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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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm84061611
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

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<td>1903, Mar. 14</td>
<td>Born, Les Cayes, Haiti</td>
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<td>1926-1931</td>
<td>Various positions within the Technical Service of Agriculture and Vocational Education in Haiti during U.S. occupation</td>
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<td>1931</td>
<td>Earned M.A. in rural education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Married Esther Reithoffer (died 2003)</td>
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<td>1931-1941</td>
<td>Director of Rural Education, Haiti</td>
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<td>1941-1946</td>
<td>Minister of Education, Agriculture and Labor in Haiti during administration of President Elie Lescot</td>
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<td>1941</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>1946</td>
<td>Went into exile to New York after overthrow of President Elie Lescot of Haiti</td>
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<td>1956</td>
<td>Joined Unesco</td>
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<td>1962-1963</td>
<td>Chief of African Division, Unesco, Paris</td>
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<td>1983, July 9</td>
<td>Died, Paris, France</td>
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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.
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