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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.

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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

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Homer G. Smith is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Homer G. Smith 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, Homer G. Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| Date | Event |
|---------------|--|
| 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 |
| 1956-1974 | President, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colo. |
| 1976 | Published, <i>The 13th Bank: The Central Bank for Cooperatives</i> . Denver: Graphic Impressions Credit expert to small farmers, Bangladesh |
| 1979 | Head, People-to-People Mission to the U.S.S.R. and Europe |
| 1987 | Published <i>A Challenge to U. S. Agriculture: Building the Cooperative Production Credit System</i> . Denver: Graphic Impressions |
| 1993, Nov. 11 | Died, Chevy Chase, Md. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Homer G. Smith (1909-1993) span the years 1971-1987, with the bulk of the material dating from 1981 to 1983. The collection consists of correspondence, notes, printed matter, and oral history transcripts relating to Smith's book, *A Challenge to U. S. Agriculture: Building the Cooperative Credit System*.

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.

Container List

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| BOX 1 | Correspondence, 1971, 1984-1987, undated |
| BOX 1 | Notes and printed matter, 1982-1987, undated |
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| BOX 1 | Bates, George, and Harry Leigh, 1981-1984, undated |
| BOX 1 | Biggerstaff, Thomas, George Grossman, and Alec B. Robertson, 1981-1983 |
| BOX 1 | Brandt, Phil, 1981 |
| BOX 1 | Calkins, William H., 1981 |
| BOX 1 | Cameron, Gordon, Clayton Ford, and Howell Hughes, 1981 |
| BOX 1 | Fankhauser, Paul, 1978-1983 |
| BOX 1 | Hayward, Homer, 1977-1984, undated |
| BOX 1 | Johnson, Aubrey, 1981 |
| BOX 1 | Miles, Harold, 1978 |
| BOX 1 | Myer, Werner, 1981 |
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