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Abstract

Correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other items document the career and family of John R. Hutcheson. After earning his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI), John Redd Hutcheson (1886-1962) began working at the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service in 1914, becoming its director in 1919. Hutcheson was elected as president of VPI in 1945, serving until his nomination as VPI's first chancellor in 1947. The next year he became the first president of the VPI Educational Foundation, Inc. Hutcheson married Eleanor Parrott, with whom he had three children: Eleanor Catlett, John Hutcheson, Jr., and Robert Hutcheson.

Creator

John R. Hutcheson family

Extent

1.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

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Biographical Note

One of seven children, John Redd Hutcheson (1886-1962) was born to Robert Francis and Mary Claiborne (née Barksdale) Hutcheson near Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia, on January 13, 1886. Dr. Jack, as he was affectionately known, married Eleanor Parrott in 1917, and the couple had three children: Eleanor Barksdale (Mrs. Charles, III) Catlett, John Redd Hutcheson, Jr., and Robert Parrott Hutcheson, who died serving during World War II. Hutcheson served briefly during World War I, and he operated the Edgemont Farm with his brother T.B. Hutcheson.

John Hutcheson earned a B.S. degree in 1907 and M.S. in 1909 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI, now Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University or Virginia Tech) as well as honorary doctorates from Clemson College in 1937 and North Carolina State College in 1947. Following graduation from VPI, he taught and served as principal for schools in Virginia and Mississippi as well as lectured at the University of Virginia. In 1914, Hutcheson joined the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service (now the Virginia Cooperative Extension), becoming its director in 1919.

In 1945, Hutcheson succeeded Julian A. Burruss as VPI's ninth president, serving until the Board of Visitors elected Hutcheson to become VPI's first chancellor in 1947. The following year, the Board established the VPI Educational Foundation, Inc. (known today as the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc.) and named Dr. Jack its first president. He left the chancellorship in 1956, while remaining the foundation's president until his death on January 23, 1962.

External Sources:

Kinnear, Duncan Lyle. 1972. *The First 100 Years: A History of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*. Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. (Call number: LD5655.K5)

Robertson, Jenkins Mikell. 1972. *Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Historical Data Book, Centennial Edition*. Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. (Call number: LD5655.R69 1972)

Scope and Content

The John R. Hutcheson Family Collection, 1890-1969, documents Hutcheson's family and his career at the Virginia Agriculture Extension Service (VAES, now Virginia Cooperative Extension) and Virginia Polytechnic

Institute (VPI, now Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University or Virginia Tech). Comprising correspondence, newspaper clippings, printed materials, photographs, and a scrapbook, the collection is divided into two series, Series I: Personal Papers and Series II: Professional Papers. The first series contains biographical sketches of John R. Hutcheson, legal documents, and printed material regarding his death and VPI. Correspondence discusses his and his son's war service, the Hutcheson and Barksdale genealogy, and his extended family. A scrapbook compiled by Eleanor P. Hutcheson covers family and local events, such as weddings, deaths, and faculty and staff appointments at the VAES and VPI. Photographs and a photograph album depict Hutcheson and his wife, friends and events at the university and in the local area, and Hutcheson's 1907 VPI football team.

The second series of Professional Papers is divided into three subseries: Subseries A: Appointments and Nominations, Subseries B: Virginia Agriculture Extension Service (VAES), and Subseries C: Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI). Appointments and Nominations contains correspondence and newspaper clippings regarding possible appointments for Hutcheson in the federal government and banking firms, his rejections of these offers in order to stay on at VAES and VPI, and his service as chairman on the Radford Area Defense Council. The VAES subseries documents his work as director, including the celebrations surrounding his 25th anniversary and the successes of the county agents and home demonstration workers in the program during the Great Depression. The VPI series concerns Hutcheson's appointment as president of the university and includes a report card from 1890, among other items.

Related Archival Materials

See also the Records of the Office of the President, John Redd Hutcheson, RG 2/9, and Edgemont Farm Papers, Ms2003-022, at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives. John R. Hutcheson Academic Regalia , Textile-2000-001

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by type of material and chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Personal Papers

Unit Date 1907-1969, undated

Biographical information

Unit Date 1940, 1962, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

John and Eleanor Hutcheson World War I letters

Unit Date 1918

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Hutcheson and Barksdale genealogy and correspondence

Unit Date 1926-1955

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Hon. R. F. Hutcheson obituary

Unit Date January 13, 1940

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

World War II documents and poem

Unit Date 1944, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Virginia Tech Alumni Association card for John R. Hutcheson

Unit Date 1951

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Will and estate paper for John R. Hutcheson

Unit Date August 3, 1956

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Newspaper articles and printed material regarding death of John R. Hutcheson

Unit Date 1962

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Printed material

Unit Date 1928-1963

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Photographs

Unit Date [ca. 1930s-1950s]

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Photograph album

Unit Date [ca. 1900s-1920s]

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Class of 1907 Senior Football Team photograph showing John R. Hutcheson in 2nd row, 3rd from right

Unit Date 1907

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook, "Kith and Kin of Eleanor Parrott Hutcheson"

Unit Date January 1939

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Loose publications and newspaper clippings removed from scrapbook

Unit Date 1939-1969

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3-5 (folder)

Loose photographs removed from scrapbook

Unit Date 1941, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Loose printed material removed from scrapbook

Unit Date 1939-1948

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Loose correspondence removed from scrapbook

Unit Date 1940-1942

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14-15 (folder)

Series II: Professional Papers

Unit Date 1890, 1917, 1929-1963

Subseries A: Appointments and Nominations

Unit Date 1917, 1929-1936, 1941

John R. Hutcheson's appointments, nominations, and personnel correspondence and newspaper clippings

Unit Date 1917, 1929-1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Radford Area Defense Council

Unit Date 1941

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Subseries B: Virginia Agricultural Extension Service

Unit Date 1930-1949

Newspaper clippings and printed material regarding John R. Hutcheson

Unit Date 1937-1944

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

25th Anniversary for John R. Hutcheson as director

Unit Date 1944

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, printed material

Unit Date 1930-1945

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 20-22 (folder)

Correspondence, primarily regarding county agents and home demonstration workers

Unit Date 1932-1949

Unit Date (bulk 1932-1934)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 23-24 (folder)

Subseries C: Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Unit Date 1890, 1945-1963

Newspaper clippings and printed material regarding presidency of John R. Hutcheson

Unit Date 1945

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Audit of furniture at President's House

Unit Date July 25, 1947

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

The Radford Review with letter from Mrs. Reagan Wyatt

Unit Date 1952

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Letter to Mrs. John R. Hutcheson with 1890 Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College report card

Unit Date 1890, 1963

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 28 (folder)