

Biographical Sketch:

Vaughn Edmond Woods (1908-1999) moved to Davenport, Florida in 1931, and in 1932, he established the V. Woods Laboratory in the city. In 1937, he became the Soil Chemist for the Wilson and Toomer Fertilizer Company, where he would work for about 35 years, taking over from W.L. Tait. After Woods left Wilson and Toomer, he held a variety of roles: he opened Nepco Realty in Davenport and worked there for 30 years; he also became the owner of what was once known as the Pardee Groves in Davenport; and in the 1950s, he also served as the Mayor of Davenport. Woods retired in 1998 and passed away in 1999.

Scope and Content Note:

The Personal Materials series contains materials created or collected by the subject related to his personal interests. This series includes the Businesses sub-series, which contains materials from the businesses that Woods founded and owned. The series was arranged alphabetically based on subject.

The Reference Materials series contains materials collected by Vaughn Woods presumably to be used as reference materials through the course of his professional work and research. The series contains primarily bulletins, mostly from the University of Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, that cover a variety of agricultural topics from the 1920s to the 1960s. The series has been divided into subseries based on subject/topic (and subtopic if needed) and then has been arranged chronologically within each subseries.

Restrictions: None

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