

Herschel V. Jenkins photographs

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Jenkins, Herschel V., 1871-1960.
Title:	Herschel V. Jenkins photographs
Dates:	1944-1956
Extent:	0.1 cubic feet (1 folder)
Identification:	MS 2334

Biographical/Historical Note

Herschel V. Jenkins born in Effingham County, Georgia in October 1871 and was the son of John Jackson and Victoria Jenkins. In 1888, he moved to Savannah, Georgia for work and found a job as a clerk at the Central Railroad Bank. After a number of promotions at the bank, Jenkins was transferred to the treasurer's office of the Central of Georgia Railroad. After thirty eight years of continued service with the railroad, Jenkins acquired controlling interest in the Savannah Morning News in 1926. It was under his management that the Savannah Morning News bought the Evening Press in 1931. In August 1951, Jenkins sold the Morning New, Inc. to the Savannah News-Press, Inc.

In addition to his duties with the Savannah newspapers Mr. Jenkins was deeply interested in community welfare, He spent much of his time and fortune in furthering many worthwhile civic projects in Savannah. He helped developed Armstrong Atlantic State University and their auditorium was named in his honor. He also served as the director of the Citizens and Southern National Bank; director of the Central of Georgia Railroad; president of the North Florida Hotel Company; president of the Morris Plan Company of Savannah; president of the Community Chest and the chairman of its annual campaign; chairman of the Lucas Trophy Committee; chairman of the Coastal Highway Commission; chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the First District Georgia Civil Defense Committee; and chairman of the publicity committee of the Chatham-Savannah Defense Council.

Jenkins was well respected by the community and Georgia's political leaders. He received he President's award from the Georgia Press Association, a special resolution for the Chamber of Commerce and was honored by the people of the Savannah community by having a high school named in his honor.

Jenkins was married to Bessie Winn Jenkins (1876-1950) and the couple had two daughters. Jenkins died in April 1960 after suffering from a long illness and is buried in the Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains photographs of Herschel V. Jenkins from 1944 to 1956. Within this collection are photographs of Jenkins with workers of the Central Georgia Railway, the Savannah Morning News building, and during the construction of the Herschel V. Jenkins High School.

Index Terms

Central of Georgia Railway.
Herschel V. Jenkins High School (Savannah, Ga.)
Jenkins, Herschel V., 1871-1960.
Photographs.
Savannah Morning News (Savannah, Ga.)

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

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