

REGISTER OF THE
DR. BILL LEE ATCHLEY PAPERS, 1970-1985
Bill Lee Atchley, 1932-2000
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Introduction

The Dr. Bill Atchley Papers contain personal records primarily from the period when he served as President of Clemson University, 1979-1985. Until 1996, access to the collection is restricted to researchers who have received Dr. Atchley's permission. Dr. Atchley donated these papers to the Clemson University Libraries in 1985. This register was prepared by Michael Kohl in 1986.

Biographical Note

Bill Lee Atchley was born on February 16, 1932 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He attended public schools in that city and graduated from Central High School where he was student body president and captain of the football team. After high school, Atchley spent two years as a pitcher in the old New York Giants baseball system. He attended the University of Missouri at Rolla on an athletic scholarship. He earned a BS (1957) and an MS (1959) in civil engineering. In 1965, he was awarded a PhD in civil engineering from Texas A&M. His dissertation was "The Energy Absorption Capabilities of Plain Concrete Under Dynamic and Static Loadings".

Between 1957 and 1975, Atchley taught at the University of Missouri at Rolla where he became a tenured professor. In 1975, he was selected to serve as Dean of the College of Engineering at West Virginia University. In 1979, he was chosen to be the President of Clemson University. During his administration Clemson's student enrollment increased to over 12,000 students, the Senator Strom Thurmond Center for Excellence in Government was established, and Clemson's football team won the 1981 NCAA championship. In 1982, his administration was involved in a major investigation concerning NCAA rule violations. In the aftermath of continued disagreements between himself and the Board of Trustees, Atchley resigned in 1985.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dr. Bill Atchley Papers primarily document the years when he served as President of Clemson University, 1979-1985. There is some earlier material related to Atchley's activities at the University of West Virginia and the University of Missouri. The files include personal correspondence with a variety of Clemson trustees, administrators, faculty, and alumni. The papers contain records related to national professional groups and Clemson-area organizations in which he was active. Of particular note is material from the Department of Energy's Committee on Alternative Fuels. There is some material related to his speeches and to trips which he took to Taiwan, California, and Europe. Some records pertain to Atchley's career, including his resignation and search for another position.

Atchley married the former Miss Pat Limbaugh of Cape Girardeau, Missouri on August 24, 1954. - They have three children: Julie, Pam, and David.

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6	Bill Mathis home at Hilton Head, no date
7	Boy Scouts of America, 1983-1984
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34	President's biography, 1984
35	<u>A Proposal to the State of West Virginia to Develop a Program to Improve the Productivity of Its State Offices and Departments</u> , by Bill Atchley, 1977
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