, Winston-Salem and No. Wilkesboro, North Carolina Letter from Robert M. Hanes, President, Wachovia Bank Report: Revenues and Direct Expenses, Passenger Trains 13 and 14 Between Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
531F	45	File No. 1-281, dated 1947 – 1953 Correspondence: Banana Business

		Improvement in the volume of banana tonnage handled over lines out of Charleston, South Carolina.
531F	46	File No. 1-95-1. Dated 1947 Correspondence: Lima Locomotive Works, Shovel & Crane Division Photographs: 8 Black & White builder photos of cranes being used on Southern Railway
531F	47	File No. 1-231, dated 1947 – 1948 Correspondence: General File Watermelon Transportation Business: Watermelons Loaded and Received From Connections Season 1948 – Compared with Previous Years 1946 Watermelon Statistics Paying Claims on Watermelons