Guide to the Richard Clarke Foster scrapbook and papers
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Summary Information

Repository
University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama

Title
Richard Clarke Foster scrapbooks and papers

Date
circa 1941

Extent
1.0 Linear feet

Language
English

Abstract
Scrapbook and folder containing newspaper and magazine articles as well as tributes to Foster, who died four years after becoming president of the University of Alabama.

Preferred Citation note
Richard Clarke Foster scrapbooks, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Richard C. Foster, son of John M. and Mabel C. Foster, was born on 12 July 1895, in Demopolis, Alabama. He grew up in Tuscaloosa and Montgomery, Alabama, and was educated at the local public schools. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Alabama in 1914, and his LL.B. degree from the School of Law at Harvard University. After serving as an Artillery Captain in the U.S. Army during World War I, he returned to Tuscaloosa and began practicing law with his father, in the firm of Foster, Verner and Rice. In the early 1920s he married Lida Scarbrough; the couple had one daughter, Lida. Mrs. Foster died on 21 September 1936 just three weeks before Foster was chosen to be president of the University of Alabama on 11 October 1936. Foster himself died on 19 November 1941.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a scrapbook containing newspaper and magazine articles as well as tributes to Foster, who died four years after becoming the president of the University of Alabama. There is also a folder of photocopied correspondence, tributes, and newspaper clippings.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama February 2008

Revision Description

April 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Conditions Governing Use note
None

Provenance

Gift of Miss Marie Drolet, 1954-55

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Scrapbooks

Personal Name(s)

- Foster, Richard Clarke, 1895-1941

Subject(s)

- Education
- University of Alabama
- University of Alabama--Presidents
## Collection Inventory

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