

CHARLES CRUTCHFIELD PAPERS INVENTORY, 1952-1978

[3 boxes]

ABSTRACT

Charles Crutchfield was born on July 27, 1912, in Hope, Arkansas. The family moved to Spartanburg, South Carolina, when he was a child. Beginning as an announcer and radio programmer for a variety of radio stations in the Carolinas, he eventually joined the WBT staff, where he became famous for putting together the "Briarhoppers." Crutchfield stayed at the station and its parent company until retiring in 1977 as president of the Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Company.

Crutchfield was also active in a number of professional and civic organizations. A few of these included: a U.S. State Department appointment for a Special Mission to Greece, service as a representative of the broadcast industry on a tour of the former Soviet Union, and his election as president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Charles Crutchfield died on August 19, 1998.

This collection contains documents, clippings, audio/visual materials, and photographs.

ACCESS

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RELATED MATERIALS

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WBT Collection, 1928-1952. (CALL NUMBER: NCR ARCHIVAL COLLECTION)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes material by and about Charles Crutchfield. It primarily focuses on his work at WBT, as president of the Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Company, and as president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. There is also some material of and relating to the Briarhoppers and other WBT broadcasts. The bulk of the collection is from the 1950s and 1970s.

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

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Clippings of Charles Crutchfield, president of Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Company, president of Chamber, 1971.	1	
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Letters to Crutchfield as president of Jefferson-Pilot.	2	
Renewal Application for WBTW, 1952.	2	
Jefferson Standard Application for channel, 1952.	2	
4 audio cassettes.	2	
Reports, talks, published articles by Charles Crutchfield.	3	
List of personalities at WBT, 1934-1973.	3	
Reel to reel of Briarhoppers performing, and cassette of Old WBT Broadcasts.	3	
Unboxed assortment of files—photographs, White House correspondence, Rebel Yell Broadcast (tape), special letters, etc.		