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Newman Hosmer Waters, Sr. 1897-1973

Waters was a prominent real estate developer who built a number of drive-in movie theaters and theater houses in the Birmingham area in the 1930's and 1940's. He was a director of Southern Electric Steel Company, developer of Office Park, constructed numerous major office buildings in downtown Birmingham, and developed Eastwood Mall, the area's first indoor shopping mall, in 1960.

Waters was first president of the Downtown Club (1947), and chaired several Cerebral Palsy Telethons, the organization's project. He was active in the Downtown Improvement Association, serving as president in 1958.

N. H. Waters shared his wealth with many, including large contributions to Athens College and The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

These papers, mainly newspaper clippings, are organized with personal items first, followed by his major interests in chronological order.

- 1519.1.1 Summary of activities. Obituary. News Clippings.
- 1519.1.2 Committees. Recognition. News Clippings.
- 1519.1.3 Letters of appreciation.
- 1519.1.4 Membership cards and driver's permit.
Includes membership in Rotary Club,
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, The
Downtown Club, and Masons.
- 1519.1.5 Telegram and Contract. 1933.
The telegram regards an option on the
Fairfield Theatre; the contract concerns
property in Sylacauga.
- 1519.1.6 Theater Ownership. News Clippings.
- 1519.1.7 Association with Allied. Clipping.
- 1519.1.8 Downtown Club Activity. Spastic Aid.
This file contains clippings, programs, and
correspondence.
- 1519.1.9 Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Spastic Aid. Clippings.
- 1519.1.10 Downtown Club. News Clippings of activities.
- 1519.1.11 Birmingham Downtown Improvement Association, 1957-
1966. Brochure and Group Photograph.
- 1519.1.12 Birmingham Downtown Improvement Association. News
Clippings.
Topics included are "One City" and road jobs.
- 1519.1.13 Camellia Show (7th. 1959). Program.
- 1519.1.14 Eastwood Mall. Building, 1960. Sale, 1967. News
Clippings.
- 1519.1.15 Eastwood Mall Opening. August 25, 1960. News
Clippings.
- 1519.1.16 Eastwood Mall Story. Birmingham News. Text.

- 1519.1.17 Methodist Church Activities. Bulletin and Clippings.
- 1519.1.18 Birmingham-Southern College. N.H. Waters Chapel (1947).
- 1519.1.19 Southern Electric Steel Company. News Clippings.
- 1519.1.20 Office Park. 1955. Brochure and News Clippings.
- 1519.1.21 Buildings. News Clippings.

Articles about Waters Building at 4th Ave. and 21st St. North, McKesson Building, and Old Court House.

- 1519.1.22 Athens College. N.H. Waters Science Hall. 1956. Bulletins and Clipping.
- 1519.1.23 Athens College. Correspondence.
- 1519.1.24 Athens College. Chairman of the Board. News Clippings.

This file also includes an Annual Conference folder "Athens College - A Noble Past, A Stirring Present, and a Thrilling Future".

- 1519.1.25 Athens College. Photographs.

Includes the following:
 Virgil McCain and Waters
 Board of Trustees: Bill Young, Carl Martin, NHW, McCain, Price Hendrix, "Sweet Sue"
 Frank Soday, NHW, Perry James
 Inside wall going up for NHW Science Hall
 NHW Science Hall, Nov. 13, 1957
 Development Fund, Dr. Soday, Price Hendrix, Perry James, Tobe Woodruff, NHW
 Carl Martin, Jack Chitwood, EL McFee, Price Hendrix, Perry James, NHW, Frank Soday, Tobe Woodruff

- 1519.1.26 Athens College. Honorary Degree. Photographs and News Clipping.
- 1519.1.27 Athens College. News Clippings.

These articles relate to money given Athens College by NHW and later revoked (1968) following dispute over vote on civil rights compliance.

1519.1.28 University of Alabama at Birmingham. Resolutions and News Clippings.

Waters endowed a chair in Rheumatology and UAB dedicated a room in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Waters.

1519.1.29 Photographs. Miscellaneous.

Includes the following:
Snapshot of NHW and guests at Spastic Aid Party
Visit from Gene Autry (see 1519.1.10)
Vaughn Monroe

1519.1.30 News Clippings. Miscellaneous.

1519.1.31 The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Program and News Clippings.

1519.1.32 Rotary Club of Shades Valley. Correspondence.

1519.1.33 Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation Fund. News Clippings and Correspondence.

1519.1.34 Christian Children's Fund. Correspondence from Adopted Children.