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SUMMARY

Size.	83 items and 2 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	Louisiana, Honduras, Mexico
Inclusive dates.	1859-1929, undated
Bulk dates.	1872-1929
Language.	English, Spanish
Summary.	New Orleans politician and publisher. Burke escaped to Honduras after being indicted for embezzlement (1889) as Louisiana State Treasurer. Papers include correspondence describing Louisiana politics and affairs in Honduras and Mexico, including letters from prominent Latin American political figures.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
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Related collections.	N/A
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Stack location(s).	C:48; OS:B

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Edward A. Burke was a politician and publisher of New Orleans, Louisiana. He was probably born in Ohio or Illinois ca. 1840. He may have served in the Union Army during the Civil War, but claimed to have been a Confederate major. Active in Reconstruction politics, Burke rose in the Democratic Party in New Orleans and was elected as Louisiana state treasurer in 1878. He served as treasurer until 1888 and was indicted in the following year for embezzlements of state bonds totaling over 1,000,000 dollars. He fled to Honduras where he resisted extradition and lived out his life. Burke was managing editor of the New Orleans newspaper *New Orleans Democrat*, which merged with the *New Orleans Times* to become the *Times-Democrat* in 1881. Burke was instrumental in organizing the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition in New Orleans (1884-1885).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence of E. A. Burke discusses Louisiana politics and affairs in Honduras and Mexico. Included are letters to General Don Santos Guardiola, president of Honduras (1859); to Burke from William P. Kellogg concerning voting in Louisiana (1874); to Burke from Jefferson Davis recommending a newspaper editor, Bartley (1883); and from J. W. Nicholson, Louisiana State University President, accepting a gift from Burke for the university (1884).

Additional letters are from C. J. Barrow, State Commissioner of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial regarding the exposition (1884); from Porfirio Diaz, president of Mexico; and from Policarpo Bonilla, president of Honduras (1892-1894). Some letters reflect Burke's interest in the proposed "Central American Union" between Central American states and Mexico (1897-1899).

The collection contains a slave bill of sale from Arkansas (1859); typewritten English translations of extracts from Spanish documents and clippings, including items on the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, the colonization of emancipated slaves in Central America, and the confiscation of Confederate property (1862); a list of people who voted for Kellogg (1877); bonds of the State of Louisiana signed by E. A. Burke (1880); invitations; a deed [in Spanish] (1890); certificates signed by Governor S. D. McEnery granting leave to Burke (1885-1886); and a typewritten copy of a pact among Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador called the "Greater Republic of Central America" (1898). Six photographs are included; one depicts Policarpo Bonilla.

Printed items include a fragment of a Santa Barbara, Honduras, newspaper *La Verdad* (1898), an issue of *El Republicano* (March 23, 1904); two maps of Honduras, one partial map showing the Isle of Cisne (1927), and two printed pamphlets: "Las Islas Del Cisne" (1926) and "Revista del Archivo Y de la Biblioteca Nacional de Honduras" (1927).

INDEX TERMS

Bonilla, Policarpo.

Central America--History--1821-1951.

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889.

Díaz, Porfirio, 1830-1915.

Honduras--History--1838-1933.

Kellogg, William Pitt, 1830-1918.

Louisiana--Politics and government--1865-1950.

Photographic prints.

Politicians--Louisiana.

Slave bills of sale--Arkansas.

Voting--Louisiana.

World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition (1884-1885 : New Orleans, La.)

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
C:48	1	1-8	1859-1929, undated; printed pamphlets (1926-27); photographs (1899, undated)
OS:B	--	1	Fragment of <i>La Verdad</i> (1898); <i>El Republicano</i> (1904); <i>La Luz</i> (July 1915); broadsides (1923); maps (1927)