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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

Title: Harold Butler Papers

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Date: 1966-1987 (date of creation)

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Harold Abbott Butler (1895-1983) was born on May 25 in Mansfield, Massachusetts, to Lucius Abbott Butler and Annie Bird Morton Butler. After graduating from Mansfield High School in 1913, he attended Brown University. He graduated in 1917 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and began working with General Electric Company (G.E.) in Schenectady and Pittsfield in eastern New York. His work at G.E. later helped him obtain a position with the Havana Electric Railway Company in the early 1920s. While living in Cuba, he met his wife, Ofelia Salazar Roges, and the two married on July 4, 1928. Their first child, Billy, was born in 1929 and their second child, Kenny, was born two years later. Like his father, Billy later became an engineer. Butler was an active member of the American Club of Havana, where he socialized with other Americans living in Cuba. He also joined the Havana Biltmore Yacht and Country Club.

Harold Butler retired from a successful career with the Cuban Electric Company in 1956. He left Cuba in 1964 due to the country's post-revolutionary political and social climate, living in Miami until his death in July 1983.

Scope and content

The Harold Butler Papers contain documents and photographs relating to engineering in Cuba and the American Clubs of Havana and Miami collected by Harold Butler (1895-1983), an American engineer living in Cuba from the 1920s to the 1960s.

The collection contains photographs from events held by the Asociación de Ingenieros Cubanos and an exile membership directory, along with material relating to activities of the American Club in Miami, including a history of the club, rosters from the 1970s and 1980s and bulletins from the 1960s and 1970s.

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Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of William Butler, November 2013.

Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Series descriptions

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