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Abstract

The David Wilbur Peters Official Papers contain materials related to Dr. Peters' time as President of Radford University between 1938 and 1951. Official Papers of the collection refer to assembly programs, conferences, various departments and organizations on the Radford University campus during Dr. Peters' time as President and information on Ingles Hall. The full collection [inventory](#) is available.

Creator

Dr. David Wilbur Peters

Extent

1.5 Linear feet.

Location

Located in locked compact shelving, level 1.

Repository

University Archives, McConnell Library, Radford University

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

An appointment for research is required. The collection is open for research. No interlibrary loan.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Additional accruals are not expected.

Biographical Information

Dr. David Wilbur Peters was president of Radford College from 1938 to 1951. He was born in Franklin County, VA, and obtained his undergraduate degree at Roanoke College, then received M.A. and P.h.D degrees from Columbia University. Dr. Peters visited Radford on several occasions before his appointment as president in 1938 due to his membership of the State Department of Education. His professional career also included various administrative and teaching positions in Campbell County and Richmond. During his years as president, Dr. Peters oversaw the transition of Radford to the Women's Division of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and guided the school through vast post-World War II growth.

Scope and Content

The David Wilbur Peters Official Papers contain materials related to Dr. Peters' time as President of Radford University between 1938 and 1951. The collection is separated into two categories: official papers and VPI Consolidation Papers and Correspondence. In the category of official papers this collection houses items such as information on conferences attended by Dr. Peters, biographical materials on the same, assembly programs, information about the curriculum and the construction and dedication of Ingles Hall. Also found in these papers are printing charges for the Beehive yearbook, faculty memoranda, various performances and programs and information on Catholic Church attendance. As well as information on various organizations such as the Workers Progress Administration, Sororities and Fraternities and the State Board of Education.

The second category of materials deals with the Radford/VPI merger, which was overseen by Dr. Peters. Available for research are items such as the initial reports, correspondence and discussions pertaining to the merger, statistics on land grant colleges, various correspondence from 1943-1952, arguments for an against consolidation and newspaper articles.

Related Collections

[V.P.I. Merger Documents](#)

Arrangement

Box 1. Official Papers

Box 2. Official Papers

Box 3. Radford - VPI Consolidation Papers and Correspondence