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Creator

Claytor, Robert B. (Robert Buckner), 1922-1993

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Biographical Note

Robert Buckner Claytor was born to W. Graham Claytor and Gertrude Boatwright Claytor on February 27, 1922, in Roanoke, Virginia. He graduated from Princeton University, earned a law degree from Harvard University, and served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He was chairman and CEO of Norfolk Southern and was involved in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, serving for a time as chancellor. He also served on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors from 1982-1990. Claytor died on April 9, 1993, and is buried in St. John's Episcopal Church Columbarium, Roanoke.

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Scope and Content

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Related Archival Materials

See the W. Graham Claytor Papers, Ms1981-095, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives. W. Graham Claytor was the father of Robert B. Claytor.

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