

**ENOCH WALTER SIKES    CORRESPONDENCE 1932-1941    SERIES 2**

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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 was 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. In 1900 he married Ruth Wingate, the daughter of the president of the college. 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 1910-1911, and as Dean of Wake Forest College 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 president. At Clemson, Sikes recommended many reforms, among them the 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.

**Description:**

This series contains the correspondence and related photographs of E. W. Sikes as President and President Emeritus. Frequent correspondents include members of the Board of Trustees: Paul Quattlebaum and James F. Byrnes; J. Rion McKissick, President of the University of South Carolina and Shelton Phelps, President of Winthrop College; and Olin D. Johnston, Governor of South Carolina. Topics of the letters concern tuition costs, interstate trade, a fertilizer audit and investigation, cotton spinning research, cotton

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marketing, rural electrification, and forestry in South Carolina. The series also contains folders of information about recipients of honorary degrees awarded by Clemson College.

The series is arranged chronologically and by subject. See the "Separation List" for the location of photographs relating to this series.

### **Subject headings** (LC 10th edition):

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Cotton textile industry—South Carolina  
Education costs—South Carolina  
Interstate commerce—South Carolina  
Rural electrification—South Carolina  
South Carolina Public Service Authority  
Southeastern Economic Council  
Southern Cross Relief Association  
Tariff on fertilizers—South Carolina  
United States. Dept. of Agriculture  
United States. War Department

### **Added entries**

Byrnes, James Francis, 1879-1972  
Johnston, Olin Dewitt, 1896-1965  
McKissick, James Rion, 1884-1944  
Phelps, Shelton  
Quattlebaum, Paul, 1886-  
Sikes, Enoch Walter, 1869-1941

### **Separation List**

#### **Photographs**

Farley, James A. 1940  
Fort Hill, 1933  
Post Office Dedication, SEE: Farley, James A.  
Reunion, Classes of 1908, 1928  
Reunion, 1914

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Reunion, June 1933 (11 prints with 8 negatives) individuals unidentified  
Richland County Public Library Truck, 1934 (3)

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12	Armory; Board of Promotion of External Trade, 1934-1935 Cotton Spinning Research
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41	Rural Electrification, 1935-1937
	Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
42	1937, May report
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46	1939, Special Defense Report
47	1940, Reports
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49	U. S. War Department, 1934-1937
50	Willis, H. H., 1929-1939