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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

Title: Eric Bennett Photograph Collection

ID: CHC5154

Date: 1939-1941 (date of creation)

Physical description: Boxes

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

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Other Information:

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Eric Bennett was born Erich Behnsch in Tarnowitz, Germany, on September 24, 1902. He worked as a hardware salesman until he was arrested, along with thousands of other Jews, on November 9, 1938, on Kristallnacht and sent to Buchenwald concentration camp in Weimar, Germany. Mr. Behnsch was deported in 1939 and went to Cuba, one of the few countries that would take Jewish refugees at the time. In Havana he turned his hobby into a profession and worked as a children's portrait photographer. Behnsch was allowed to enter the United States in late 1941 and joined other members of his family in Detroit, Michigan. He changed his name to Eric Bennett and continued to work in Detroit as a professional photographer until his death in 1964.

Scope and content

The Eric Bennett Photograph Collection contains portrait and scenic photography from Havana in the late 1930s to early 1940s taken by Eric Bennett (1902-1964), an exiled German photographer. The collection contains over 100 portrait photographs of children, as well as scenes of Havana and the surrounding countryside, taken by exiled German photographer Eric Bennett from 1939 to 1941.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Gisella Bennett and Carol Cohen, 2004.

Restrictions on access

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