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Biographical note :

Enoch Walter Sikes was born 19 May 1868 in Union County, North Carolina, the son of John C. and Jane Austin Sikes. After receiving his early education in the field schools of North Carolina, he graduated in 1891 from Wake Forest College with a Master of Arts degree in History. In 1894 he continued the study of history at Johns Hopkins University under Henry Adams and Woodrow Wilson. At Johns Hopkins, Sikes wrote his Doctoral dissertation entitled "The Transition of North Carolina from Colony to Commonwealth" and received the Ph.D. degree in 1897. Sikes returned to Wake Forest in 1897 to teach history and political science, and in 1900 married the daughter of the president of the college, Ruth Wingate. From their marriage two children, Ruth Janet and Walter, were born. In addition to the responsibilities of professor and father, Sikes served as a state Senator in the North Carolina legislature from 1910-11, and as Dean of Wake Forest during his last year at that institution. In 1916 Sikes accepted the presidency of Coker College at Hartsville, South Carolina, a post he kept until July 1925 when the Board of Trustees at Clemson College elected him as President. At Clemson, Sikes recommended many reforms, among them creation of a department of arts and sciences. He also served in leadership positions of civic and religious organizations, for example, Rotary, Kiwanis, and the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He retired in July 1940, died six months later, 9 January 1941, and was buried at Cemetery Hill in Clemson. The author of several books, Sikes also lectured on a variety of topics.

Series Description :

This series contains the correspondence files of Enoch Walter Sikes. Also found within the files are minutes of directors meetings, annual reports, departmental reports and budgets, employment agreements, photographs of some employees, and partial lists of cadets. Frequent correspondents include Clemson College Officials : H. W. Barre, director of research; F. H. H.

Calhoun, director of teaching; W. W. Long, director of the extension service; H. M. Stackhouse, professor and secretary of the Board of Fertilizer Control; trustees W. A. Barnett, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Wannamaker, and Senator Alan Johnstone ; college and university presidents like D. M. Douglas, University of South Carolina ; W. D. Hooper, University of Georgia ; Spright Dowell, Alabama Polytechnic Institute ; and W. J. McGlothlin, Furman University. Topics of the letters concern college affairs, for example, faculty housing, budget requests, fraternities, the construction of the physical education center, creation of the ceramic engineering department, hazing of cadets, and the Clemson-Furman football game ; and affairs of public and community interest such as memorial services for Walter M. Riggs, adult education, fertilizer quality, petition for a golf course, beautification of South Carolina highways, and the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

This series is arranged chronologically. Some files of subject correspondence that were begun during this time and were maintained during the presidency of Robert F. Poole are found in the Poole correspondence series. Copies of letters made by the thermofax photocopy method, and letters written on a newsprint of highly acidic stock, have been replaced with photocopies printed on archival quality bond. See the "Separation List" for a listing of photographs and oversized materials.

Subject Headings : (LC Tenth Ed.)

Adult education--South Carolina
Clemson University--Athletics
Clemson University--Ceramic Engineering Department
Clemson University--Curriculum

Clemson University--Football--History
Clemson University--History
Clemson University--Office of the President
Clemson University--Presidents
Evening and continuation schools--South Carolina
Forests and forestry--South Carolina
Illiteracy--South Carolina
Rural electrification--South Carolina
Tariff on Fertilizers--South Carolina

Added entries (Correspondents) :

William Augustus Barnette 1886-1962

Henry Walter Barre 1881-1969

Fred Harvey Hall Calhoun 1874-1959

Robert Muldrow Cooper 1887-1966

Alan Johnstone 1849-1929

William Williams Long 1861-1934

Walter Merritt Riggs 1873-1924

Enoch Walter Sikes 1868-1941

Joseph Emory Sirrine 1872-1947

Hugh Milton Stackhouse 1839-1936

John Edward Wannamaker 1851-1935

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Separation List

1. Photographs

Photographs of individuals that were attached to biographical information sheets:

Bernard B. Beatty, October 1948

Theodore Cooper, August 1928

Clarence H. Lomas, May 1928

Carl Walker Reeves, June 1928

Poultry plant at Clemson, 1929, 10 photographs

Weaving room, location not noted, 1928

2. Oversized papers

Blueprint of poultry plant, taken from the Report of the Poultry Division, 1929.