

**SAMUEL B. EARLE      PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS 1924-1925      SERIES 16**

**Extent:** 1.3 cu.ft., 2 photographs; 2 oversize items

**Inclusive dates:** 1922-1926    **Bulk dates:** 1924-1925

**Provenance:** Office of the President

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**Biographical note:** Samuel Broadus Earle was born in Gowensville, South Carolina, 11 March 1878. Earle received his undergraduate degree from Furman University in 1898 and a graduate degree in language and mathematics from that same institution the following year. In 1902 Earle continued graduate study in electrical engineering at Cornell University, but did not earn a degree there. (Earle received an honorary doctorate of laws degree from Furman in 1932 and an honorary doctorate in engineering from Clemson in 1959.)

Earle served Clemson College in various capacities: as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering from 1902 to 1906; as Associate Professor from 1906 to 1910; as Dean of the School of Engineering from 1911 to 1932; as Acting President of Clemson College from January to July 1919 while President Riggs served with the Army Educational Forces in Europe, and from January 1924 to July 1925 after the death of President Riggs; and Director of the Engineering Experiment Station from 1921 to 1933.

Earle was a member of the Newcomen Society, South Carolina Public Service Commission, Rotary and various engineering societies. Earle died 10 May 1978 and is buried at Cemetery Hill on the Clemson campus.

**Description:** This series contains the presidential records of Samuel Broadus Earle, Acting President of Clemson College, 1924-1925. (For the six months in 1919 that Earle served as President in the absence of Walter M. Riggs, see the Riggs Presidential Records.) The series includes correspondence, departmental reports and budgets, an annual report to the South Carolina General Assembly, partial lists of cadets, employment agreements, letters from parents and other individuals concerning the student walkout in October 1924, and speeches delivered by Earle. Frequent correspondents include University officials: H. W. Barre, director of research; R. N. Brackett, director of the chemistry department; F. H. H. Calhoun, director of resident teaching; G. D. Heath, college surgeon; R. E. Lee, head of the drawing and design division; W. W. Long, director of the extension service; C. C. Newman, head of the horticulture division; H. M.

Stackhouse, secretary of the Board of Fertilizer Control; and Trustees W. D. Barnett, B. E. Geer, Senator Alan Johnstone, A. F. Lever, Governor Richard Manning, Paul Quattlebaum, H. C. Tillman, and J. E. Wannamaker. Other correspondents of interest include Iowa State College president and chairman of the Association of Land Grant Colleges, R. A. Pearson; Mrs. W. M. Riggs; and U. S. Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover.

Topics covered in the letters include the death of President Riggs, the cadet walkout over the food served in the mess hall, selection of a site for the proposed Sand Hill Experiment Station, the reconstruction of the Agricultural Building (now Sikes Hall), and the search for a new Commandant at a time when Clemson's Reserve Officer Training Corps was the largest in the country.

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject. Some material found in President Riggs' desk after his death was removed to the Riggs' presidential files. Copies of letters in poor condition have been replaced with photocopies on archival quality bond. See the separation list for a listing of photographs and oversized materials.

### **Subject Headings**

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Earle, Samuel Broadus, 1878-1978  
Riggs, Walter Merritt, 1873-1924

**Added entries**

American Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities  
Barre, Henry Walter, 1881-1969  
Barnett, W. D. , 1889-1940  
Brackett, Richard Newman, 1863-1937  
Calhoun, Fred Harvey Hall, 1874-1959  
Cole, Otis R.  
Dial, Nathaniel Barksdale, 1862-1940  
Evans, Samuel Wilds, 1881-1949  
Geer, Bennette Eugene, 1873-1964  
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964  
Johnstone, Alan, 1849-1929  
Kiwanis Club International  
Lee, Rudolph E., 1874-1959  
Lever, Asbury Francis, 1875-1940  
Littlejohn, James Corcoran, 1888-1959  
Long, William Williams, 1861-1934  
Manning, Richard Irvine, 1859-1931  
Newman, Charles Carter, 1875-1946  
Pearson, Raymond Allen, 1873-1939  
Quattlebaum, Paul, 1886-1964  
Redfern, Alexander May, 1862-1923  
Saluda Standard  
Sikes, Enoch Walter, 1868-1941

Stackhouse, Hugh Milton, 1839-1936  
 Tillman, Henry Cumming, 1884-  
 United States. Department of Agriculture  
 United States. War Department  
 Wannamaker, John Edward, 1851-1935

### Separation list

1. Photographs (located in CU Archives photographs file)  
     Sikes Hall entrance, n.d. (2)
2. Oversize items (located in oversize folder)  
     Blueprint of floor plan, 1911, and blueprint of proposed changes to the Eaton residence, n.d. (2)
3. Diploma, Doctor of Laws, awarded to Earle by Furman University, June 1932

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54	Walkout Cases, 1924, Hendee-Knight
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57	Earle, Collected Biographical Materials
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