

Papers of
NATHAN STRAUS, JR.

1909-1961

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Biographical Sketch

Nathan Straus, radio station executive, was born in New York, NY, May 27, 1889. He was graduated from Princeton in 1909, and married Helen E. Sachs in 1915.

Straus began as a reporter with the New York Globe. He was connected with R.H. Macy & Co., 1910-13. He bought "Puck," a humor weekly in 1914, publishing and editing it until 1917. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1917, and was commissioned an ensign. He received his honorable discharge December 1918.

He was assistant editor of the New York Globe, 1919-20.

Straus became a member of the New York State Senate, 1921-26. He was chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and a member of commissions on conservation, taxation, and finance. He introduced legislation embodying state-wide park development.

He was special housing commissioner for the city of New York to make a European housing survey in 1935.

Straus was chairman of the board of radio stations WMCA in New York and WBNY in Buffalo.

He was administrator of the U.S. Housing Authority, in charge of an \$800,000,000 public housing program, 1937-42.

Nathan Straus died on September 13, 1961.

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