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Collection Summary
Title: Homer G. Smith Papers
Span Dates: 1971-1987
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1981-1983)
Creator: Smith, Homer G.
Extent: 125 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2004085135
Summary: Accountant, banker, and credit administrator. Correspondence, notes, and oral history transcripts pertaining to his book, A Challenge to U. S. Agriculture: Building the Cooperative Production Credit System.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Smith, Homer G.

Organizations
United States. Farm Credit Administration. Production Credit Division.

Subjects
Agricultural credit--United States.
Agriculture--United States--Finance.
Agriculture--United States.

Occupations
Accountants.
Administrators.
Bankers.

Provenance
The papers of Homer G. Smith, accountant, banker, and credit administrator, were given to the Library of Congress by Linda A. Smith in 2004.

Transfers
Audiocassette tapes have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status
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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Homer G. Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date  
1909, Nov. 26  Born, Washington, D.C.  
1931  Bachelor of Commercial Science, Benjamin Franklin University, Washington, D.C.  
1931-1934  Accountant, Haskins and Sells, New York, N.Y.  
1934-1936  Examiner, Federal Land Bank Association  
1936-1955  Held various administrative positions up to assistant deputy commissioner, Production Credit Division, Farm Credit Administration  
1954  Deputy governor and director, Cooperative Bank Service, Farm Credit Administration  
1976  Published, The 13th Bank: The Central Bank for Cooperatives. Denver: Graphic Impressions  
1979  Head, People-to-People Mission to the U.S.S.R. and Europe  
1987  Published A Challenge to U.S. Agriculture: Building the Cooperative Production Credit System. Denver: Graphic Impressions  
1993, Nov. 11  Died, Chevy Chase, Md.

Scope and Content Note


The book documents the founding and early challenges of the Production Credit System of the Farm Credit Administration. By the 1930s there was a need for a dependable source of farm production credit. The establishment of the PCS led to organizing local farmer- and rancher-owned credit cooperatives. Smith conducted taped interviews with representatives from almost every level of the system. Transcripts of these interviews comprise the bulk of the collection. The correspondence is primarily between members of a review committee set up by Smith to enhance the book’s credence.

Arrangement of the Papers

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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