Leland H. Jenks Papers, 1923-1935: Finding Aid

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Abstract: Leland H. Jenks (1892-1976) was a professor of economics and sociology at Wellesley College, and also taught economic history at Columbia University. Jenks's papers document his research on the Cuban sugar industry and include his notes from interviews and a trip to Cuba, statistics, articles, and reports.
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Leland H. Jenks (1892-1976) was a professor of economics and sociology at Wellesley College, and also taught economic history at Columbia University. He earned his B.A. at Ottawa (Kansas) University, his M.A. at the University of Kansas, and his Ph.D. at Columbia University. He served in the Navy during World War I. Jenks married Elizabeth Plank and they had two children, a son Edwin and a daughter Margaret E. (Worthman). While at Wellesley College, Jenks also served as chairman of the Department of Sociology. He was the author of The Migration of British Capital to 1875 (1927) and Our Cuban Colony: A Study in Sugar (1928). He retired from Wellesley College in 1957, after which time he taught economic history at Columbia University for several years. Jenks died in February of 1976.

The Leland H. Jenks Papers document his research on the Cuban sugar industry, as well as his broader research into the economic and financial affairs of the country and its relationship with the United States. A portion of the research was used for his book Our Cuban Colony: A Study in Sugar, published in 1928 as part of a series on American imperialism. The papers include Jenks's notes from interviews and materials he collected regarding the Cuban sugar industry.

Jenks's notes include interviews with bankers, businessmen, administrators and laborers at sugar production facilities, government officials, and professors in the United States and in Cuba. The notes from 1925 to 1926 focus on banking and finance in Cuba, especially with regards to the Banco Nacional, and also include discussions of financial relations and trade with the United States, and the Cuban sugar industry. The notes from a 1934 trip to Cuba focus on the sugar industry and include subjects such as worker conditions, the sugar production process, the success and failure of businesses, sugar taxes and quotas, and American businessmen in Cuba. The notes also include his observations from traveling around the country and visiting sugar mills and other production facilities.

The remainder of the collection is composed of materials Jenks collected about the Cuban sugar industry. The papers include statistics, articles, and reports produced by government agencies, sugar associations, and scholars. The majority of the papers provide statistics on the cost of sugar production, sugar output, and the types of sugar production, with an emphasis on the Colono System. The materials also include forms and contracts produced by sugar companies, articles analyzing problems of the sugar industry, notices of laws, and statements by the United States Tariff Commission on cost and investment data regarding sugar.
Access
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Acquisition and Appraisal

Custodial History
These papers were originally donated to the University of California, San Diego, as part of a larger collection. The papers were accepted by Princeton University's bibliographer for Latin America, Portugal, and Spain in 1992 and placed in the Manuscripts Division of the Department of Rare Books & Special Collections at the Firestone Library.

Provenance and Acquisition
The collection was transferred from Firestone Library to the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library in 2006.

Appraisal
No materials were separated from this collection during processing in 2007.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material
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Processing and Other Information

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Works Cited

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Adriane Hanson in 2007. Finding aid was written by Adriane Hanson in March 2007. A collection-level description and folder-level inventory were created at this time.

Encoding


Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

· Jenks, Leland Hamilton, b. 1892.
· Economics -- 20th century.
· Economists -- United States.
· Sugar trade -- Cuba.
· Sugar trade -- Employees.
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