

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG5408.AM: Woods Family (Lincoln, Neb.)
Papers: 1909-1942
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Neb.:
Size: 0.75 cu.ft.; 2 boxes + oversize

BACKGROUND NOTE

Col. Frederick Moffatt Woods was born in 1844 in Illinois. He spent the first half of his life in Illinois and the rest in Nebraska. Early in the Civil War, he enlisted in the service and advanced to the rank of colonel. In his life, Col. Woods was a nationally renowned pioneer livestock auctioneer. He spent forty years teaching improved livestock breeding and the advancement of agriculture. He died on August 14, 1928 in Madeline Island, Wisconsin.

Mark White Woods was born on January 23, 1870 in Belvidere, Illinois. He came to Lincoln, Nebraska, with his parents when he was a little boy. He married Louise Clark Pace in 1892 and had a son and a daughter, Frederick Pace and Vashti Eugenia (Mrs. Albert E. Faulkner). Mark W. Woods and his brother George founded a loan, insurance and real estate agency in Lincoln in 1890, when the city's population was only 20,000. From the beginning, the Woods Brothers Corporation branched into multiple business enterprises such as Woods Brothers Co., Woods Brothers Construction Co, Woods Brothers Realty Co, Standard Timber Co., Woods-Updike Land Co, and Fairfax Airports Inc. The Woods Brothers Corporation developed hundreds of acres in South Lincoln. Outside Lincoln, it was actively involved with an industrial development project in Kansas City and with Missouri River development work. Mark W. Woods was known as a prominent Lincoln real estate man as well as pioneer city developer. He died on June 30, 1956, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mark's son, Pace Frederick Woods was born on April 23, 1895 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1916, he obtained his real estate license and joined the family realty business. Pace presided over the Woods Brothers Corporation following his father, and he was named the State Realtor of the Year by the National Association of Real Estate Boards in 1961. Pace F. Woods died in Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 27, 1991, at the age of 96.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection relates to business and personal activities of the Woods Family. The collection is arranged in two series: 1) General Corporate Materials; and 2) Personal materials. Series 1 is further divided into subseries. Some original manuscripts and transcripts have been restricted due to their brittle condition. Researchers must use photocopies of these items.

Series 1; Subseries 1 contains published materials by the Woods Brothers Corporation, and other agencies and companies. The Woods Brothers Corporation published materials include company business reports and programs. "A Book of Introduction of the Woods Brothers Corporation," undated, gives a general idea of its diversified activities. Other types of published materials include legal publications generated by the U.S. government, news clippings on the Woods Brothers

Company, photocopies of six other companies' prospectuses, and miscellaneous magazines.

Series 1; Subseries 2 includes various materials relating to the real estate business of the Woods family and Mark & Pace Farm Service. Most business letters have supplementary attachments such as drawings or land appraisal documents. Land lease forms, indentures, real estate records, and appraisal documents are present.

Series 1; Subseries 3 consists of general business correspondence to Mark and Pace Woods, 1938-1940.

Series 1; Subseries 4 contains a small amount of Woods Company financial materials such as loan application and daily bank balance, 1939, as well as a stock register and blank stock certificates for the National Security Investment Co.

Series 2 includes personal materials relating to Col. Frederick M. Woods, Eugenia V. Woods, Rachel Brock Woods and George Woods.

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DESCRIPTION

Series 1: General Corporate Materials, 1927-1942
Subseries 1 - Published Materials

Box 1
Folder

1. Program of Dedication of Waubonise Bridge, Nebraska City, Oct. 17, 1930
"River Bank Protection along Small Streams," undated (2 copies)
"Back of each Share of the Woods Brothers Corporation (2 copies)
"A Pictorial Story of the Security and Earning Power Back of the Shares of Woods Brothers Corporation," undated (3 copies)
Booklet, "Woods Brothers Corporation," undated [See Oversize]
Map, City of Lincoln, Nebraska and Vicinity, 1937; showing Woods Brothers Industrial and residential locations and land for future development [See Oversize]
2. Legal publications by the U.S. government: "The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935", 1937-1938
3. News clippings on Woods Brothers Corporation, Mark and Pace Woods, undated [photocopy]
4. Miscellaneous company prospectuses, 1936, not Woods Brothers Corporation [photocopies only; **restricted originals** housed separately]
5. Magazines: "Lincoln Nebraska," by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, vol.1, no.1, Sept. 1927
"Steel" magazine, Vol. 110, No 23, June 1942
"California Highways & Parks," July, 1939
"California Highways & Parks," Aug. 1939
"California Highways & Parks," May, 1942

Series 1: General Corporate Materials, 1927-1942

Subseries 2 - Real Estate Materials/Mark & Pace Farm Service

6. Business correspondence: Letter drafts and transcripts by Pace F. Woods, undated and Letter by Mark Woods, 1943 [**restricted originals** housed separately]
Other business letters and attached materials to Mark and Pace Woods, 1938-1944
7. Real estate documents: Release of mortgage, indentures, and real estate records, 1938
8. Clippings relating to farm service, undated

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Subseries 3 - General Woods Brothers Corporation Correspondence

9. Business letters to Pace & Mark Woods, 1938-1940

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Subseries 4 - Financial Materials

10. Loan application form and Daily bank balance, 1939
11. National Security Investment Co., stock certificates (blank)
National Security Investment Co., register of stock certificates, 1917-1919 [See Oversize]
Blank contract forms and blank certificate forms [See Oversize]

Series 2: Personal Materials, 1909-1926, 1952

12. Reminiscence by Col. Frederick M. Woods [**restricted original**; housed separately]
Transcripts of a dedicatory letter by Alvin H. Sanders, editor, Breeders Gazette of Chicago, 1926
13. Eugenia V. Woods, Correspondence: Telegraphs, undated, letters and Christmas cards to undated
14. Eugenia V. Woods, personal notes (music lesson and etiquette notes), undated [**restricted original**, housed separately]

Box 2

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1. Eugenia V. Woods, social materials: dance invitations and opera programs, 1910-1920
2. Eugenia V. Woods, clippings, 1909
3. Rachel Brock Woods, estate, 1923
4. George Woods, clipping, 1952
5. Letter by unknown, and clippings, undated
Culver Vedette newsletter, Nov. 25-26, 1909, listing Woods family as visitors to the Culver Academy [See Oversize]