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Collection Summary

Title: Jean Joseph Maurice Dartigue Papers

Span Dates: 1941-1945

ID No.: MSS61611

Creator: Dartigue, Jean Joseph Maurice, 1903-1983

Extent: 2,000 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in French and English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Haitian government official. Correspondence, minutes, agreements, financial reports, and studies concerning the formation and mission of the Société haitiano-américaine de développement agricole, of which Dartigue was a founder and vice president.

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

Dartigue, Jean Joseph Maurice, 1903-1983.

Organizations

Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Rubber Reserve Company.

Société haitiano-américaine de développement agricole.

Subjects

Cryptostegia.

Rubber industry and trade--Haiti.

Rubber plants.

World war, 1939-1945--Haiti.

World war, 1939-1945--United States.

Occupations

Public officials--Haiti.

Provenance

The papers of Jean Joseph Maurice Dartigue, Haitian government official, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Esther Dartigue, of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in 1984.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Jean Joseph Maurice Dartigue are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1903, Mar. 14	Born, Les Cayes, Haiti
1926-1931	Various positions within the Technical Service of Agriculture and Vocational Education in Haiti during U.S. occupation
1931	Earned M.A. in rural education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Married Esther Reithoffer (died 2003)
1931-1941	Director of Rural Education, Haiti
1941-1946	Minister of Education, Agriculture and Labor in Haiti during administration of President Elie Lescot
1941	With Haitian President Elie Lescot and Minister of Finance M. Abel Lacroix established Société haitiano-américaine de développement agricole; appointed vice president of the corporation
1946	Went into exile to New York after overthrow of President Elie Lescot of Haiti
1956	Joined Unesco
1962-1963	Chief of African Division, Unesco, Paris
1983, July 9	Died, Paris, France

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jean Joseph Maurice Dartigue (1903-1983) span the years 1941-1945 and consist of records relating to the Société haitiano-américaine de développement agricole. Together with President Elie Lescot and Minister of Finance M. Abel Lacroix of Haiti, Dartigue established the Haitian corporation in 1941 and became its vice president. Included in the collection are correspondence, minutes, agreements, financial reports, and studies concerning the organization's founding and mission as an effort during World War II in cooperation with the United States to produce cryptostegia, a fast growing rubber plant. Lands were cleared and several hundred peasant families were displaced in implementing a contract with the Rubber Reserve Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The records, in French and English, were the personal papers of Dartigue and are organized by type of material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1941-1945
BOX 1	Documents regarding agreement, difficulties, accounts and inner workings, 1942-1944
BOX 1	Memorandum
BOX 1	Regarding activities, circa 1942-1944
BOX 1	Regarding cessation of cryptostegia, 1944
BOX 1	Minutes, 1941-1945
BOX 2	Reports
BOX 2	Financial, 1943-1945
BOX 2	On forest conditions, 1945