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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Zerney Burns Barnes, Jr., FACS (Fellow of the American College of Surgeons) was born on August 8, 1925 to Eunice *Pipkin* and Zerney B. Barnes, Sr. and was the eldest of their four children. Zerney spent his childhood nearby and on the Florida Southern College campus. Zerney Barnes, Jr. graduated from Lakeland High School in January 1942. Shortly after his high school graduation, he began at Florida Southern in March 1942 and attended from 1942-1943. Barnes left Florida Southern in June 1943 in order to join the Navy's V-12 College Training Program to become a medical officer. In July 1943, Barnes entered the University of Miami as part of the V-12 program. He graduated, after a short 31 months, in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry with a minor in Physics. While at the University of Miami, he was the President of Sigma Chi, and a member of the Iron Arrow honor society, the National Honor Society, and the Chemistry Honor Club. He was also a member of the University's football team.

Barnes continued in the Navy's V-12 program for graduate school and was admitted into Emory University. After 1945 and the end of World War II, he was honorably discharged. While at Emory, he received a Research Fellowship with the Department of Medicine's Department of Bacteriology and Virology at the Grady Hospital in his junior year. He was also a president of Alpha Omega Alpha honor society in his junior year and was a member of Phi Chi medical fraternity.

While working at the Grady Hospital during his senior year, Barnes met his wife Frances *Shaw*, and the couple married on December 27, 1949. Barnes graduated from Emory in 1950 with his M.D., which he had self-funded through internships and various work opportunities. In August 1951, Frances gave birth to the couple's first daughter Beryl. In 1952, Dr. Barnes was drafted into the Korean War and sent to Florida to the Jacksonville Naval Base in July 1952. Frances gave birth to their second daughter Roxanne soon after the family arrived in Jacksonville, and Dr. Barnes was then deployed to the Canal Zone in Panama. Alongside him were his wife and two young daughters. In April 1954, Dr. Barnes was discharged early and the family returned to the United States, where he resumed his residency at the Kennedy VA Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Barnes finished his residency, and in 1959, he and his family moved to Selma, Alabama where he began working at a private surgical practice. He later moved to the Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama.

Prior to his retirement in 1984, Dr. Barnes, performed a variety of different surgery types and published 22 research articles in various medical journals. He was a board certified surgeon and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Barnes, passed away in May, 2020 at the age of 94.

Through his mother, Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr. was a member of the Pipkin family, which has had a close relationship with Florida Southern College since the College's early days in Sutherland, Florida. His grandfather Levi Nathaniel Pipkin became one of Southern College's trustees in 1910, a few years after the college's arrival in Sutherland. From there, L.N. Pipkin sent all six of his children to the College, with four of his daughters earning degrees. His children were Juanita (Class of 1912), Luther Nathaniel (Attended), Thelma (Attended), Eunice (Class of 1922), Bernice (Class of 1923), and Ruth (Class of 1929). As a trustee and Vice-Chairman of the Board, L.N. Pipkin was crucial to the success of the College after it suffered multiple disasters in the early 1920s. L.N. Pipkin, along with fellow trustees E.E. Edge and E.T. Roux, paved the way for Southern College's move to Lakeland, Florida in 1922.

Scope & Content Note

This collection has been arranged into two series: **Letters** and **Memoirs**.

The **Letters** series contains letters Dr. Barnes wrote to faculty and staff members at Florida Southern College. These letters contain details about his time at the College, his later endeavors, and his family's history. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Memoirs** series contains essays Dr. Barnes wrote about his family's history, his time at Florida Southern College, and his later endeavors. This series is arranged chronologically.

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Provenance Statement:

Dr. Zerney B. Barnes, Jr. donated these papers in September 2014 and July 2016. The 2015 letter was transferred to the McKay Archives by the President's Office.

Notes to Researchers:

For more in-depth information on the Pipkin Family, please see the **Eunice Pipkin Barnes Papers** as well as the [Pipkin Family Digital Exhibit](#) on the McKay Archives web page.

Box #	F#	Title
		Letters
1	1	Letter from Dr. Zerney B. Barnes, Jr., FACS to Heather Pharris (FSC Development), August 11, 2014
1	2	Letter from Dr. Zerney B. Barnes, Jr., FACS to Cathy Jones (FSC Librarian), August 28, 2014
1	3	Letter from Dr. Zerney B. Barnes, Jr., FACS to FSC President Anne Kerr, December 15, 2015
		Memoirs
1	4	"Z.B. Barnes, Jr." by Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr., ca. post 1994
1	5	"Professional Career" by Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr., April 1999
1	6	Recollection of Career in 1950s and 1960s by Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr., April 2004
1	7	"Memories of My Boyhood in Lakeland, Florida: 1925-1942" by Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr., ca. 2005
1	8	"Recollections of Military Service: World War II and Korea" by Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr., ca. 2005
1	9	"Barnes-Pipkin Family History" by Dr. Zerney Barnes, Jr., ca. post 2005