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Overview

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Abstract: The José Fernández Partagás Papers consist of materials on Atlantic and Caribbean hurricanes and storms since the 1800s, including manuscripts, publications, and personal memorabilia.

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Biographical Note

José J. Fernández Partagás was born in Havana, Cuba on May 14, 1935. In 1954 he graduated from the Instituto Edison de Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras. In 1960 he received from the University of Havana a doctorate in math, and in 1964 he received his MS in Meteorology from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

His areas of specialization were weather analysis, specialized forecasting, climatology, hurricane studies, and tropical meteorology. He held the following professional positions:

- Meteorologist, Cuban National Observatory (1960 -1961)
- Graduate Assistant, Department of Meteorology, Florida State University (1962-1964)
- Meteorological Offices, Department of Civil Aviation, Nassau, Bahamas (1965-1966)
- Research Associate, Division of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography, University of Miami, 1967-1987
- Honorary Research Associate, Remote Sensing Lab, College of Engineering, University of Miami, 1987-1990
- Consulting meteorologist and private researcher in meteorology, 1990-1997

Fernández Partagás wrote a great amount of articles and papers and gave numerous lectures sponsored by scientific organizations. He was also a guest weather expert on talk shows on various Spanish radio and TV stations.

José J. Fernández Partagás died in the Otto G. Richter Library of the University of Miami on August 23, 1997.

Scope and Content Note

The José Fernández Partagás Papers consist of research materials on Atlantic and Caribbean hurricanes and storms since the 1800s, including manuscripts, publications, and personal memorabilia.

Series Descriptions

Series I: Manuscripts, n.d., 1994-1997 (boxes 1-2) contains quarterly reports prepared by José Fernández Partagás for the Environmental Research Laboratories of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (ERL-NOAA) in the 1990s on storms dating from 1877 through 1908 as well as storm tracks from 1851 through 1910. It is divided into two sub-series: Sub-series A: ERL-NOAA Quarterly Reports, 1994-1997 and Sub-series B: Storm Tracks.

Series II: Publications (boxes 3-4): This series contains published articles written by Fernández Partagás as well reports published for the ERL-NOAA.

Series III: Topical Files (box 5): This series contains correspondence, curriculum vitae and photographs as well material related to his death in 1997.

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	64	"Perspectivas cerca de la temporada ciclónica de 1997," 1997
	65	"El Padre Benito Viñes y el Primer Pronóstico de huracanes"
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4	70	"A Reconstruction of Historical Tropical Cyclone Frequency in the Atlantic from Documentary and Other Historical Sources 1851-1900: Part I: 1851-1870," 1995
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