

**Southern Museum of Civil War
And
Locomotive History Archives & Library**

**Southern Railway Historical Association Collection of Southern Railway
President's Files: Earnest E. Norris, 1937 - 1951
LMS2003.009**

Provenance: The Southern Railway Historical Association loaned these records in 2003.

Single photocopies are available for research purposes only for a nominal fee. A list of applicable fees can be found on our website www.southernmuseum.org and then click on **Duplication Services Fee Schedule**.

Sallie Loy and volunteers processed these papers in 2006 - 2008.

Description: This series consists of correspondence and business files of Earnest E. Norris, President of Southern Railways 1937 – 1951 with 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, 1951
547	10,787	File No. 22, dated 1951 – 1958 Correspondence: Gross tons per locomotive mile through freights and locals
547	10,788	File No. 130, dated 1951 – 1962 Correspondence: Blocton, Alabama Retirement of tracks Nos. 7-2, 5, 6, 8-10 (including coal trestle) Sale of abandoned right-of-way to C.E. McSpadder and wife by deed dated October 20, 1954 (this land formerly used as right-of-way for track constructed in 1910 to serve Hills Creek Coal Company
547	10,789	File No. 509, dated 1951 – 1954 Correspondence: Carbon copies of depreciation entries, original of which are spread on journals of auditor
547	10,790	File No. S-167, dated 1951 Correspondence: Regarding train dispatches raise of \$50.00 per month and additional vacation days
547	10,791	File No. 1-11, dated 1951 – 1961 Correspondence: President's office supplies ordered Dictaphone Time-Master dictating and transcribing machines Letterheads from Cullom & Gherner Company, Nashville, TN Estimates for furnishing President's Reception Room in

		Washington, D.C. Red leather pillow Two drawer letter file, walnut, with lock Underwood Typewriter Ribbons, etc.
547	10,792	File No. 1-1162, dated 1951 – 1969 Correspondence: Construction of wheel shop for Central and Western Lines Grit blast shed to car shop at Coster Shop Includes: diagram for proposed additional track for Coster Shop, Knoxville, Tennessee Photo of tractor
547	10,793	File No. S-168, dated 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Book: "Rates of Return-Class I Line-Haul Railways of the United States, 1921 – 1948". Book based on a study conducted by the University of Pittsburgh at the request of the Eastern Railroad Presidents' Conference
547	10,794	File No. S-169, dated 1951 Correspondence: Keeping local freight stations open on February 22, 1951 to expedite car unloading
547	10,795	File No. S-170, dated 1951 – 1952 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Letters and secretary responses regarding the Union Shop Agreement
547	10,796	File No. S-171, dated 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Railroad correspondence regarding charging for handling baggage
547	10,797	File No. S-172, dated 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Railroads regarding a meeting with the Defense Committee discussing increased authority to transport explosives
547	10,798	File No. S-173, dated 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Letter to Mr. J.H. Reynolds, Secretary of the Southeastern Presidents' Conference asking him to look over a draft of "The Associations of Railroad Officers, Railroad Clubs, and Railroad Supply Organizations in the U.S.A. and Canada".
547	10,799	File No. S-174, dated 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Letter from Thomas Parker, Jr. regarding information requested for an essay contest
547	10,800	File No. S-175, dated 1951 Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Between railways concerning contributions to the 100 th Anniversary of the American Society of Civil Engineers
547	10,801	File No. S-176, dated 1951 – 1952

		Correspondence: Southeastern Presidents' Conference Between railroads of the Southeastern Presidents' Conference regarding the Military Traffic Service in connection with the Government Transportation Contract and Proposed Section 5A Agreement
547	10,802	File No. S-177, dated 1951 Correspondence: Excerpt from Meeting of Board of Directors, Association of American Railroads regarding a formal pension plan for employees of the Association
547	10,803	File No. 1-1084, dated 1951 – 1962 Correspondence: Moral Leadership Program pamphlet for Southern Railway supervisors
547A	1 & 2	File No. 1-126, dated 1951 – 1954 (2 Files) Correspondence: Compliments and Complaints
547A	3	File No. 1-91-53, dated 1951 – 1954 Correspondence: Train Discontinuance Application of Southern Railway Company for authority to discontinue passenger coach on Sundays only. Trains Nos. 15 and 16, between Rome and Etna, Georgia (Georgia – Alabama State Line), September 5, 1951. Telegram: April 9, 1954 from Mr. Brosnan to J.T. Moon, W.W. Simpson, and H.W. Bondurant to arrange discontinue mixed service Mobile Division trains 15 and 16 between Rome and Wilton after last trips Saturday, April 10 th , in accordance Bondurant's wire date concerning authority from Georgia Commission and order of Alabama Commission dated March 11 th .
547A	4	File No. 1-91-55, dated 1951 Correspondence: Train Discontinuance Petition of Southern Railway Company to Discontinue Operation of Passenger Trains Nos. 5 & 8 between Greensboro and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Copies of "For Your Information" ad explaining train discontinuance.
547A	5	File No. 1-91-56, dated 1951 Correspondence: Train Discontinuance Proposed discontinuance of passenger coach on mixed trains 5 and 6 between Lula and Athens, Georgia
547A	6	File No. 1-91-57, dated 1951 Correspondence: Train Discontinuance Proposed discontinuance of passenger coach on mixed trains 3 and 4 between Toccoa and Elberton, Georgia.
547A	7	File No. 1-91-58, dated 1951 Correspondence: Train Discontinuance

		Discontinuance of passenger service on mixed trains 71 and 72, between Rock Hill and Kingville, South Carolina
547B	8	File No. 46421, dated 1951 Correspondence: Unprofitable Passenger Trains – General: Interstate Commerce Commission Report Class Rate Investigation, 1939, dated July 26, 1951.
547B	9	File No. 1-64, dated 1951 Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission Reports Before the Interstate Commerce Commission Railway Mail Pay Comprehensive Plan of the Postmaster General of the United States for the Transportation of United States Mail by Railroad, July 2, 1948. United States Post Office Flyer: “Changes in Domestic Postage Rates, Special Service Fees, and Conditions Affecting Parcel Post, Effective January 1, 1952.”
547B	10	File No. 1-91-Misc., dated 1951 Correspondence: Operation Problems, Passenger, Manifest & Perishable Trains Correspondence to and from Harry A. DeButts, Vice President