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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection
Title:	César A. Mena Collection
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Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

César A. Mena Serra was born in Güines, province of La Habana, Cuba, in 1914. He graduated from the University of Havana with degrees in medicine and dentistry. Dr. Mena was a professor of pharmacology and physiology, of the School of Dentistry at the University of Havana until 1959. When Castro seized power in Cuba, Dr. Mena left to Miami as an exile.

Dr. Mena was a founding member of the Cuban Society of the Medical History, member of the American Society of Medicine, the Society of Medical History in Venezuela, and member of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry. He served for four terms as secretary of Retiro Odontológico in Exile. Dr. Mena was the executive director of dental services for Miami-Dade County's health department until his retirement in 1991.

Dr. Mena has published articles in many scientific journals of Latin America and the United States. He is the author of several books: *Historia de los dentistas que lucharon en las Guerras de la Independencia* (History of the dentists who fought in Cuban Independence Wars); *Historia de la odontología en Cuba, 1492 1980* (History of Dentistry in Cuba 1492 1980); *Historia de la medicina en Cuba* (History of the Medicine in Cuba); and *Santa Apolonia: Patrona dental* (Saint Apolonia: Dental Patron).

Scope and content

The César A. Mena Collection contains the documentation and research notes used by Dr. César A. Mena Serra to write his work *Historia de la medicina en Cuba* (History of Medicine in Cuba), which was published in two volumes by Ediciones Universal in Miami, Florida. The first volume, *Hospitales y centros benéficos en Cuba colonial* (Hospitals and charity centers in colonial Cuba), was published in 1992, and the second volume, *Ejercicios y enseñanzas de las ciencias médicas en la época colonial*

(Exercises and teachings of the medical sciences in colonial Cuba), was published in 1993. Dr. Armando F. Cobelo was co-author of these works.

This collection also contains the galley proofs and illustrations of volumes one and two; the original manuscript of volume two; and an invitation to the presentation of the volume one in March 1992.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of César Mena, 1993.

Arrangement

The César A. Mena Collection is organized into two series.

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

Restrictions on access

This collection is unrestricted.

Conditions governing use

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:58

Access points

- Mena Serra, César A. (subject)
- Dentists -- Cuba (subject)

Series descriptions

Series id137633: Research Papers

<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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Subseries id137656: Volume One: Hospitales y centros benéficos en Cuba colonial				
<u>Publication status:</u> Published				

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id137660	File - Chapter I			2 25
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Subseries id137674: Ejercicios y enseñanzas de las ciencias medicas en la epoca colonial

Publication status:

Published

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