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Donor: Merwin Brandon, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of personal, and business related correspondence, memos, biographical information, speeches, printed material, etc. Business related materials include letters re: the NFPA Handbook, a statement of Underwriters Laboratories before the Senate Committee on Commerce on product safety legislation (1971), letters re: Mr. Brandon's "Reminiscences," speeches, and letters re: to his retirement, and other.

The personal correspondence reflects Mr. Brandon's views on topics of national concern and includes letters exchanged by Brandon and legislators re: welfare, gun control laws, Supreme Court nominations, etc.

Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

Merwin McGehee Brandon

Date and place of birth:

November 14, 1898 Pinckneyville, Mississippi

Date and Place of death:

Names of parents, wife or husband, children, or other family relationships:

Wife: Frances Bahin Brandon

Son: Merwin Brandon, Jr.

Grandson: Merwin Brandon, III

His occupation, activities, and place or places where he flourished:

B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Miss. A & M College, 1919. E.E. degree from Miss. State College, 1936. WW1 veteran. Joined staff of Underwriters Laboratories, 1921. Served UL as Factory Inspector, Service Engineer, Chief Inspector, Electrical Engineer, Vice President, and President. Retired April, 1964. Appointed to Consumer Advisory Council of UL, 1967.

Titles of books or other sources where further information can be found:

See Merwin McGehee Brandon papers, Container 1, Folder 2; Container 2, Folder 10

Also see *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry* 1964-1965 (R920, W62c)

Name and address of Person supplying data (and relation to biographee):

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