

**Guide to**

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**Eunice Pipkin Barnes**

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## Biographical Sketch:

The fourth child of Levi Nathaniel and Florence Beulah Pipkin, Eunice Inez *Pipkin* Barnes was born on September 11, 1900. Like her elder sister Juanita, she also attended and graduated from Southern College (now Florida Southern College). While at Southern, Eunice was the assistant editor for *The Southern* student newspaper. Eunice graduated in 1922. In 1931, President Spivey instituted the Honor Walk tradition, and Eunice was inducted as the 1922 Honor Walk student. Eunice was also part of the last class to graduate from the Clearwater campus, because in the summer of 1922, Southern moved to the Lakeland campus.

On June 30, 1924, Eunice married Zerney B. Barnes. Together, they had four children: Zerney B., Jr.; Richard; Elizabeth; and Eunice Barnes. When their son Zerney was a child, the couple lived in a lakefront home right next to the College's new home in Lakeland. In 1934, the family moved to their home in the Park Hill area, which is to the north of campus. Eunice's husband was part of the real estate company developing the area in different parts of Lakeland, including to the west of Lake Hollingsworth.

Later on, Eunice would become part of the "Old Guard," an alumni group for those who graduated before the College moved to Lakeland. In 1979, she served as Chairman of the Old Guard and received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. Eunice Pipkin Barnes died on January 11, 1984.

Eunice *Pipkin* Barnes 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. Her father 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 contains ephemera from Eunice Pipkin Barnes's time at Southern College as well as her work with the Florida Southern College Alumni Association. The collection has been arranged in three series: **Biographical**, **Articles and Clippings** and **Photographs**.

The **Biographical** series, arranged chronologically, includes a scrapbook created by Eunice Pipkin about her time at Southern College that includes photographs from that time period.

The **Articles and Clippings** series contains information on Eunice and her family as well history about Florida Southern College. This series was arranged chronologically.

The **Photographs** Series, also arranged chronologically, includes photographs of Eunice, FSC Alumni Groups, and her sisters.

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**Provenance Statement:**

Dr. Zerney B. Barnes, Jr., FACS (Eunice *Pipkin* Barnes's son) donated the materials in this collection to the McKay Archives Center in September 2014.

**Notes to Researchers:**

For more in-depth information on the Pipkin Family, please see the **Pipkin/Barnes Reminiscences** collection as well as the **Pipkin Family Digital Exhibit** on the McKay Archives web page.

**Box Inventory List:**

Box #	Folder	Series	Title
		<b>Biographical</b>	
1	1		Graduate Expression Recital, April 21, 1921
1	2		School Girl Days: A Memory Book scrapbook, ca. 1922
1	3		Letter to Eunice Pipkin Barnes from Mildred Joyce Johnson (alumna), November 17, 1968
1	4		Fifty Year Club Certificate, March 28, 1982
		<b>Articles and Clippings</b>	
1	5		Newspaper Clippings, 1967
1	6		Newspaper Clippings, 1968
1	7		Obituary for Marguerite <i>Wills</i> Callahan Wilson, ca. 1977
1	8		"Palm Harbor: A Historical Sketch" by Michael L. Sanders, ca. 1977
1	9		"Greenwood Community: 1881-1887" by Beulah Pipkin, December 1981
1	10		Newspaper Clippings, 1982
1	11		"Dr. Fletcher's Office, Mulberry 1895," n.d.
		<b>Photographs</b>	
1	12		Southern College at Sutherland, ca. pre January 29, 1921
1	13		The Pipkin Girls, March 4, 1967
1	14		FSC Old Guard, ca. 1967
1	15		Golden Anniversary, May, 22, 1977
1	16		Eunice Pipkin Barnes in Hong Kong, October 1982
1	17		FSC Old Guard (Alumni), 1983