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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Gerardo Machado y Morales was the fifth president of the Republic of Cuba from 1925 to 1933. Born in Santa Clara, Las Villas, Cuba on 28 September 1871 to Gerardo Machado y Castellón and Lutgarda Morales Yanes, Machado was the youngest general of the Cuban War of Independence (1895-1898), rising to the rank of brigadier general. After the war, he served as mayor of Santa Clara during the American occupation (1898-1902). Machado's political activities led him to join the Liberal Party, and he was its candidate for governor of Las Villas province in 1908 but was defeated. Despite this defeat, Machado served in various posts under the government of José Miguel Gómez, including a stint as Secretary of the Interior until 1912. For the next 12 years, Machado remained an active member of the Liberal Party but was not did not run for any office. During this time he focused his attention on his business endeavors, which included a sugar mill, the Central Carmita, and interests in Cuba's electrical industry, serving as vice president of the Compañía Cubana de Electricidad. It is also in these years that Machado married his cousin, Elvira Machado Nodal. Together they had three daughters: Laudelina (Nena), Angela Elvira, and Berta.

In 1924, Machado was elected president of the Republic of Cuba. During his first term from 1925 to 1928, Machado instituted a major public works program. This program included the construction of Cuba's Central Highway, the Capitolio Nacional, and many new public buildings, schools, hospitals, and roads. Before the end of his term, the Constituent Assembly amended the Cuban Constitution to create a six-year presidential term. Machado was re-elected in 1928 and under the new law, he would serve as president until 1935. Machado's second term was strife with internal conflict and economic turmoil. Sugar prices fell drastically and many Cubans became unemployed. With growing unrest, in 1930 Machado authorized police forces to break up political meetings and demonstrations, decreeing them illegal. The opposition to

Machado and his government grew, and his repressive measures intensified. In 1932, Machado suspended the Constitution, and in 1933, US president Franklin D. Roosevelt instructed Ambassador Sumner Welles to mediate between Machado and opposition forces. Welles' efforts failed, a general strike was called, and on 12 August 1933, Gerardo Machado was forced into exile.

Machado's family took refuge in the United States. His wife Elvira and their three daughters and their families settled in New York. Machado went into exile in Nassau, the Bahamas. He could not immediately join his family in the US as there was the possibility that he would be extradited to Cuba. In the meantime, Machado traveled to the Dominican Republic, Europe, Bermuda, and Montreal. In 1936, Machado joined his family in New York, and the following year they moved to Miami Beach. On 29 March 1939, Gerardo Machado passed away. He is buried in Miami's Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Gerardo Machado y Morales Papers were donated to the Cuban Heritage Collection in 1992 by Machado's great-grandson, Francisco X. Santeiro.

Scope and content

The Gerardo Machado y Morales Papers consist primarily of the correspondence, business and legal documents, and photographs of Machado and his family in their years of exile after 1933. The bulk of the materials in this collection make up Series I: Correspondence, 1923-1940 and Series IV: Financial Records, 1913-1939. Most of the correspondence in Series I is between Machado and his son-in-law Baldomero Grau, who was married to Machado's daughter Laudelina (Nena), and deals with Machado's business concerns in Cuba as well as matters pertaining to his family's life in exile.

Of note is Series VIII: Photographs, n.d., ca. 1895-1994, which include several photographs of Machado throughout his life, photographs of his family in Cuba and in exile, as well as photographs of the Machado sugar estate, the Central Carmita. Also included in this collection is a manuscript of Machado's autobiographical work, *Ocho Años de Lucha*, in Series II: Works, n.d., 1933 as well as research materials related to Gerardo Machado gathered from the US National Archives and Records Administration by the collection donor, Francisco X. Santeiro (Series V: Extradition and Amnesty, 1925-1938 and Series IX: Funeral, n.d., 1939-1952).

Series X contains materials pertaining to Machado's son-in-law José Emilio Obregón, who was married to Angela Elvira Machado.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Francisco X. Santeiro, 1992 and 2015.

Arrangement

The Gerardo Machado y Morales Papers are organized into ten series.

Please see the Finding Aid/Inventory section of this guide for more detailed information.

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Related material

CHC5212 Luis J. Botifoll Oral History Project interview with Maria Grau de Santeiro.

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:114

Access points

- Grau, Baldomero -- Correspondence (subject)
- Machado y Morales, Gerardo, 1871-1939 -- Correspondence (subject)
- Obregón, José Emilio -- Correspondence (subject)
- Machado family
- Cuba -- Politics and government -- 20th century (place)

Series descriptions

Series id135416: Correspondence

Date: 1923-1940 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published				
File / item list				
Subseries id135418: From Machado				
<u>Date:</u> 1926-1936 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
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id135422	File - To Grau, Baldomero, 1934			1 3
id135423	File - To Grau, Baldomero, 1935			1 4
id135424	File - To Grau, Baldomero, 1936			1 5
id135425	File - To Machado de Grau, Laudelina "Nena" (daughter), 1934			1 6
id135426	File - To Machado, Elvira (wife), 1936			1 7
id135427	File - To Obreg			1 8
id135428	File - To Roosevelt, Franklin D., 1934			1 9
id135429	File - To Rubirosa, Porfirio, 1934			1 10
id135430	File - To Trujillo, Rafael, 1934			1 11
id135431	File - To Villapol, Fernando, 1934-1936			1 12
id372454	File - Between Ferrara, Orestes and Baldomero Grau	1927-1935		1 13
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<u>Publication status:</u>				
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id135438	File - Sep. 1933			2 4
id135439	File - Oct. 1933			2 5
id135440	File - Nov. 1933			2 6
id135441	File - Dec. 1933			2 7
id135442	File - Secret Codes, 1934			2 8

id135443	File - Jan. 1934	2 9
id135444	File - Feb. 1934	2 10
id135445	File - Mar. 1934	2 11
id135446	File -	3
id135447	File - Apr.-May 1934	3 1
id135448	File - Dec. 1934	3 2
id135449	File - Apr. 1935-July 1937	3 3
id135450	File - Sep. 1937	3 4
id135451	File - Oct. 1937	3 5
id135452	File - Nov. 1937	3 6
id135453	File - Dec. 1937	3 7
id135454	File - 1938	3 8
id135455	File - From Ferrara, Orestes, 1933	3 9
id135456	File - From Grau, Baldomero, July 1934	3 10
id135457	File - Aug. 1934	3 11
id135458	File - Sep. 1934	3 12
id135459	File - Oct.	3 13
id135460	File - Jan.	3 14
id135461	File - June	3 15
id135462	File - 1936	3 16
id135463	File - From Machado, F.P., 1923	3 17
id135464	File - From Rubirosa, Porfirio, 1934	3 18
id135465	File - From Trujillo, Rafael, 1934	3 19
id135466	File - Address Book, n.d.	3 20

Subseries id135468: Machado Family

Date: 1939-1940 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135469	File -			3
id135470	File - Condolence Correspondence to Machado Family, 1939			3 21
id135471	File - from Machado Family, 1939			3 22
id135472	File - Machado, Elvira, 1933-1940			3 23

Subseries id135474: General Correspondence

Date: 1933-1938 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id135476	File - Apr.	4 1
id135477	File - Oct.	4 2
id135478	File - Jan.	4 3
id135479	File - Jan.	4 4
id135480	File - Mar. 1935	4 5
id135481	File - Apr. 1935	4 6
id135482	File - May-35	4 7
id135483	File - Jun-35	4 8
id135484	File - Jul-35	4 9
id135485	File - Aug. 1935	4 10
id135486	File - Oct.	4 11
id135487	File - 1936-1938	4 12

Series id135488: Works

Date: undated, 1933 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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File / item list**Subseries id135489: By Machado**

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135490	File -			5
id135491	File - Ocho A			5 1
id135492	File - Ocho A			5 2

Subseries id135493: By Others

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

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id135494	File -			5
id135495	File - Como Sustraer del Caos Econ			5 3
id135496	File - Las Memorias de Carlos Machado, by Antonio Iraizoz, n.d.			5 4
id135497	File - Plan Pol			5 5
id135498	File - Poem by Tula Alfonso de D			5 6

Series id135499: Speeches

Date: 1925-1929 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135500	File -			6
id135501	File - Speeches by Machado, 1925-1929			6 1
id135502	File - La Pol			6 2

Series id135503: Financial Records

Date: 1913-1939 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Subseries id135504: Financial Records

Date: 1927-1935 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135505	File -			7
id135506	File - Correspondence, 1930-1931			7 1
id135507	File - Legal Documents, 1927-1934			7 2
id135508	File - Bank Books, 1927-1934			7 3

Subseries id135509: Financial Statement

Date: 1927-1935 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135510	File -			7
id135511	File - 1927			7 4

id135512	File - 1928	7 5
id135513	File - 1931-1932	7 6
id135514	File - 1932-1933	7 7
id135515	File - 1933	7 8
id135516	File -	8
id135517	File - 1934-1935	8 1

Subseries id135518: Business - General

Date: 1930-1934 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135519	File -			8
id135520	File - 1930-1934			8 2
id135521	File - 1931			8 3

Subseries id135522: Business Correspondence and Documents

Date: 1930-1935 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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id135524	File - 1930-1931			8 4
id135525	File - 1930-1932			8 5
id135526	File - 1930-1932			8 6
id135527	File - 1931-1932			8 7
id135528	File - 1933-1935			8 8

Subseries id135530: Properties and Companies

Date: 1913-1939 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135531	File -			9
id135532	File - Central Carmita: Correspondence, 1920-1934			9 1

id135533	File - Correspondence, 1934-1935	9 2
id135534	File - Operational Records, 1929, 1934-1936	9 3
id135535	File - Financial Records, 1929, 1934	9 4
id135536	File - Accounts Records, 1913-1934	9 5
id135537	File - Documents, 1919-1926	9 6
id135538	File - Documents, 1935-1937	9 7
id135539	File - Legal and Financial Reports, 1936-1939	9 8
id135540	File -	10
id135541	File - Compa	10 1
id135542	File - Golden Age Liquor Company, 1934-1935	10 2
id135543	File - Golden Age Liquor Company, 1934-1935	10 3
id135544	File - House (New York City), [193-]	10 4
id135545	File - Mestre, Machado & Co., 1929-1933	10 5
id135546	File - Selkirk Holding and Development Corp., 1933	10 6
id135547	File - West Indies Liquor Corp. Correspondence, 1934	10 7
id135548	File - West Indies Liquor Corp. Correspondence, 1934-1935	10 8
id135549	File - West Indies Liquor Corp. Correspondence, 1934-1935	10 9
id135550	File -	11
id135551	File - West Indies Liquor Corp. Legal Documents, 1934-1935	11 1
id135552	File - West Indies Liquor Corp. Legal Documents, 1935	11 2
id135553	File - Whitney and Sons (H.N.), 1933-1934	11 3
id135554	File - Reparto Lugardita (Oversized) 1929-1933	12A
id145743	File - Reparto Lugardita (Oversized) 1929-1933	12B

Subseries id135557: Miscellaneous

Date: 1919-1939 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id135561	File - Financial Papers: General, 1929-1933			13 3

id135562	File - Financial Papers: General, 1928-1933	13 4
id135563	File - Business Papers and Correspondence, 1934-1935	13 5
id135564	File - Business Papers and Correspondence, 1935-1936	13 6
id135565	File - Legal and Financial, 1927-1933	13 7
id135566	File - Legal and Financial, 1934-1936	13 8
id135567	File - Legal and Financial, 1939	13 9

Series id135568: Extradition and Amnesty

Date: 1925-1961 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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Subseries id135569: US Department of State

Date: 1925-1961 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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id135573	File - 1927			14 3
id135574	File - 1928			14 4
id135575	File - 1929			14 5
id135576	File - 1930-1932			14 6
id135577	File - 9 Aug. 1933			14 7
id135578	File - 12 Aug. 1933			14 8
id135579	File - 1934			14 9
id135580	File - Correspondence from Kerr, Albert B., 1934			14 10

Subseries id135581: Extradition

Date: 1928-1961 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id135583	File - Estudios sobre el problema de la extradici			14 11
id135584	File - Gaceta Oficial de Cuba, 1928-1933			14 12
id135585	File - Gaceta Oficial de Cuba, 1934-1935			14 13
id135586	File -			15
id135587	File - Cuba. Department of Justice, 1934			15 1
id135588	File - U.S. Department of Justice, 1934-1961			15 2
id135589	File - U.S. Department of State: Division of Latin American Affairs, 1934			15 3
id135590	File - U.S. Department of State: Division of Latin American Affairs, 1935-1937			15 4
id135591	File - Correspondence, n.d., 1935-1937			15 5
id135592	File - Proceedings and Legal Documents, 1934-1938			15 6
id135593	File - Amnesty, 1937			15 7

Series id135594: Legal Documents

Date: undated, 1919-1939 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id135598	File - Deed: Liceo de Villa Clara, 1926			16 3
id135599	File - Mercado de Abasto y Consumo, 1919			16 4
id135600	File - Palacio Presidencial, n.d., 1926			16 5
id135601	File - Visa Extension (Villapol, Fernando), 1934			16 6
id135602	File - Will, 1939			16 7

Series id135603: Publications

Date: undated, 1925-1989 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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<u>Publication status</u> :				
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id135607	File - Memooria de los trabajos realizados por la Comisi			17 2
id135608	File - Libro conmemorativo de la inauguraci			17 3
Subseries id135609: Articles about Machado				
<u>Date</u> : 1925-1972 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status</u> :				
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id135612	File - El Liberal, 1935			18 2
id135613	File - National Geographic (photocopy), 1933			18 3
id135614	File - From other publications, n.d., 1925-1972			18 4
id135615	File - From other publications, n.d., 1925-1972			18 5
id135616	File - From other publications, n.d., 1925-1972			18 6
id135617	File - From other publications, n.d., 1925-1972			18 7
id135618	File - From other publications, n.d., 1925-1972			18 8
id135619	File - From other publications, n.d., 1925-1972			18 9
id135620	File - Machado, Elvira, n.d., 1933			18 10
id135621	File - Typescripts, n.d., 1933			18 11
id135622	File - Press Releases, 1933, 1937			18 12
Subseries id135623: Publications by and about Others				

Date: 1929-1989 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id135627	File - Diario de la Marina (Oversized), 1929-1972			18 20
id135628	File - Scrapbook, 1983-1989			18 21

Series id135629: Photographs

Date: undated, circa 1985-1994 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id135633	File - ca. 1934-1939			22 3
id135634	File - Machado, Gerardo (Group), n.d., 1925-1930			22 4
id135635	File - Machado, Gerardo: Trip to Hamburg, 1934			22 5
id135636	File - Trip to Santo Domingo, 1934			22 6
id135637	File - Machado Family, n.d., 1930s			22 7
id135638	File - Machado Family in Cuba, 1925-1932			22 8
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id135640	File - in Bermuda, n.d., 1935			22 10
id135641	File - in the United States, 1935-1940			22 11
id135642	File - Grau, Baldomero (Group), 1926			22 12
id135643	File - Machado de Grau, Laudelina "Nena", 1955, 1994			22 13
id135644	File - Grau de Santeiro, Nenita, n.d., ca. 1920-1932			22 14
id135645	File - Unidentified Group, 1920s			22 15
id135646	File - Cuba: Central Carmita, Cuba, 1930s, 1947			22 16

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id135651	File - U.S. Department of State Documents (Photocopies), 1939	23 2
id135652	File - Memorabilia, 1939	23 3
id135653	File - Photographs, n.d., 1939	23 4
id135654	File - Cuban Flag (Oversized), 1939	23 24
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id135665	File -	26
id135666	File - Legal Documents, 1930-1934	26 1
id135667	File - Legal Documents, 1930-1934	26 2
id135668	File - 1935-1940	26 3
id135669	File - 1935-1940	26 4
id135670	File - Insurance Papers, 1928-1936	26 5
id135671	File - Gaceta Oficial, 1936	26 6
id135672	File - Clippings, 1925-1968	26 7
id135673	File - Photographs, n.d., 1926-1966	26 8
id135674	File - Oficio de la Semana Santa, 1873	26 9