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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection
Title:	Tomás Estrada Palma Collection
ID:	CHC0460
Date:	1880-1999 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.80 linear feet (ca. 270 items in two boxes)
Language:	Spanish
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Tomás Estrada Palma was born in Bayamo, Cuba on 9 July 1835. He studied law, and joined the rebel forces during the revolution of 1868-1878. After nine years of service, he was captured and imprisoned in Spain until the end of the insurrection. After his release, he went to Honduras, where he became postmaster of the republic. Later he moved to the United States and opened a school for Latin American students at Central Valley, New York. With a new revolt in Cuba in 1895, Estrada Palma was elected delegate-at-large and minister plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cuba in arms and took charge of the well known council in the United States which purchased arms, organized filibustering expeditions and otherwise aided the army in the field. In 1901, he was elected president of the Cuban republic and was inaugurated on 20 May 1902. On 23 September 1905, he was again elected to the office of president but resigned 28 September 1906. Estrada Palma died on 4 November 1908 and is buried in Santiago de Cuba.

Scope and content

The Tomás Estrada Palma Collection contains materials from a scrapbook donated by the great-grandson of TEP, Tomás Douglas Estrada Palma III. Items that were preserved in the scrapbook include photographs, letters, personal documents, and newspaper clippings. They document primarily the Tomás Andrés Estrada Palma II branch of the Estrada Palma family tree, including some materials related to his wife, Helen Douglas Browne, and her family.

Correspondence includes letters written by TEP, TEP II and other members of the Estrada Palma family. Clippings largely cover the 1906 resignation of TEP from the Cuban presidency and the consequent US military occupation, TEP's death in 1908, as well as events honoring TEP in the years after his death. Also amongst the clippings are articles relating to TEP II's marriage to Helen Douglas Browne in 1910.

Other items include documents such as TEP II's report card, marriage certificate, and passport. There are also photographs of TEP, TEP II, and TEP III, as well as photos of other members of the family such as Genoveva Guardiola de Estrada Palma, Candelaria "Candita" Estrada Palma, and Helen (Douglas Browne) Estrada Palma. Of special interest is a photograph of the presidential convoy that traveled with TEP from Bayamo to Havana for his inauguration in 1902 and photographs of the Presidential Palace in Havana taken during TEP's presidency.

Included in this collection is the citizenship certificate of José Guimunde y Martínez, which was signed by TEP. This document was donated by Mirtha Alberto in August 2000 and added to the Tomás Estrada Palma Collection at that time.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Tomás Douglas Estrada Palma III, 1995

Arrangement

The Tomás Estrada Palma Collection is organized into four series.

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

Alternative form available

Browse the digital objects in this collection

<http://merrick.library.miami.edu/cubanHeritage/chc0460/>

Restrictions on access

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Conditions governing use

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Related material

Cuban Heritage Collection Manuscript Collections:

CHC0347 Cuban Manuscripts Collection

Folder 16: Letter from TEP to Antonia Gavin in Buffalo, NY, 1904.

Folder 17: Copy of letter by TEP, Oct. 1906.

CHC0398 Cordovés and Bolaños Families Collection

Folder 5: Letter on Cuban Revolutionary Party letterhead from TEP to José María F. Aguirre, 9 July 1896.

Selected published materials in CHC and/or the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library:
Collazo, Enrique. Desde Yara hasta el Zanjón; apuntes históricos . Habana: Tip. de "La Lucha," 1893.

Corzo Pi, Daniel. Historia de Don Tomás Estrada Palma [microform], su juventud y estudios, revolucionario y delegado, presidente de Cuba, últimos años de una vida laboriosa en la miseria, epistolario, documentos . Habana: Impr. de Díaz y Castro; Guantánamo: Medano y Ricardo, [193-?]. Cuba. Departamento de Estado. Documentos internacionales referentes al reconocimiento de la república de Cuba. Habana: La Moderna Poesía, 1904.

Estrada Palma, Tomás. Mensaje del presidente Tomás Estrada Palma al congreso de la República de Cuba al inaugurarse la 2 legislatura de 1904 . Habana: Imprenta, Papelería y Encuadernación de Rambla y Bouza, 1904. [Signed by Tomás Estrada Palma]

Iznaga, R. Tres años de república, folleto político, por R. Iznaga Tomás Estrada Palma El gobierno y la administración pública desde 1902 á 1905. El estado actual del pueblo cubano. Por la paz y por la república . Habana: Rambla y Bouza, 1905.

Martínez Ortiz, Rafael. Cuba: los primeros años de independencia . París: "Le Livre libre," 1929.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:61

Access points

- Estrada Palma, Tomás Andrés, 1884-1960 (subject)
- Estrada Palma, Tomás Douglas, 1911-1999 (subject)
- Estrada Palma, Tomás, 1835-1908 (subject)
- Estrada Palma, Tomás, 1835-1908 -- Correspondence (subject)
- Estrada Palma family
- Presidents -- Cuba -- Correspondence (subject)

Series descriptions

Series id135367: Tomás Estrada Palma Papers

Date: 1906-circa 1970 (bulk dates, 1902-1908) (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135368	File -			1

id135369	File - Correspondence	undated, 1902-1907	1 1
id135370	File - Clippings	undated	1 2
id135371	File - Clippings	1906	1 3
id135372	File - Clippings	1906	1 4
id135373	File - Clippings	1906	1 5
id135374	File - Clippings	1908	1 6
id135375	File - Clippings	1935-1960	1 7
id135376	File - Annual Report of the War Department	1906	1 8
id135377	File - Biography	undated	1 9
id135378	File - Genealogy	circa 1970	1 10
id135379	File - Will	circa 1908	1 11
id135380	File -		2
id135381	File - Clippings (Oversized)	undated, 1906-1908, 1968	2 37
id135382	File - Documents (Oversized)	1906	2 38

Series id135383: Tomás Andrés Estrada Palma II Papers

Date: 1902-1960 (bulk dates, 1906-1910) (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135384	File -			1
id135385	File - Correspondence	1904-1960		1 12
id135386	File - Documents	1902-1944		1 13
id135387	File - Clippings	undated		1 14
id135388	File - Clippings	1906		1 15
id135389	File - Clippings	1910		1 16
id135390	File -			2
id135391	File - Clippings (Oversized)	undated		2 39

Series id135392: Estrada Palma Family Papers

Date: 1905-1999 (bulk dates, 1908-1944) (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135393	File -			1
id135394	File - Correspondence	undated, 1905-1966		1 17

id135395	File - Tomás Douglas Estrada Palma III: Correspondence	circa 1919-1944	1 18
id135396	File - Tomás Douglas Estrada Palma III: Documents	undated, 1911-1916	1 19
id135397	File - Tomás Douglas Estrada Palma III: Clippings	1999	1 20

Series id135398: Photographs

Date: circa 1880-1956 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id135399	File -			1
id135400	File - Estrada Palma Family	undated		1 21
id135401	File - Tomás Estrada Palma (Group)	circa 1888		1 22
id135402	File - Tomás Estrada Palma (Portrait)	1905		1 23
id135403	File - Presidential Convoy	1902		1 24
id135404	File - Tomás Andrés Estrada Palma II (Group)	undated, 1906		1 25
id135405	File - Tomás Douglas Estrada Palma III (Portrait)	undated		1 26
id135406	File - Genoveva Guardiola de Estrada Palma	undated		1 27
id135407	File - Candelaria Estrada Palma	circa 1890, circa 1902		1 28
id135408	File - Helen (Douglas Browne) Estrada Palma	undated		1 29
id135409	File - Browne Family	undated, 1922		1 30
id135410	File - Unidentified Persons, Central Valley, NY	undated, 1906		1 31
id135411	File - Places	undated		1 32
id135412	File - Central Valley, NY	undated, 1904-1905		1 33
id135413	File - Cuba	undated		1 34
id135414	File - Monuments, Cuba	undated, 1956		1 35
id135415	File - Presidential Palace, Cuba	undated, circa 1902		1 36