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**Southern Railway Historical Association Collection of Southern Railway
President's Files: Harry A. DeButts, 1951 - 1962
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Description: This series consists of correspondence and business files of Harry A. DeButts, President of Southern Railways 1951 – 1962 with some overflow into D. William Brosnan era of leadership. Descriptions are representative samples in the collection and not detailed entirely as to their contents.

| Box | File | Contents – Harry A. DeButts President's Files, 1956 |
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| 561 | 10,895 | No File Number, dated 1956 – 1957 Correspondence: Southern Railway System Fare Tables One-Way Fares: Good for Transportation in Sleeping or Parlor Cars Also Good for Transportation in Coaches Only Table for Computing Round Trip Fares also Mileages Between Stations on the Charleston Division, Charleston, South Carolina to Columbia, South Carolina Columbia Division, Columbia, South Carolina to Spartanburg, South Carolina, Alston, South Carolina to Greenville, South Carolina Asheville Division, Spartanburg, South Carolina to Asheville, North Carolina Effective October 1, 1956 and October 1, 1957 |
| 561 | 10,896 | File No. 1-35 (Old File No. 5969), dated 1956 – 1960 Correspondence: Atlanta Terminal Company, Atlanta, Georgia |
| 561A | 1 | File No. 1-1183, dated 1956 – 1970 Correspondence: General File: Springs Cotton Mills Springs Mills Presents Springmaid Special, Lancaster and Chester Railway Company. In 1970, the L&C was 96 years old, had 80 pieces of rolling stock, 33 employees, and 29 miles of |

main line.

Brochures: Deluxe Service
Dining Car Service Menu
Springmaid Special (A Mini-Look at Springs)

Advertising Posters – 4 colored posters re: Springmaid Fabrics entitled:

“Beware the Goose!” – Springs Mills, Inc.

“A buck well spent on a Springmaid Sheet” – Springs Mills, Inc.,

“How to Make an Extra Buck” – Springs Mills, Inc.

“Protect Your Assets” – Springs Mills, Inc.

Photographs – 5, 8x10”, Black & White

- 1) “Strictly for Fun ---This is the lounge-dining car of a Gay Nineties train that Springs Mills brought to New York January 5 for textile market weeks in January and early February. The car has a player piano, oak bar (background), upholstered booths and chairs, tiffany lamps and marble-topped tables.”
- 2) “Victorian Elegance---If it’s fancy commuter train travel you’re after, this is the way to go first class. This Victorian parlor is part of the luxurious décor of a Gay Nineties train Springs Mills brought to New York today for textile market weeks. The early-Victorian opera chairs were made in New Orleans in the 1880s. They are covered in moss green velvet. The mirror has a gold gilt base with marble top. Sconces on either side of the mirror hold urns made in France in 1850.”
- 3) “Beats Day Coaches” ---These velvet-covered Victorian chairs provide relaxed comfort aboard a four-car Gay Nineties train that Springs Mills is using in its textile marketing program. Note the fancy French telephone at left rear.”
- 4) “Way to Go” ---For the fancy traveler, this day bed in the parlor of Gay Nineties train recalls the elegance and ease of another day. The walls are covered with silk moiré. Springs Mills is using the four-car train in its textile marketing program.”
- 5) “Old Phone” ---This ornate French telephone is part of the equipment on a four-car Gay Nineties train that Springs Mills is using in its textile marketing program. Phone rests on a marble-topped table.”

Expansions, New Offices and High Speed Loom Equipment

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| | | <p>Death of Springs Cotton Mill Founder: Col. Elliott Springs, Empire Builder, Dies, 1959 “The Springs Bulletin”, Thursday, November 5, 1959 dedicated to life and work of Col. Elliott Springs “In Tribute To The Memory of Elliott White Springs” – Unanimously adopted by Board of Directors of Southern Railway Company on October 27, 1959.</p> |
| 561A | 2 | <p>File No. 1-91-52, dated 1956 Correspondence: Proposed Discontinuance of Trains Application to discontinue Trains 11 and 12 between Greenville and Blacksburg, South Carolina.</p> <p>Hearings rescheduled in Georgia for discontinuance of Trains 26 and 27.</p> <p>Filed petition for re-hearing with the South Carolina Commission re: Trains 35 and 36.</p> <p>Story written by Bill Schafer entitled “The Death of A Local”.</p> |
| 561A | 3 | <p>File No. 1-91-54, dated 1956 – 1960 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Trains Petition of Southern Railway Company for Authority to Discontinue the Operation of Passenger Trains Nos. 9 and 10 between Columbia, South Carolina and Asheville, North Carolina.</p> <p>Correspondence with U.S. Senator George Smathers</p> <p>Brochure: Black Mountain, North Carolina</p> |
| 561A | 4 | <p>File No. 1-91-54, dated 1956 – 1960 Correspondence: Discontinuance of Train Nos. 9 and 10 Letter from Sam J. Ervin, Jr., North Carolina member of the United States Senate.</p> <p>Reaction from Camp Directors on discontinuance of train line and effect on their camps.</p> |
| 561A | 5 | <p>File No. 1-223, dated 1956 Correspondence: Various Railroad Post Office Problems</p> |
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