Collection Summary

Title: Laurence Ilsley Hewes Jr. Papers
Span Dates: 1911-2019
Bulk Dates: 1940-1974
ID no.: MSS86264
Creator: Hewes, Laurence Ilsley, Jr., 1902-1989
Extent: 2,000 items
Extent: 6 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 2.3 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2018086264

Summary: Land reform economist. Primarily unpublished manuscripts, journals, speeches, and correspondence documenting Hewes's work both domestically and internationally. Also included are his works of creative writing, as well as those of family members.

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
Hewes, Agnes Danforth. Agnes Danforth Hewes papers.
Hewes, Laurence I. (Laurence Ilsley), Sr., 1876-1950. Laurence I. Hewes Sr. papers.
Hewes, Laurence Ilsley, Jr., 1902-1989.
Hewes, Patricia Jackson, 1900-1976. Patricia Jackson Hewes memoir.

Subjects
Adolescence.
Agriculture--Washington (State)
Gold mines and mining
Grain--Washington (State)
Highway engineering.
Land reform--Developing countries.
Land reform--Economic aspects.
Land reform--United States.
Mines and mineral resources.
Ranching--Washington (State)
Rural development--Developing countries.
Rural development--Economic aspects.
Rural development--United States.
Youth.

Places
Developing countries--Economic conditions--20th century.
Mexico--History--Revolution, 1910-1920--Children.
Mexico--Social life and customs.
Mexico.
United States--Economic conditions--20th century.
West (U.S.)

Occupations
Economists.

**Acquisition Information**

The papers of Laurence Ilsley Hewes Jr. were given to the Library of Congress by Laurence I. Hewes III in 2018 and 2019.

**Processing History**

The papers of Laurence Ilsley Hewes Jr. were arranged and described by Elizabeth Livesey in 2020.

**Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Laurence Ilsley Hewes Jr. in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

**Access and Restrictions**

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

**Preferred Citation**

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

**Biographical Note**


Laurence I. Hewes Sr. (1876-1950) worked as a highway engineer with the United States Public Roads Administration. Hewes Sr.’s wife, Agnes Danforth Hewes (1874-1963), was born in Tripoli, Lebanon (then Syria), and was a published children’s literature author.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Laurence Ilsley Hewes Jr. (1902-1989) span the years 1911-2019, with the bulk of the material dating from 1940 to 1974. The collection contains Hewes's unpublished manuscript, "Report of a Middle Level Bureaucrat - The Context of Public Administration," which documents his career as a land reform economist. Complementing the manuscript are correspondence, speeches, articles, journals, notes, and reports related to various projects. Several works of his creative writing, chiefly short stories, are included covering topics such as coming of age, gold mining, cattle ranching and grain farming in central Washington state, and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The papers also include Laurence I. Hewes Sr.'s correspondence and blueprints, documenting his work as a highway engineer. Creative writing by Hewes Sr., Agnes Danforth Hewes, and Patricia Jackson Hewes also are present in the
collection. Topics include the American West, mining endeavors, and Mexico. Patricia Jackson Hewes's unpublished memoir, "Pilar's Daughter," details her childhood in Mexico before and during the Mexican Revolution.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

Materials are arranged alphabetically by family member and therein alphabetically by subject.
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