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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Colonel Thomas H. Barton scrapbook collection (Digital)
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Biographical/Historical Note

Colonel Thomas H. Barton, El Dorado oilman and philanthropist, established Lion Oil Company as a successful oil producer and refiner. Barton earned his title as Colonel through service in World War I and then the Army Reserve.

Barton's philanthropic interests involved him with the Arkansas Livestock Show Association, leading to the establishment of the Arkansas State Fair and the dedication of the T.H. Barton Coliseum in Little Rock, AR; medical pursuits at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock, AR, and Warner-Brown Hospital in El Dorado; the creation of Union County's Barton Library; and the establishment of the Union County Memorial Stadium. He also donated to scholarships and the arts.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains scans of three scrapbooks, circa 1939-1955, pertaining to the life and career of Colonel Thomas H. Barton.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Barton Public Library, El Dorado, Arkansas, 2017.

Collection Inventory

asa_ms000942_scrapbook01: Colonel Barton scrapbook 1939-1947, including letterhead clippings from various El Dorado businesses, many of which list an office held by T.H. Barton. Businesses include Thornton and Alexandria Railway Company, Refining Committee of the Planning and Coordination Committee Regional District No. 2, Lion Oil Refining Company, KELD, KARK, and Lion Oil Company, and includes clipping featuring content on the Arkansas Live Stock Show Association of Little Rock. The majority of the scrapbook focuses on a family and friends fishing trip at the Miramichi River, New Brunswick, Canada. 1939-1947

asa_ms000942_scrapbook02: Colonel Barton Scrapbook 1954-1955, including newspaper clippings, photos of dinners and award ceremonies. Ceremonies include events at Lion Oil and bestowal to Colonel Barton of an honorary degree from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. 1954-1955

asa_ms000942_scrapbook03: Colonel Barton scrapbook 1955, including newspaper clippings, photos of businessmen and meetings, articles, and documents relating to the 1955 merger between Monsanto Chemical Company and Lion Oil Company. 1955