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Scope and Contents Note: **The Talbot Patrick Papers consists of newspaper articles written by Mr. Patrick for the Rock Hill, SC *Evening Herald* from 1953-1979 and were organized in chronological order by Mr. Patrick in a notebook. Mr. Talbot Patrick (1897-1980) was a longtime editor of the Rock Hill *Evening Herald* newspaper from July 1, 1947 retired in 1975, however he continued to write editorials for the paper until he passed away on January 23, 1980. The majority of articles in the collection were part of his running column titled the "Carolina Traveler" in which he describes his travels and experiences throughout the globe. His travels for the column take him throughout Europe, Asia, and the Middle East through the 1950s through the 1970s. He editorializes on the culture, politics, geography and people of the places he visited including Europe, the Middle East, South America and the Far East. Of special interest are his articles in July 1958 when Mr. Patrick found himself in the middle of the Iraq Revolution when he just happened to be visiting. He witnessed firsthand the overthrow of the Iraqi government and was in Baghdad as the King was put to death and the new government was installed. As a result of his coverage of the events he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.**

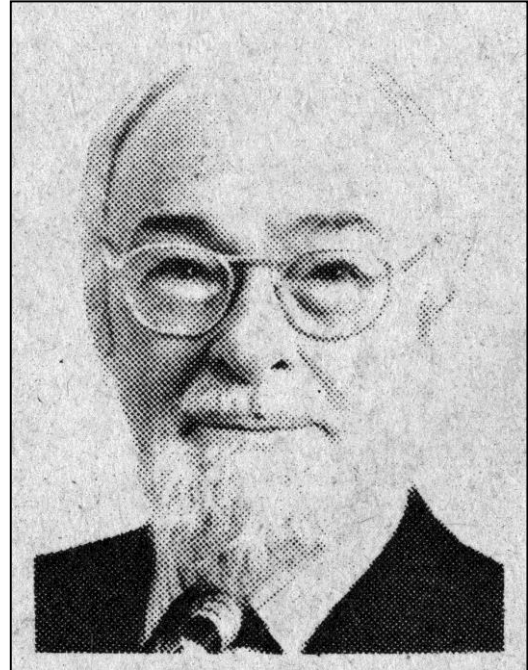
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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA CHRONOLOGY

TALBOT PATRICK

Chronology

- 1897, Apr. 14 Born, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1918 B.A., Yale University
- 1921 Reporter Chicago City News
- 1923 Shot by Illinois Deputy
- 1927 Married
- 1929 Part owner and editor of the Goldsboro, NC,
Daily Argus
- 1942 Commissioned into the US Army at Lt. Col.
- 1947 Became publisher of the Rock Hill, Evening
Herald
- 1958 In Iraq during the Revolution
- 1975 Retired from the Rock Hill, Herald
- 1980, Jan. 23 Died at the age of 82



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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BIOGRAPHY

TALBOT PATRICK

Biography¹

Born April 14, 1897, in Chicago, Illinois, son of Dr. Hugh Talbot Patrick (1860-1939), a renowned neurologist and specialist in nervous and mental diseases, and of Fannie Elizabeth Gary Patrick (1861-1922).

He received his elementary and high school education at The Chicago Latin School from which he graduated in 1914. In his senior year he was editor-in-chief of *The Folio*, the school magazine.

He entered Yale University the fall of 1914 and graduated from there the summer of 1918. In the fall of 1915 four batteries of the Connecticut National Guard were established at Yale for instruction in field artillery in Anticipation of possible involvement of the United States in World War I. In the summer of 1916, when Pancho Villa came across the border from Mexico, raided a town or two in the United States, the National Guard was called out and throughout the Nation enrollments in military training were increased. Instead of spending the summer fighting Pancho Villa, Patrick spent the summer of 1916 in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, digging graves for horses that had been passed off on the military.

Also during the summer of 1916 Congress passed the first ROTC law, and Patrick entered the ROTC unit at Yale that fall. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery in August of 1918.

Patrick's first introduction to the south came at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, the summer of 1918. (Camp Jackson became Fort Jackson after World War I.) He soon took an opportunity to go overseas in a field artillery replacement group. He remained there until the conclusion of World War I and returned to the United States that December.

Patrick went to work for the Oliver Chilled Plow Works in South Bend, Indiana, for 18 cents an hour. It was there that he got involved in the start of an employee publication, and through this experience decided that he wanted to go to work on newspapers.

Patrick then began work for the City News Bureau in Chicago as a police reporter. The City News Bureau gathered news for four afternoon and two morning Chicago newspapers, as well as for The Associated Press. While working for the City News Bureau he attended night school at the Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University. From the City News Bureau he went to the old Chicago Evening Post as a reporter.

While many of us have seen movies or television pictures making old-style reporters look heroic, the fiction is much further from the truth. However, Talbot Patrick probably is one of the few police reporters who ever got shot...by the police themselves! It was in the early 1920s and he was riding in a car in the Chicago area with a chief deputy sheriff and some other newsman. A police sergeant from another county came out of a tavern and mistakenly thought the car in which Patrick was riding was an automobile which had been used in a series of robberies in the Chicago area. He ordered two patrolmen who were with him to fire at the car. They

¹ This biography was received from *The Herald* on February 2, 1998 via fax and was written by an unknown author in 1972.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA **BIOGRAPHY (cont.)**

TALBOT PATRICK

did so and one of the bullets went through the back of the car, through the back seat and into Patrick's shoulder area and stopped immediately over the spine, but not badly. Instead of covering a news story, Patrick became the news story!

In 1923 Patrick took a leave of absence and spent five months in Europe, during which he wrote a number of stories for the Chicago Evening Post. Following his return he went to work for the Republican-Gazette in Lima, Ohio.

In late 1923 Patrick, with an old college chum, left for a trip around the world which lasted nearly two years. He worked for a number of papers on the trip, including the Honolulu Advertiser, the China Press in Shanghai, and as a war correspondent in 1924 for the Chicago Tribune News Service. During that trip he went to Japan, Korea, Manchuria, China, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, and Tahiti.

From 1925 through 1927 Patrick pursued his studies at Columbia University in New York while also trying his hand at fiction writing. His efforts were interrupted by marriage in 1927 when he had to seek more stable employment and went to work for the New York Daily News in the advertising department.

In the spring of 1929 Patrick became part owner and editor and general manager of the Goldsboro, North Carolina, Daily Argus, one of two competing daily newspapers in that city. Through his efforts the two papers were merged later that year into the surviving Goldsboro News-Argus. Patrick then became editor and publisher.

In early 1942 Patrick was asked by Washington to serve the United States in the Office of Facts and Figures, a predecessor agency of the Office of War Information. He was later commissioned directly into the Army and served in the military government branch of the service, including several years overseas duty with General Eisenhower's staff at SHAEF. He left the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

July 1, 1947, Patrick became publisher of the Evening Herald in Rock Hill.

While on one of several trips throughout Far Eastern countries, Patrick found himself in Baghdad, Iraq, July of 1958. The following morning he found himself in the middle of a full-scale revolution in which the existing government was overthrown, the King killed, and a new government installed. Patrick was the first American newsman to get out with a series of stories about the true incidents of the war inside Iraq. Later that fall he was cited for his outstanding coverage of that revolution by The Associated Press and in addition, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

In addition to being active in community affairs in both Rock Hill and Goldsboro, Patrick is a charter member of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association and of the Institute of Newspaper Controllers

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA **BIOGRAPHY (cont.)**

TALBOT PATRICK

and Finance Officers. He is a past president of the North Carolina Press Association, and has served on numerous committees for both the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and the American Newspaper Publishers Association. He was one of the early members from small daily newspapers of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and is still active in that organization.

At 75, Patrick, although somewhat divorced from daily activities at the Evening Herald, still is active in trying to improve his profession and industry. He currently is involved in a nationwide study with other newspaper editors to seek ways to develop better relationships between newspapers and their readers.

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	BIOGRAPHICAL This series consists of biography by an unknown author that was sent to the Archives by the Herald on February 2, 1998. Also includes a photocopy of a 1924 article from the China Press by Talbot Patrick titled "He Was A Kindly Man Among His Comrades."	1998, nd
1	2	CAROLINA TRAVELER: MIDDLE EAST Trip to Mediterranean and Middle East Including Egypt, Spain, Southern France, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, and Israel. Observation of culture, politics, religion, tourism, and the founding of the Jewish state.	Mar. 4, 1953- Aug. 26, 1953
1	3	CAROLINA TRAVELER: BRITIAN Mr. Patrick's trip to England with observation on the monarchy, tourism, and Irish hostility towards the British.	June 19, 1953- Aug. 15, 1953
1	4	CAROLINA TRAVELER: ASIA Visiting Tokyo, Japan for the marriage of his son, Hugh. Also in Korea questions if the truce will hold. Next travels the Philippines, Taiwan, Indo China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, and Pakistan.	Nov. 20, 1954- Apr. 24, 1954
1	5	CAROLINA TRAVELER: GERMANY Mr. Patrick is visiting friends in Iraq when the military seizes control over the state. He next travels to Berlin and comments on German life and the issue of a divided Germany.	July 23, 1958- July 13, 1959
1	6	CAROLINA TRAVELER: EUROPE AND PAKISTAN Two month tour of Europe, of Berlin, London, and Paris. He then travels to Karachi, Pakistan where he editorializes on slow industrialization, material law, and Pakistan's move towards democracy.	July 23, 1959- Aug. 3, 1961
1	7	CAROLINA TRAVELER: PAKISTAN, EGYPT, AND ISRAEL Travels to Pakistan, Egypt and Tel Aviv, Israel to attend the annual congress of the International Press Institute.	Mar. 21, 1961- Dec. 7, 1961
1	8	CAROLINA TRAVELER: HAWAII Mr. Patrick visits Hawaii where he makes observations on the island culture and customs. He travels next to the Philippines where he visits with high ranking government officials.	Apr. 9, 1962- May 25, 1962

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

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2	9	<i>CAROLINA TRAVELER: CHINA, HONG KONG, AND JAPAN</i> Talbot Patrick visits to the Far East. His first stop is in Hong Kong. His comments revolve around the politics of Communist China. He next visits Okinawa and Tokyo, Japan.	May 29, 1962- Aug. 21, 1962
2	10	<i>CAROLINA TRAVELER: SWEDEN AND DENMARK</i> Short trips to Sweden and Denmark. He next visits the Taj Mahal in India and attends festivities in Sikkim as a royal guest.	June 11, 1963- June 2, 1965
2	11-12	EDITORIALS Editorials on inflation, economics and US debt. In February of 1975 he travels extensively in Columbia, South America. In August 1975, editorials concentrate on the 1976 presidential election, and surrounding issues. Mr. Patrick spends the Spring of 1976 traveling the countries of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. In 1977, 1978, and 1979 his editorials are concentrated around US economics, inflation, and the surrounding political debate. He also develops a fascination with disco dancing.	Aug. 16, 1974- Nov. 5, 1979