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Language

English .

Creator

Hodges, LeRoy

Creator

Tucker, Robert Henry

Creator

Price, James H. (James Hubert)

Creator

Davis, John W. (John William)

Creator

Lauck, William Jett

Creator

Astor, Nancy Witcher Langhorne, Viscountess

Creator

McCormick, Leander J. (Leander James)

Creator

Fishburn, Junius Parker

Creator

Bohannon, J. Gordon

Creator

Mann, William Hodges

Creator

Fishburn, Junius Parker

Creator

Miller, Francis Pickens

Creator

Bohannon, J. Gordon

Extent

13 Linear Feet

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Biographical / Historical

July 12, 1888. Born in Tarboro, North Carolina

1906-1910 Attended Washington and Lee

1911 Married Almeria Orr Hill

1911-1916 Various positions as economist, teacher

1916-1918 Secretary, Virginia Commission on Economy and Efficiency

1918-1922 Aide and director of budget for Governor Westmoreland Davis

1920-1926 President, State Prison Board (member 1930- 37)

1922-1926 Director of budget (Governor E. Lee Trinkle)

1924-1937 Managing director, Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Continued as State Ordnance Officer, Virginia National Guard

1937-1938 Director of Federal Old-Age Benefits, Social Security Board

1938-1941 State Comptroller and chair, State Compensation Board (Governor James H. Price)

1941-1942 Served with Army Ordnance Office, War Department

1944 18 December, died of leukemia.

See also *Who Was Whoin America, 1943-1950*, various resumes and biographical articles in the collection (box 1).

Scope and Contents

The collection covers nearly all phases of Hodges' career as economist and public official, from 1908 until 1942, when he retired from the Army Ordnance office. Early materials include reports on Southern agriculture and immigration for various agencies. Hodges' first efforts to reform and streamline Virginia state government may be seen in the minutes and papers of the Virginia Commission on Economy and Efficiency. There is considerable correspondence from his service as aide and director of the Budget under Governors Davis and Trinkle. In 1924, Hodges became the first managing director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce; his activities reflected in the official and unofficial correspondence, included development of trade relations with Great Britain and other countries and the creation of the 'Five-Five' (later 'All Virginia') program designed to enhance the state's internal economy, efficiency, and sense of civic pride. Also included are the Chamber of Commerce's publications and numerous addresses by Hodges on trade and economic issues. During this period Hodges continued to participate in the State Prison Board (he served as the president) and as Colonel in the Virginia National Guard; the collection contains his 'Ordnance Notes' and other papers relating to aspects of ordnance and defense preparation in the period between the wars. Hodges' office files as Comptroller include reports, addresses, proposals, and organizations requesting him to speak. A small amount of material concerns his brief service during World War II with the War Department, which was cut short by illness.

Col. Hodges' correspondents include economists, government officials, businessmen, and other prominent figures in Petersburg and Richmond. Among the names represented are W. Jett Lauck, James H. Price, Gordon Bohannon, Junius P. Fishburn, Francis P. Miller, Robert H. Tucker (Prof. Of Economics at Washington and Lee), members of the 'Virginia Musketeers' (a group of businessmen and officials in the Richmond area), John W. Davis and Lady Astor.

The collection is of interest to students of reform and government efficiency movements in Virginia politics as well as students of Virginia economic history and army ordnance.

Keywords

Economists
Agriculture
Immigrants
Southern states
Budget
International trade
Speeches, addresses, etc., American
World War (1939-1945)
Virginia. Commission on economy and efficiency
Davis, Westmoreland
Virginia. Governor's Office. Division of the Budget
Trinkle, Elbert Lee
Virginia State Chamber of Commerce
Virginia. National Guard
United States. War Department

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal papers

Unit Date 1906-1941

Mixed Materials [0000007084] 1 (box)

Language English.

Papers and reports

Unit Date 1908-1941

Mixed Materials [0000006718] 2 (box)

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Correspondence

Unit Date 1911-1922

Mixed Materials [0000007085] 4 (box)

Text 5 (box)

Text 6 (box)

Text 7 (box)

Text 8 (box)

Language English.

Virginia Committee on Economy and Efficiency Correspondence

Unit Date 1917-1918

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Text 10 (box)

Language English.

Director of the Budget

Unit Date 1922-1924

Mixed Materials [0000007087] 11 (box)

Text 12 (box)

Language English.

State Penitentiary Board

Unit Date 1922-1925

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Language English.

Army Ordnance

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Virginia State Chamber of Commerce

Unit Date 1924-1937

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Social Security Board**Unit Date** 1937-1938**Mixed Materials [0000007091]** 29 (box)**Text** 30 (box)**Language** English.**Comptroller****Unit Date** 1938-1941**Mixed Materials [0000007092]** 31 (box)**Text** 32 (box)**Text** 33 (box)**Text** 34 (box)**Text** 35 (box)**Text** 36 (box)**Text** 37 (box)**Text** 38 (box)**Text** 39 (box)**Text** 40 (box)**Text** 41 (box)**Text** 42 (box)**Text** 43 (box)**Text** 44 (box)**Text** 45 (box)**Text** 46 (box)**Language** English.**War Department****Unit Date** 1941-1942**Mixed Materials [0000007093]** 48 (box)**Language** English.**Photographs****Unit Date** 1908-1930's**Mixed Materials [0000007094]** 49 (box)**Text** 50 (box)**Language** English.