

MARLIN HARNER BRUNER, 1909 – 1999

A Register of His Papers, 1938 – 1973

Overview of Collection

Creator: Bruner, Marlin H. 1909 –1999

Collection Number: Mss 281

Title: Marlin H. Bruner Papers, 1938 – 1973

Abstract: Marlin H. Bruner, Forester and Professor at Clemson University, helped to manage the land acquired by Clemson during the 1930s from 1939--1942 and from 1954 until his retirement in 1971. During this period, Bruner was instrumental in the creation of a variety of reclamation and conservation projects on these lands as well as instructing Clemson students. His papers include information about the creation of Lake Hartwell during the 1950s and its impact upon the Clemson Forest as well as on the general operations of managing the Forest primarily during the 1950s.

Quantity: 1.7 cubic feet consisting of 5 document boxes, 1 oversize folder with 8 maps, 1 photograph and 1 chart; 1 folder of photographs in 1 box.

Scope and Content Note

The papers include articles, charts, correspondence, maps, photographs, and reports.

The papers date from 1938 – 1973 with the bulk of the collection dating from 1953 – 1957.

The papers are in a subject file arranged alphabetically by folder title. General correspondence is in order alphabetically by the first letter of the last name of the correspondent.

The papers document Bruner's career at Clemson College, particularly in the 1950s. Bruner spent much of his time during that decade engrossed in the negotiations related to the creation of the Hartwell Dam and Lake Hartwell that greatly impacted the Clemson Forest lands that he managed. There are reports, research material, and financial data concerning the negotiations between Clemson and the Federal government. Correspondents include other professional foresters as well as Clemson President Robert F. Poole.

There are four maps of the Six Mile Creek Watershed, 1941; one map of a census of quail in the Clemson Forest, 1958; two maps related to the Hartwell Dam Project, 1953 and 1957; and one of part of Cheraw State Park, circa 1955. The oversize photograph is from the Soil Conservation Service, labeled ALA—D2 157-B, 1951. The chart is of Hartwell Dam preliminary flow, storage, area, capacity, and tailwater rating curve, circa 1954. The photographs are about fish in Lake Issaqueena.

Additional Collection Information

Cite as: [description of item such as “Letter from John Smith, Clemson, SC to Michael Jones, Columbia, SC”], box number, folder number, Mss 281, Marlin Bruner Papers, Special Collections, Clemson University Libraries, Clemson, SC.

Biographical Note

Marlin Harner Bruner was born in Windber, Pennsylvania on February 5, 1909 to William and Laura Bruner. He attended schools in Middleburg, Pennsylvania and then graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Forestry in 1931. He received an MS in Forestry from Yale University in 1932.

Prior to accepting the position of Extension Forester at Clemson in 1939, Bruner worked for the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Development, 1933-1934, the United States Forest Service, 1934-1936, and the College of Agriculture at the University of Arkansas, 1936-1939. In 1942, he gained a position as District Manager in the Extension Division of the DuPont Corporation although he continued to reside in Clemson. After twelve years, he became College Forester at Clemson, and in 1957 a member of the faculty in the Department of Forestry where he taught as well as continuing to manage the Clemson Forest until his retirement in 1971.

He was active in a number of professional organizations serving as Secretary Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Appalachian Section of the American Society of American Foresters. The South Carolina Wildlife Federation named him “Forest Conservationist of the Year” in 1971 and he received the Achievement Award of the Appalachian Section of the American Society of American Foresters in 1973.

He married Faith Howell and they had three children, William, Diana and Richard. He died in 1999.

Information for this biographical note is based upon material from Series 28.

Related Material

Mss 255 G. H. Aull Papers
Series 41 Forestry Department Records

Subjects:

Bruner, Marlin H. 1909-1999
Clemson Forest
Clemson University—Dept. of Forestry
Clemson University – History
Forests and forestry—South Carolina
Hartwell Dam (Ga. and S.C.)

Correspondents

Poole, Robert F. (Robert Franklin)

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Document Types

Articles

Charts

Maps

Photographs

Administrative Information

Acquired from:

Larry Reamer transferred papers of George Aull and Marlin Bruner 85-04.

Processing information

Processed by Michael Kohl with help from student assistant Emily Estes in 2006.

SEPARATION LIST

Oversize Folder

11.25"x14" bw Soil Conservation Service photograph labeled ALA – D2 157-B, 1951

12"x12" map of Clemson College Diversion of Seneca River from 1,000 ft. south of Highway 76 to Hunnicutt Creek, March 14, 1957.

11"x20.5" map of Quail Census, Quail Pasture Study Area, Spring 1958.

18"x23.75" map of Hartwell Reservoir Project, sheet no. 111, Pickens County, part of Twelve Mile Creek, June 1953.

22"x21" map of portion of Cheraw State park, circa 1955.

4 22"x32" maps of Six Mile Creek Watershed. US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, February 1941. Three of the maps are hand colored with different patterns of color.

22.5"x35.75" chart of Hartwell Dam preliminary flow, storage, area, capacity, and tailwater rating curve, circa 1954.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	1	A - General Correspondence, 1954-1955, no date
	2	B - General Correspondence, 1954-1955, no date
	3	Bills Paid-Local Vendors, 1954-1955
	4	Book Review, 1954
	5	Boy Scouts, 1954, no date
	6	Budget, 1943, 1954-1957, no date
	7	C - General Correspondence, 1953-1955
	8	Citizens Education Center, 1954-1955, no date
	9	Clemson College Land Utilization Project, 1938, 1955
	10	"Clemson Management Area Stresses Wildlife Values" <u>South Carolina Wildlife</u> , By Marlin Bruner, Summer 1955
	11	Clemson Wildlife Club, 1954-1955, no date
	12	Conservation Camp, 1948, 1954-1956, no date
	13	Conservation Education - A, 1943-1954
	14	Conservation Education - B, 1955, no date
	15	D - General Correspondence, 1953-1955, no date
	16	E - General Correspondence, 1954-1955, no date
	17	Employment, 1954-1955, no date
	18	Experiment Station, 1954-1956
	19	F - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	20	Farm and Home Week, 1954-1955, 1957, no date
	21	Farrar, M. D., 1954-1955
	22	Fire Protection Plan, 1938
	23	Fire Statistics, 1947-1956, no date
	24	Fish, 1945-1953, no date
	25	Forest Farmers Association, 1954-1955, no date
	26	Forest Services, 1955
2	1	G - General Correspondence, 1948, 1954-1956
	2	H - General Correspondence, 1954-1955, no date
	3	Hartwell Dam - Cecil Reed, 1951-1954, no date
	4	Hartwell Dam - Comments Regarding by Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc., 1956
	5	Hartwell Dam - Correspondence and Instructions, 1951-1958, no date
	6	Hartwell Dam - Effect on the Functions of Clemson College, 1956-1957, no date
	7	Hartwell Dam - Impact on Agricultural Research Program, 1956-1958, no date
	8	Hartwell Dam - Index and Summary of Action by Clemson College, 1949-1957
	9	Hartwell Dam - Preliminary Cost for Clemson College, Lockwood Greene Engineers, June 1, 1956
	10	Hartwell Reservoir, 1953-1957, no date
	11	Hart Well Reservoir Appraisal of Damage to Department Functions, 1956-1957, no date

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2	12	Hartwell Reservoir - Impact of the Hartwell Project on the Services of the Clemson Agriculture College, Report by U. S. Department of Agriculture, June 1957
3	1	Hartwell Reservoir - Land Appraisal, 1956-1957, no date
	2	Hartwell Reservoir - Location of Research Projects, 1953-1957, no date
	3	Hartwell Reservoir - Timber, 1956-1958, no date
	4	Hartwell Reservoir - Tour of Areas Affected, 1956, no date
	5	History of Forestry at Clemson, 1968, 1973
	6	J - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	7	K - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	8	L - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	9	Lake Issaqueena, 1944-1969, no date
	10	Land Sale, 1955-1957, no date
	11	Land Use Area History, 1955
	12	Land Use Committee, 1955-1956, no date
4	1	Land Use - Department Reports, 1938, 1954-1956, no date
	2	Land Use - General Correspondence, 1945, 1954-1955, no date
	3	M - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	4	"Multiple Land Use at Clemson" by Marlin Bruner, <i>Forest Farmer</i> , May 1955
	5	N - General Correspondence, 1954
	6	News Releases, 1955
	7	Notes, no date
	8	O - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	9	P - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	10	Personal Matters, 1955
	11	Poole, Robert F., 1953-1955
	12	Publicity, 1954-1955, no date
	13	R - General Correspondence, 1953-1955
	14	Recreation - Correspondence, 1954-1955
	15	Recreation Plans, 1939-1956, no date
	16	S - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	17	School Camps, 1948-1955, no date
5	1	Society of American Foresters, 1954-1955, no date
	2	Society of American Foresters - Appalachian Section, 1952-1955
	3	South Carolina State Commission of Forestry, 1954-1955, no date
	4	South Carolina Wildlife Federation, 1954-1955, no date
	5	South Carolina Wildlife Resources Department, 1954-1958
	6	South Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, 1954-1955, no date
	7	Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, 1955, no date
	8	T - General Correspondence, 1953-1955
	9	Timber Appraisal, 1953

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5	10	Travel Requests, 1954-1955
	11	U - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	12	W - General Correspondence, 1954-1955
	13	Wildlife, 1946-1957, no date
	14	Y-Z - General Correspondence, 1955