

Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr. Papers
A Register – 1918-1974, No Date

Creator: Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr.

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Title: Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr. Papers

Abstract: This material collected by Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr., longtime General Secretary of the Clemson YMCA, gives insight into Clemson student life as well as the general everyday operations of the local Young Men’s Christian Association.

Quantity: .71 cubic feet consisting of correspondence, photographs, two scrapbooks, and miscellaneous items in 3 boxes.

Scope and Content Note

These papers contain correspondence, photographs, two scrapbooks, and miscellaneous items related to Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr., longtime Clemson General Secretary of the YMCA.

Among the correspondence are items sent and received during the period 1919-1971. There are one hundred seven photographs which depict scenes such as the Clemson Blue Ridge Delegation during the years 1929 and 1932; buildings such as Tillman Hall, the “Y” cabin near the Seneca River, and Holtzendorff Hall; scenes from Holtzendorff’s time in the U.S. Army Air Corps; and various Clemson cadet related photographs. Among the miscellaneous items in these papers are a biography of Holtzendorff by T.S. Buie (1973); a certificate of graduation from the U.S. School of Aeronautics (1918); Clemson Cadet Handbook (1934) and “Thumbers Philosophy” (no date); and personal bank statements, Clemson employee earnings, and income tax records (1944-1950). The two scrapbooks reflect life at the Clemson YMCA through photographs, news clippings, brochures, and announcements.

Additional Collection Information

Cite as: [description of item such as “Correspondence – Sent, 1937-1971, no date”] box number, folder number, Mss 290, Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr. Papers, Special Collections, Clemson University Libraries, Clemson, SC

Biographical Note

Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr. was born on November 9, 1894 near Rome, Georgia, the son of Preston B. Holtzendorff, Sr. and Agnes W. Drake Holtzendorff. He graduated from law school at the University of Georgia in 1916. Shortly afterwards in June 1916 he came to Clemson College at the post of Assistant General Secretary of the YMCA before

being called in February 1918 into military service during World War I. During the conflict he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps, rising to the rank of Second Lieutenant. After the war, he joined with his brothers in their Tulsa, Oklahoma law practice and married Ann Linton of Georgia in 1919. In June 1919, he returned to Clemson and was elected to the post of General Secretary of the YMCA, replacing Roy John after his retirement.

For the next forty years at Clemson until his retirement in 1959, Holtzendorff oversaw religious, social, and recreational activities at the “Y” such as Evening Watch prayer groups, Freshman Focus, “Y” Council, Sunday evening Vesper Services, and intramural sports programs. Holtzendorff served as Clemson’s freshman football coach in the early 1920s and later as the college swimming coach. Preston B. Holtzendorff, Jr. died on January 28, 1971, and is buried at Cemetery Hill on Clemson University’s campus. The YMCA building, which was built in 1916, was named in honor of Holtzendorff in 1971.

Related Items

Series 79 YMCA, 1911-1975

Collection Item Indexed Terms

Clemson YMCA

Clemson University—Student life

United States. Army. Air Corps

World War, 1914-1918—Aerial operations, American

Added Names

Holtzendorff, Preston Brooks, Jr., 1894-1971

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Detailed Description

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
1	1	Biography of P.B. Holtzendorff, Jr. by T.S. Buie, 1973
	2	Certificate of Graduation—U.S. School of Military Aeronautics, 1918
	3	Clemson Cadet “Thumbers Philosophy”, no date
	4	Clemson Student Handbook, 1934

Correspondence

5	Received, 1919-1971, no date
6	Sent, 1937-1971, no date
7	Death of P.B. Holtzendorff, Jr., 1971

Personal

8	Bank Statements/Clemson Employee Earnings Statements/Income Tax Records, 1944-1950
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YMCA

9	Advisory Board Meeting - Blue Ridge, NC, 1960
10	Miscellaneous

Separation List

Oversized

Box 1	Two YMCA Scrapbooks
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Photographs (vault)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
1	1	Army, United States, no date

Blue Ridge Assembly

2	Clemson Delegation, 1929
3	Clemson Delegation, 1932

Buildings

4	Fort Hill Presbyterian Church (?), no date
5	Tillman Hall, no date
6	YMCA Building (Holtzendorff Hall), no date
7	YMCA Cabin on Seneca River, c. 1930s-1940s

Cadets

8	Groups, 1930s-1960s, no date
9	Family of P.B. Holtzendorff, c. 1920 (?), no date

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
		Individuals
	10	Holtzendorff, P.B., Jr., no date
	11	Jordan, C.H., no date
	12	Keyserling, Leonard L., 1928
	13	Seath (?), Milton C., no date
	14	Unidentified, no date
	15	Jackie Coogan Contest, no date
		Sports
	16	Baseball, 1926, no date
	17	Basketball, no date
	18	Swimming, no date
	19	Tennis, no date
	20	Track and Field, no date
	21	University of Georgia, no date
	22	Vesper Services, no date
	23	YMCA Advisory Board, no date