

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

**THE BROADCASTING COMPANY OF THE SOUTH.** 1940-1970, Series 1, .4 cu. ft., folders 1-17. This series contains correspondence, memoranda, and financial summaries. In August 1950, The Broadcasting Company of the South was created to manage Hipp family-owned radio (and later, television) operations. Its predecessor firm was Surety Broadcasting Company; its successor firm, created in 1965, was Cosmos Broadcasting Corporation. Among the correspondents in this series are Charles A. Batson, John W. Lindsay, J. Dudley Saumenig, and G. Richard Shafto.

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**COSMOS BROADCASTING CORPORATION.** 1968, Series 3, .1 cu. ft., 1 folder. This series consists of correspondence and financial reports. Cosmos Broadcasting Corporation was established in 1965 as the successor firm of The Broadcasting Company of the South. This small but important series documents the reorganization of The Liberty Corporation in 1968 through its acquisition of Cosmos Broadcasting Corporation and Surety Investment Company. Much of the material in this series originated from the Washington, D.C. law firm of Dow, Lohnes, and Anderson.

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Founded by W. Frank Hipp and chartered in 1930, Independence Insurance Company immediately reinsured the sickness and accident business of The Liberty Life and thereby assumed those lines of insurance. Additionally, Independence also sold industrial life insurance targeted to a low-income, primarily African-American, clientele. From December 1931 until January 1942, Independence also owned the Chamber of Commerce Building (also known as the Insurance Building) in downtown Greenville. In December 1938, Independence sold all of its life insurance business to Southeastern Life Insurance Company. In 1956, Independence became a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Surety Life Insurance Company, another Hipp-family controlled enterprise. As part of the reorganization of the various Surety companies, Independence changed its name to The Surety Insurance Company in December 1961. Correspondents in this series include William F. Anderson, S.W. Crews, William F. Evans, and W. Frank Hipp.

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**LIBERTY BROADCASTING COMPANY.** 1931-1936, Series 6, .15 cu. ft., folders 1-4. This series consists of correspondence, financial summaries, copies of legal agreements, and memoranda. This firm was established in March, 1932 to manage a recently acquired radio station, WTFL, of Athens, Georgia, formerly owned by Toccoa Falls Broadcasting Company. The Liberty Life Insurance Company and its corporate officers owned the majority of stock in Liberty Broadcasting Company. This series documents the unsuccessful attempt to transfer WTFL radio to Greenville in 1933, and it also contains information of the sale of Liberty Broadcasting to Norman K. Winston of New York in 1935. Prominent correspondents in this series include Wyatt Aiken, Robert R. Scales, Jr., G. Richard Shafto, W. Frank Hipp, and Rev. R.A. Forrest, president of the Toccoa Falls Institute.

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Chartered in November 1941, Liberty Life Building, Inc., was a North Carolina corporation established to manage the newly-acquired Liberty Life Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) in Charlotte. Liberty Life Building, Inc., became a subsidiary of Surety Life Insurance Company in 1942. As part of the reorganization of the various Surety companies in 1961 – 1962, Liberty Life Building, Inc., changed its name to Surety Realty Corporation. Notable correspondents in this series include William P. Anderson, John R. Folsom, Francis M. Hipp, W. Frank Hipp, M.M. Pennell, Jr., and Robert R. Scales, Jr.

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**LINCO INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED.** 1962-1972, Series 9, .2 cu. ft., 8 folders. This series documents the activities of the Legal Department with respect to Linco, a company that operated leased departments in the International Super Stores chain. Liberty Life Insurance Company invested in this business. Records include financial statements, correspondence, leases, and documentation of its financial problems.

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**PEOPLES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1929-1935, Series 10, .05 cu. ft., 2 folders.  
This series documents the settlement of claims against this Charleston-based firm, acquired by  
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**THE SOUTH CAROLINA BROADCASTING COMPANY.** 1930-1951, Series 11, .15 cu. ft., folders 1-11. This series is composed of board minutes, correspondence, financial summaries, documents pertaining to litigation, and tax records.

South Carolina Broadcasting Company was founded in November, 1930 by George T. Barnes, Thomas F. Little and J.B. Pound and was the parent company and licensee of WIS Radio, Columbia, South Carolina. W. Frank Hipp and The Liberty Life Insurance Company acquired this financially distressed firm for \$30,000 in August, 1931. The company was re-chartered early in 1932 as The South Carolina Broadcasting Company to own and operate the various Hipp family-controlled radio interests, including WIS, WCSC in Charleston, and WNOX in Knoxville. It passed under the ownership of Surety Life Insurance Company in 1942 and was sold to its former affiliate, WCSC, Incorporated, in 1950. Among the correspondents in this series are Lewis Burk, W. Frank Hipp, John Rivers, and G. Richard Shafto.

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**SOUTHEASTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1912-1954, Series 12, .7 cu. ft., folders 1-41. This series consists of annual statements, printed disability clauses, records of lawsuits, and considerable information pertaining to the company's relations with its agents.

Founded in 1905, Southeastern Life, with headquarters in Greenville, operated in 10 southern states. It specialized in the ordinary, group, and savings and loan insurance markets. During the 1930's, W. Frank Hipp acquired a controlling interest in the company. In 1942, Southeastern Life merged with The Liberty Life to form Liberty Life Insurance Company. Prominent correspondents in this series include W. Frank Hipp, R.E. McDonald, and Henry L. Vogel.

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**SPARTANBURG ADVERTISING COMPANY.** 1943-1953, Series 13, .15 cu. ft., folders 1-4. This series contains correspondence, financial summaries, memoranda, and tax records.

This Spartanburg, S.C. firm was incorporated in 1938 but remained dormant until 1940 when it began broadcasting operations with its radio station, WORD. The firm also acquired rival Spartanburg radio station WSPA in 1940. After having sold WORD in December 1944, Spartanburg Advertising Company was bought by the Hipp family-controlled Surety Broadcasting Company in 1947. Spartanburg Advertising Company was officially dissolved as a corporation in 1949. Notable correspondents in this series include D.S. Burnside, B. Calhoun Hipp, Francis M. Hipp, Robert R. Scales, Jr., and G. Richard Shafto.

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**SPECIAL SERVICES CORPORATION.** 1959-1964, Series 14, .05 cu. ft., 1 folder. The single folder in this series is a general correspondence file. It also contains information on employee benefits and board minutes.

Special Services Corporation was founded in the late 1950's to provide computer and air transport services to various Hipp family-controlled businesses. It was a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Surety Life Insurance Company and that firm's successor, Surety Investment Company. In 1966, as a result of the reorganization of Surety Investment Company's subsidiaries, Special Services Corporation became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Life Insurance Company. Correspondents in the series include G.H. Cleveland and Francis M. Hipp.

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**SURETY BROADCASTING COMPANY.** 1946-1957, Series 15, .05 cu. ft., 2 folders. This series contains corporate charters and correspondence concerning the firm's dissolution in 1950.

Chartered as a North Carolina corporation in 1946, Surety Broadcasting Company managed Hipp family-owned radio stations WIS (Columbia), WSPA (Spartanburg), and WIST (Charlotte). It was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Surety Life Insurance Company. In 1950, in the wake of corporate restructuring, the firm became a separate entity, The Broadcasting Company of the South.

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**SURETY INVESTMENT COMPANY.** 1959-1969, Series 16, .1 cu. ft., folders 1-11. This series documents the work of the Legal Department in such areas as income taxes, workmen's compensation, stock purchase agreements, and stockholder relations.

Chartered in February 1962, Surety Investment Company was the successor firm to The Surety Life Insurance Company. Among the subsidiaries of Surety Investment Company were Atlanta Fulton Development Corporation, Hampton Insurance Agency, Inc., International Office Park, Inc., Premium Acceptance Corporation, Surety Realty Corporation, Special Services Corporation, The Surety Indemnity Company, and The Surety Insurance Company. In December 1968, The Liberty Corporation acquired all the assets of Surety Investment Company in exchange for stock.

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16.6	Real Estate Investments – 1967 South Carolina
16.7	Business Corporation Act – 1962
16.8	Insurance Department – 1962-1964
16.9	Stockholders – 1962-1969
16.10	Stock Purchase Agreement – 1966
16.11	Workmen's Compensation – 1962-1969

**SURETY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1942-1962, Series 17, .05 cu. ft., folders 1-4. This series consists of board minutes, corporate by-laws, correspondence, financial statements, and memoranda.

Surety Life Insurance Company was founded in 1942 as part of a massive corporate merger engineered by W. Frank Hipp. Southeastern Life Insurance Company (chartered in 1905) combined with The Liberty Life Insurance Company. Practically all business from The Liberty Life was transferred to Southeastern Life's 1905 charter. This newly formed corporation was entitled "Liberty Life Insurance Company." The old company founded by W. Frank Hipp in 1919, formerly The Liberty Life Insurance Company, changed its name to Surety Life Insurance Company, retaining the 1919 charter. Surety's assets consisted of paid-up insurance, real estate investments, and two Hipp family-controlled radio stations. The merger agreement also stipulated that Surety Life would receive 5% of all premiums collected by the Industrial Division of Liberty Life Insurance Company until 1956. Surety Life did not sell insurance but remained active as a vehicle for reinsurance and investments. The company would subsequently undergo reorganization in 1950. Notable correspondents in this series include Grady Hipp, Herman Hipp, and Robert Scales, Jr.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
17.1	Financial Statements – 1942-1945 & 1947-1949
17.2	General File – 1945-1950
17.3	Reorganization – 1949-1952 & undated
17.4	Workmen's Compensation – 1950-1962



**SURETY MORTGAGE COMPANY.** 1941-1953, Series 18, .05 cu. ft., 2 folders. This series consists of correspondence and financial records. Chartered in December 1932, Surety Mortgage Company was a Hipp family-controlled corporation set up to manage real estate and broadcasting interests. The records in the series document the development of the Northgate Heights subdivision in Greenville during the 1940's. Surety Mortgage Company was dissolved in 1951. Correspondents in this series include Robert R. Scales, Jr., and Francis M. Hipp.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
18.1	Dissolution – 1951-1953
18.2	General File – 1941-1947 & undated

**SURETY REALTY CORPORATION.** 1941-1969, Series 19, .05 cu. ft., folders 1-4. This series contains board minutes, corporate by-laws, photocopies of the corporate charter, and correspondence. Surety Realty Company was chartered in October 1961 to own and operate various real estate investments. It was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Surety Investment Company. Surety Realty Company's predecessor firm was Liberty Life Building, Inc., chartered in 1941. Correspondents in this series include William P. Anderson, John W. Lindsay, M.M. Pennell, Jr., and Robert R. Scales, Jr.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
19.1	Annual Corporate Report – 1961-1968
19.2	Charter and By-laws – 1941-1965
19.3	Miscellaneous – 1962-1967
19.4	Stock Certificates and Minutes of Meetings – 1941-1969

**THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.** Undated, Series 20, .05 cu. ft., 1 folder. This series consists of several insurance policies from this firm. This Charleston-based company's successor, Home Life and Accident Insurance Company, was acquired by The Liberty Life Insurance Company in 1922 for \$55,000.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
20.1	The Home Insurance Company, Life Policies

**THE LIBERTY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1920-1944, Series 21, 1 cu. ft., folders 1-86. This series consists of case files, correspondence, financial summaries, and specimen policies. It not only documents the Legal Department's defense of the firm against policyholders and beneficiaries but also charts negotiations between The Liberty Life and the South Carolina Insurance and Tax Commissions. These files also contain information on Independence Insurance Company, Pee Dee Life Insurance Company, and Toccoa Falls Institute.

Founded in 1919 by W. Frank Hipp, The Liberty Life primarily sold weekly premium insurance on a debit basis to middle- and lower- income clients. Its active business was merged with Southeastern Life Insurance Company in 1942 to form Liberty Life Insurance Company. The title on the 1919 charter of The Liberty Life was then changed to Surety Life Insurance Company. Among the correspondents in this series are Wyatt Aiken, W. Frank Hipp, Edgar A. Brown, and G. Richard Shafto.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
21.1	Adams vs. The Liberty Life Insurance Company – 1929-1936
21.2	Alston, (Amanda, Lemeul, Hampton, and Walter) – 1917-1934
21.3	Annual Statements – 1930-1932
21.4	Armstrong, Buster – 1935
21.5	Atkins, Annie – 1929
21.6	Austin, Malinda – 1926-1935
21.7	Automobile Insurance for Employees – 1932
21.8	Baker and Baker Law Offices, Settlement of Cases Against The Liberty Life Insurance Company and Indemnity Insurance Company – 1934
21.9	Bids for Automobile Insurance – 1933
21.10	Blanding, Martha – 1928
21.11	Boyd, Ida – 1925-1934
21.12	Brasington, H. M. – 1931-1936
21.13	Capital Stock Subscriptions – 1919
21.14	Casey, O. B. – 1932-1933
21.15	Consent to Assignment of Radio Station License from FCC to The Liberty Life Insurance Company from WIS, Incorporated – 1939 Correspondence, South Carolina Insurance Commissioner – 1930-1933
21.16	
21.17	Department – 1923-1937
21.18	Dewey, J. E. – 1934
21.19	Fair, Lizze – 1923-1935
21.20	Fowler, Willie – 1920-1935
21.21	Gaillard, Calvin – 1928-1934
21.22	Gantt, Janie – 1920-1935
21.23	Gardo, Gussie – 1929-1935
21.24	General File – 1919-1944
21.25	Greenville Life Underwriters' Association – 1937
21.26	Green, Mamie – 1925-1934

21.27	Green, Mary, Duplication of Peoples Policy – 1929-1934
21.28	Green, Sam, Duplication of Peoples Policy – 1929-1934
21.29	Guiles, Amarintha – 1929-1934
21.30	Hertz, Hattie – 1934-1935
21.31	Hobson, William – 1935-1938
21.32	Home Office Special Reinsurance Policies – 1936-1942
21.33	Hoover, Mattie – 1927-1928
21.34	Howard, Isaac – 1926-1936
21.35	Huckaby, Jesse – 1930
21.36	Income Tax Related Correspondence – 1929-1932, Income Tax Information General – 1944
21.37	Independence Volume Sheets, Lapsed Policies – 1930-1931
21.38	Insurance Policies – 1924-1929
21.39	Jackson, West – 1936-1938
21.40	Jefferson, Alonzo – 1935
21.41	Jenkins Family – 1933-1938
21.42	Johnson, Dessie – 1935
21.43	Johnson, Hannah – 1928
	Life Policies
21.44	1922-1934
21.45	1938
21.46	1939-1941
21.47	Mattison, Magnolia – 1935-1936
21.48	McCord, William J. – 1933-1935
21.49	McCraw, Millnor – 1931-1938
21.50	Middleton, Rebecca – 1931
21.51	Morrow, Fannie – 1930
21.52	Moses, Willie – 1929-1934
21.53	Nash, Josephine – 1926-1934
21.54	Olden, Henrietta and John – 1928-1935
21.55	Owens, W. E. – 1937-1938
21.56	Pee Dee Life Insurance Company – 1937-1940
21.57	Peoples Insurance Company Transfer, Correspondence – 1930 & 1934
21.58	Planter, Walter – 1923-1934
21.59	Pope – 1936
21.60	Powell, J. B. – 1935
21.61	Purchase of Additional Insurance Companies – 1922-1939
21.62	Quarterly Contests – 1931-1932
21.63	Refunds and Declined Applications for Life Insurance – 1935
21.64	Re-insurance Agreements – 1922-1932
21.64A	Re-insurance Agreement between Liberty Life and Southeastern – December 1941
21.65	Robinson, Henrietta – 1930-1935
21.66	Ryan, Catherine – 1922-1934
21.67	Sanders, Joseph – 1930-1935

21.68	St. Louis Button Company, Northern Woolen Company, Ozark Pencil Company, J. R. Wood and Sons, Incorporated – 1931-1932
21.69	Securities and Exchange Commission – 1938-1939
21.70	Senior, Freddie – 1929-1934
21.71	Senior, Sadie – 1929-1934
21.72	Smith, Maggie – 1931-1936
21.73	Smith, O. M. – 1929-1930
21.74	Suits – 1934-1935
21.75	Thompson, W. R. – 1935
21.76	Toccoa Falls Institute – 1935
21.77	Transfer of Assets of Station WIS, Incorporated – 1939
21.78	Wallace, Maggie – 1925-1935
21.79	Walton, Mellia A. – 1937-1938
21.80	Washington, Annie B. and Ada – 1924-1937
21.81	Washington, Leslie – 1926-1934
21.82	WFBC – 1932-1933
21.83	Wheeler, R. L. and Cole, Mary – 1937-1938
21.84	Williams, Ashton – 1936
21.85	Williams, Florida – 1921-1934
21.86	Wise, L. D. – 1930

**THE SOUTHEASTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1964-1967, Series 22, .05 cu. ft., folders 1-3. This series consists of correspondence and information on various types of insurance policies.

The Southeastern Life Insurance Company was chartered on May 19, 1942 as a Hipp family enterprise. Prior to 1964, this firm operated only in the state of Alabama. In June of that year, The Southeastern became a wholly-owned subsidiary of SELICO, a holding company controlled by Liberty Life. The Southeastern primarily sold ordinary life insurance, term insurance, and annuities through a network of general agents in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Both SELICO and its subsidiary, The Southeastern, were absorbed by Liberty Life Insurance Company in June 1968. Correspondents in this series include William T. Black and Robert R. Scales, Jr.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
22.1	HR-10 Plan – 1967
22.2	Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1964-1967
22.3	Prototype Annuity Retirement, Plan A – 1967

**THE SURETY INDEMNITY COMPANY.** 1962-1966, Series 23, .05 cu. ft., 1 folder. This series contains correspondence related to the firm's operations and information on a number of disputed claims.

Organized in December 1961, The Surety Indemnity Company provided automobile, fire, and casualty insurance. It was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Surety Investment Company. Prior to December 1961, The Surety Indemnity Company was known as The Surety Insurance Company. In April 1966, The Surety Indemnity Company was sold to Consolidated Holding Corporation of Philadelphia. Correspondents in this series include John W. Lindsay and Robert R. Scales, Jr.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
23.1	The Surety Indemnity Company, General – 1962-1966



**THE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1959-1967, Series 24, .2 cu. ft., folders 1-10. This series contains copies of corporate charters, correspondence, memoranda, and information on various insurance plans.

Two different Hipp family-controlled companies took the name “The Surety Insurance Company.” From 1957 until December 1961, The Surety Insurance Company was a property and casualty company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Surety Life Insurance Company. From 1962 until 1966, this property and casualty company was called The Surety Indemnity Company, and was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Surety Investment Company.

In December 1961, Independence Insurance Company (chartered in 1930) was recapitalized and renamed The Surety Insurance Company. This firm sold life insurance exclusively. It was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Surety Investment Company. Through a reinsurance agreement effective December 31, 1965, Liberty Life Insurance Company absorbed all the life insurance business of The Surety Insurance Company, thus ending the latter firm’s active operations. The Surety Insurance Company was formally dissolved on January 4, 1967.

Files from both companies are present in this series. Notable correspondents include John W. Lindsay and Robert R. Scales, Jr.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
24.1	Charter and Amendments – 1961-1965
24.2	Disability Plans – 1959-1960
24.3	Dissolution – 1966-1967
24.4	General File – 1956-1967
24.5	Group Insurance – 1959-1962
	Insurance Department
24.6	Alabama – 1958-1962
24.7	Georgia – 1958-1962
24.8	Puerto Rico – 1962
24.9	Wage Continuation Plans – 1959-1962
24.10	Welfare and Pension Plan – 1959-1962

**THE SURETY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.** 1950-1967, Series 25, .5 cu. ft., folders 1-24. This series consists of board minutes, committee minutes, correspondence, memoranda, and specimen policies.

The Surety Life Insurance Company was founded in August 1950 as a result of the reorganization of Surety Life Insurance Company (established in 1942). It was created to oversee insurance, investment, and real estate operations. In 1955, The Surety Life recruited an agency sales force and began, for the first time, active solicitation of direct insurance—chiefly monthly debit ordinary (MDO) insurance targeted to middle-class buyers. Wholly-owned subsidiaries of The Surety Life included The Surety Insurance Company, formed early in 1957 as a fire, property, and casualty company; Independence Insurance Company, a life insurance company chartered in 1930; and Liberty Life Building, Inc., later known as Surety Realty Corporation. Another reorganization of The Surety Life Insurance Company occurred in December 1961. Its successor firm became Surety Investment Company, with various specialized subsidiaries. Correspondents in this series include W.F. Evans, George H. Hipp, Herman N. Hipp, John W. Lindsay, and Robert R. Scales, Jr.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
25.1	Agreement with Surety Life of Utah – 1961-1962
25.2	Corporate Changes – 1961-1962
25.3	Federal Trade Commission – 1954
25.4	Florida, Georgia, and Alabama Insurance Departments – 1961-1962
25.5	Gantt, W. E., Contract – 1956-1962
25.6	General File – 1950-1961 & undated
25.7	Income Taxes – 1958-1967
	Insurance Department
25.8	Florida – 1958-1964
25.9	Tennessee – 1957
25.10	Lists of Stockholders – 1952-1961
25.11	Pension Plan – 1951-1966
25.12	Policy Forms – 1948-1951
	Report on Insurance Department Examination
25.13	1956
25.14	1959-1961
25.15	Retirement Plan – 1960-1966
25.16	Securities and Exchange Commission – 1956-1957
	South Carolina
	Insurance
25.17	Department – 1950-1955
25.18	Examination – 1950
25.19	Examination – 1954
25.20	Tax Commission – 1950-1954
25.21	Unemployment Compensation Law – 1950-1966
25.22	Stockholders – 1951-1962
25.23	Trademark Registration – 1956
25.24	Workmen's Compensation – 1951-1964

**WIS, INCORPORATED.** 1924-1965, Series 26, .4 cu. ft., folders 1-10. This series documents the operations of radio and TV station WIS in Columbia, South Carolina, and various legal activities related to it, such as the purchase of the station, negotiations with the Federal Trade Commission, and a variety of lawsuits against WIS. Prominent correspondents include Wyatt Aiken, W. Frank Hipp, J. D. Saumenig, and G. Richard Shafto.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
26.1	Aiken, Wyatt, Attorney – 1924-1933
26.2	Application for Increase in Power – 1932-1933
26.3	Balance Sheet – 1932-1933
26.4	Evidence to be Prepared by Station WIS for Use in Opposition to Use of 1020 Channel in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Louisville – 1932 General File
26.5	1931-1953
26.6	1954-1965
26.7	Hipp, W. Frank, Correspondence – 1931-1932 & 1941
26.8	Minutes of Board Meetings – 1933-1937
26.9	Miscellaneous Suite – 1932 & 1935-1936
26.10	Pierce, Ann vs. Surety Life Insurance Company Doing Business as WIS radio – 1950-1952

**WNOX, INCORPORATED.** 1931-1936, Series 27, .1 cu. ft., 2 folders. This series contains correspondence and financial information. W. Frank Hipp, through The Liberty Life Insurance Company, purchased radio station WNOX of Knoxville, Tenn. in 1932 for the purpose of transferring its license and equipment to Greenville. Although a separate corporate entity, WNOX was managed by The South Carolina Broadcasting Company under the overall direction of G. Richard Shafto. The Federal Radio Commission rejected WNOX's bid for relocation, and the station was sold to Continental Radio Company of Cincinnati in 1935. Prominent correspondents in this series include Wyatt Aiken and J.D. Saumenig.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
27.1	General File – 1931-1936
27.2	Taxes and Financial Information – 1932-1936

**PENSION RECORDS.** 1944-1959, series 28, .7 cu.ft., folders 1-42. This series of the Legal Department serves to increase the important “brick and mortar” content of the material through Pension Plans and related information pertaining to Liberty and Surety Life, and WIS, WIST, and WSPA Radio & Television employees. This material originated as accession numbers 82-55-7, 82-55-8, and 82-66. This series introduces sensitive pension information pertaining to Liberty Life and its radio station employees. The records are contained in forty-two folders in two document boxes. The folder contents include examples of pension plans for employees of the various companies, sample pension plans, and specimen pension letters for employees. Pension records dates run from 1944 to 1959.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
	<b>Pension Plan for Employees</b>
28.1	Liberty Life – 1944-1952
28.2	1952-1956
28.3	1957-1958, with Changing lists
28.4	1958, with Changing lists
28.5	1959, “ “ “
28.6	1948-1958, with Miscellaneous
28.7	Surety Life – 1947-1958
28.8	WIS, WIST, WSPA – 1948-1958
	<b>Pension Plans</b>
28.9	Liberty Life, Sample Letters – 1948
28.10	Form Letters – 1947-1949
28.11	Work Copies – 1948-1949
	<b>Specimen Pension Letters</b>
28.12	Absence for service in the Armed Forces & other leave of absences – 1950-1955
28.13	After having discontinued membership wishes to again become a member – 1949-1958
28.14	After having sent in “statement of non-participation” wishes to become a member – 1954-1958
28.15	Application disapproved - not a full-time employee – 1948-1958
28.16	Application for “full” membership approved – 1956
28.17	Application for “full” membership disapproved – 1948-1956
28.18	Approved for graded disability benefits – 1957-1958
28.19	By failing to make application for membership before a certain date has lost certain valuable rights & benefits – 1948-1957
28.20	Claims for temporary total disability and/or total & permanent disability benefits – 1948-1958
28.21	Claims recovery from disability - wishes to resume work – 1953-1958
28.22	Certificates of “full” membership – 1959
28.23	Contributions and Deposits – 1949-1958
28.24	Election of benefit on termination of service – 1948-1957
28.25	Election of optional retirement benefits – 1948-1957
28.26	Estate named as beneficiary – 1955-1956

- 28.27 Estimates of benefits on normal date of retirement and on optional retirement dates – 1949-1959
- 28.28 Evidence of insurability for “full” membership – 1948-1958
- 28.29 Examples of disability & retirement benefits (actual cases) – 1952-1955
- 28.30 Examples of disability & retirement benefits (actual cases) – 1956-1958
- 28.31 Has elected to leave retirement annuity benefits with the company – 1949-1954
- 28.32 Has passed 65th birthday and had passed 60th birthday by a certain date, wishes permission to continue work for an additional year – 1948-1952
- 28.33 Has reached retirement age – 1948-1958
- 28.34 Has not received a reply to our letter of a certain date nor a reply to our letter of a later date, will lose or forfeit certain valuable rights & benefits – 1948-1958
- 28.35 Not entitled to total & permanent disability benefits – 1950-1952
- 28.36 Optional retirement prior to age 65 – 1953-1958
- 28.37 Pension certificates - lost or misplaced – 1948-1953
- 28.38 Probably cannot qualify for “full” membership – 1952-1956
- 28.39 Reserves for accrued pension – 1952
- 28.40 Supplementary pension benefits – 1950-1953
- 28.41 Temporary total disability benefits (52 weeks) – 1948-1958
- 28.42 Wishes to discontinue membership and obtain a refund of annuity deposits – 1948-1959

## **SEPARATION LIST**

### **1. Oversize**

A total of 105 items, including blueprints, maps, and specimen insurance policies, have been placed in oversize. These documents were taken from the following series: The Broadcasting Company of the South, The Liberty Life Insurance Company, The Surety Insurance Company, Liberty Life Insurance Company, Peoples Life Insurance Company, and Southeastern Life Insurance Company.

### **2. Memorabilia**

Sixteen policy endorsement labels bearing the printed signature of W. Frank Hipp have been removed from series 8 (Liberty Life Insurance Company) and have been placed in the artifacts collection.

### **3. Photographs**

Six photographs related to a claims dispute have been placed in a separate folder in the front of the box of photographs for Record Group 5 in the vault.