



Xenophon Caverno Papers (C0059)

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Collection Title: Xenophon Caverno Papers

Dates: 1917-1941

Creator: Caverno, Xenophon, 1865-1941

Abstract: Personal correspondence and information about cotton organizations, farm organizations, and transactions concerning his plantation and plantation store. General expenses of the plantation, purchase of cotton seed, and records of accounts.

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(120 folders, 1 volume)

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Historical Note:

Xenophon Caverno was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on December 26, 1865. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1890 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He owned and operated a farm of 1844 acres located three miles from Canalou, Missouri, developed from original timber in 1907. He died on September 13, 1941.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following seven series:

General Account Book
Bulletins
Newspaper Clippings
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Farm Organizations
Personal Correspondence
Plantation

Scope and Content Note:

More complete series descriptions are located in the container list.

Container List:

General Account Book Series

- v. 1 1931-1939. Record of general expenses of the plantation, purchases of seed cotton and other merchandise, also, records of accounts held with other people. 281 pp.

Bulletins Series

- f. 1 1928-1937. Congressional bills concerning agriculture and the Little River Drainage District.

Newspaper Clippings Series

- f. 2 1929-1931, concerning aid supplied by the Red Cross to some southern states, also criticism of Farm Legislation.

Cotton Organizations Series

- f. 3-13 American Cotton Growers Exchange, 1927-1930. Correspondence containing the practices of cotton co-ops and reports of activities of the
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- f. 9 Arkansas Cotton Growers Co-op Association (1927-1930). Marketing of cotton through "pools" by Missouri Association and minutes of meetings. Problems of the Co-op and its members are discussed.
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