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SUMMARY

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| Size. | approximately 100 linear ft.; 155 volumes |
| Geographic locations. | Louisiana; Washington, D.C. |
| Inclusive dates. | 1804, 1889-2008, undated |
| Bulk dates. | 1936-1939 |
| Languages. | English, Spanish, French |
| Summary. | Collection is comprised of Louisiana Governor Richard W. Leche's papers which include chiefly gubernatorial office files of correspondence and a variety of printed materials; pre-gubernatorial and gubernatorial campaign papers; post-gubernatorial papers; and a variety of other materials, in large part photographic items, spanning the aforementioned eras. Collection also includes papers of Elton Reynolds Leche and Richard W. Leche, Jr. |
| Arrangement. | The papers are arranged into three groups: Richard W. Leche Papers, Elton Reynolds Leche Papers, and Richard W. Leche, Jr. Papers. |
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Richard W. (Webster) Leche was born on May 17, 1898 in Orleans Parish, Louisiana to Eustace Webster Leche (1869-1930) and Stella Eloise (née Richard) Leche (1872-1926). He graduated from Warren Easton Boys' High School in New Orleans on February 6, 1917. While attending Tulane University, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917 during World War I. He was discharged from military service on September 16, 1918. He returned to his studies and graduated from Loyola University's School of Law. He began practicing law in the early 1920s. On October 12, 1927, he married Elton Reynolds in Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans. Leche and Elton had two sons: Richard Webster Leche, Jr. and Charles Eustace Leche. In 1930, Leche, Sr. managed Huey P. Long's U.S. senatorial campaign in New Orleans before becoming Governor Oscar K. Allen's secretary on May 16, 1932. Leche, Sr. also became a judge for the Court of Appeal for Orleans Parish on November 21, 1934.

During the 1936 Louisiana gubernatorial election, Leche, Sr. won the Democratic Party Primary against Cleveland Dear. He served as the 44th governor of Louisiana from May 12, 1936 until June 26, 1939. He continued many of Huey P. Long's programs but also worked with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to acquire federal funds and start Works Progress Administration projects for Louisiana. Leche, Sr. resigned on June 26, 1939, citing poor health. In 1940, he was convicted for a defrauding scheme involving the Louisiana Highway Commission. He served a portion of his federal prison sentence before being paroled in 1945. He was pardoned by President Harry S. Truman on January 16, 1953, which preceded a Louisiana State Bar Association pardon. He was licensed to renew his law practice by the Louisiana Supreme Court on February 17, 1955. He died in New Orleans on February 22, 1965 and is buried in Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans.

Elton "Tonnie" Reynolds (June 12, 1903-April 29, 1999) was the daughter of Elma Friou and Hampton Reynolds. She graduated from Newcomb High School in 1921 in New Orleans. She attended Newcomb College for two years before marriage. After Leche, Sr. was paroled, the two operated a tourist attraction called Bayou Gardens in Lacombe, Louisiana. After selling their property in Lacombe, Leche, Sr. and Elton returned to New Orleans. She died on April 29, 1999 and is buried in Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans.

Richard W. Leche, Jr. (September 29, 1929-) was the first child of Leche, Sr. and Elton Reynolds Leche. In the early 1950s, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served for two years. He then worked in airline reservation offices for over forty years until retirement.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of Richard W. Leche's papers, specifically his gubernatorial papers. The gubernatorial papers are comprised of office files that document Leche and his administration's communications, relationships, and dealings with Louisiana state entities, Louisiana parish entities, federal entities, and specific individuals. In most cases, the office files are comprised of correspondence, but the files also contain reports, audits, studies, minutes, architectural designs and plans, and printed materials. In relation to Louisiana state entities, the largest series within the gubernatorial papers is the state departmental office files. These office files contain a large subseries of alphabetically arranged files where most materials related to Louisiana state entities (offices, departments, boards, commissions, etc.) are stored. Aside from the alphabetically arranged files, there are also separate subseries of state departmental office files pertaining to Louisiana state labor entities and topics; Louisiana State University; Louisiana State Penitentiary (Angola); and Louisiana state and parish public welfare entities and topics. Also included in the gubernatorial papers are series of office files arranged by and belonging to Leche's executive secretaries; office files related to federal entities and departments; office files related to the Louisiana State Legislature and Louisiana state legislation; office files related to Louisiana parishes and parish administration; office files of appointment and commission requests; office files related to Leche's addresses, speeches, and writings; and Leche's own personal office files.

In addition to the gubernatorial papers, Richard W. Leche's papers also include his pre-gubernatorial and post-gubernatorial papers; a variety of photographic materials and items that document Leche's life and career; musical scores and songbooks; artifacts; certificates, awards, and diplomas given to Leche; motion pictures; and a large collection of scrapbooks documenting Leche's administration.

The collection also consists of the papers of Elton Reynolds Leche, which include chiefly personal correspondence; genealogical materials; scrapbooks; photographic materials and items; and printed materials. Additionally, the collection consists of the papers of Richard W. Leche, Jr., which include personal correspondence; biographical information on various family members; photographic materials and items; and printed materials.

LIST OF GROUPS, SUBGROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

Group A. Richard W. Leche Papers, 1889-1891, 1913-1980s, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subgroup I. Gubernatorial Papers, 1889-1891, 1922-1941, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Series 1. State Departmental Office Files, 1926-1941, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries i. State Departmental Files (A-Z Files), 1926-1941, undated (1936-1939 bulk)

Subseries ii. Labor Files, 1925-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries iii. Louisiana State University Files (LSU Files), 1929-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries iv. Penitentiary Files, 1931-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries v. Public Welfare Files, 1936-1939

Series 2. Executive Secretaries' Office Files, 1889-1891, 1922-1940, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Series 3. Federal Departmental Office Files, 1933-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Series 4. State Legislative Office Files, 1932-1938 (bulk 1936-1938)

Subseries i. 1936 Session Files, 1932-1936 (bulk 1936)

Subseries ii. 1937 Session Files, circa 1936-1937 (bulk 1937)

Subseries iii. 1938 Session Files, 1938

Series 5. Parish Administration Office Files, 1929-1939, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries i. Early Parish Files, 1935-1936

Subseries ii. Parish Administration Files, 1929-1939, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Series 6. Appointment, Commission, and Employment Office Files, 1932-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries i. Chronological Files of Executive Appointments and Commissions, 1936-1939

Subseries ii. Employment Correspondence Files, 1932-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries iii. Notarial and Other Parish Commission Files, 1934-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Series 7. Address, Speech, Interview, and Writing Office Files (of Governor Leche and Others), 1931-1939, undated (bulk 1933-1939)

Series 8. Chronological Correspondence (Carbon Copies of Typewritten Letters Sent) Office Files, 1936-1939

Series 9. Governor's Personal Office Files, 1927-1940, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subgroup II. Pre-Gubernatorial and Gubernatorial Campaign Papers, 1919-1936, undated (bulk 1930s)

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Series 2. Gubernatorial Campaign, Election, and Inauguration Files, 1921-1936, undated (bulk 1930s)

Subgroup III. Post-Gubernatorial Papers, circa 1930s-1965, undated

Subgroup IV. Photographic Materials (Pre-Gubernatorial, Gubernatorial, and Post-Gubernatorial Eras), 1918-1980s, undated (bulk circa 1936-1939)

Series 1. Photographic Prints (Numbered), 1918-1964, undated (bulk circa 1936-1939)

Series 2. Photographic Prints (Unnumbered), Negatives, Interpositives, and Oversize Photographic Items, 1923-1946, 1963-1980s, undated

Subgroup V. Musical Scores and Songbooks, 1924-1948

Subgroup VI. Scrapbooks and Newspaper Clipping Files, 1927-1972, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subgroup VII. Motion Pictures, 1936, undated

Subgroup VIII. Certificates, Awards, Diplomas, and Artifacts (Pre-Gubernatorial, Gubernatorial, and Post-Gubernatorial Eras), 1913-1939, 1955-1956, undated

Group B. Elton Reynolds Leche Papers, 1894-1903, 1917-1988, 2001, undated

Group C. Richard W. Leche, Jr. Papers, 1804, 1897-1898, 1922-2008, undated

GROUP, SUBGROUP, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Group A. Richard W. Leche Papers, 1889-1891, 1913-1980s, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subgroup I. Gubernatorial Papers, 1889-1891, 1922-1941, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Series 1. State Departmental Office Files, 1926-1941, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries i. State Departmental Files (A-Z Files), 1926-1941, undated (1936-1939 bulk)

Subseries contains files, chiefly of correspondence but also of reports, audits, studies, minutes, architectural drawings and plans, and printed materials (newspaper issues and clippings; pamphlets; circulars; broadsides; maps; etc.), documenting relationships, communications, dealings, and decision-making processes between Governor Leche and other Louisiana state governmental departments, boards, offices, councils, commissions, associations, and organizations. There are also files pertaining to special interest groups, special topics, state projects, events, conferences, buildings, hospitals, schools, universities, colleges, and specific people. Many files, especially those pertaining to state entities, contain materials related to job/commission appointments, job/commission recommendations, payroll, and departmental accounts.

Materials of note include several letters written in 1937 by Dudley Avery, cousin of E. A. McIlhenny, expressing his interest in a position on the Louisiana Aeronautics Commission and a June 8, 1936 letter written by McIlhenny recommending Avery (letters located in file folders titled: Aeronautics and Aviation--Louisiana Aeronautics Commission--Appointments and Recommendations). There is also a March 2, 1938 letter written by McIlhenny of a proposal for the beautification of the Old Louisiana State Capitol (located in file folder titled: Capitol Buildings--Old State Capitol). Other letters of interest are from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Leche and are related chiefly to agricultural topics. They include May 26, 1936 and April 10, 1937 letters discussing sugar quota legislation (located in file folders titled: Agriculture and Immigration--Sugar); a February 23, 1937 letter that discusses soil erosion control (located in file folder titled: Agriculture and Immigration--Soil Conservation); and a September 20, 1938 thank you letter (located in file folder titled: Agriculture and Immigration--Rice--Thank You Letters from Governors and Other Politicians). There is also a June 29, 1936 memorandum of disapproval from Roosevelt related to Chalmette National Historical Park (located in file folder titled: Chalmette National Historical Park, H.R. 5368). Additionally, there is a June 27, 1938 letter written in Spanish (with a translation) from Victor Marie (superintendent of Instituto de Altos Estudios Agrícolas del Peru) discussing his invitation to the Congress of Sugar Engineers in New Orleans (located in file folder titled: Agriculture and Immigration--Sugar).

Subseries ii. Labor Files, 1925-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries contains files of correspondence, reports, and printed materials related to labor issues and topics in Louisiana as well as the actions and functions of state labor entities. Included in this subseries are files pertaining to the Louisiana Department of Labor, Louisiana labor unions, and labor strikes (including strikes involving the Roseland and Hammond Box Factories in Tangipahoa Parish and strikes involving railway companies).

Subseries iii. Louisiana State University Files (LSU Files), 1929-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries contains files of correspondence, audits, architectural drawings and plans, and printed materials related to Governor Leche's communications and dealings with Louisiana State University and its affiliated entities. Of particular interest are files and materials related to LSU rodeo and livestock shows and files and materials pertaining to building dedication ceremonies and building designs.

Subseries iv. Penitentiary Files, 1931-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries includes chiefly materials related to Governor Leche's administrative dealings and communications with Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola. Correspondence consists of general correspondence related to the operations of Angola and special correspondence related to prisoners' sentences and cases (mostly correspondence received from persons and parties writing on the behalf of prisoners, asking Leche to consider issuing some type of leniency, usually pardons, commutations, and restorations of citizenship). There are also files related to furloughs, reprieves, and pardons, including typewritten pardon forms issued by Leche (most forms are unsigned) for specific prisoners. These forms were also used to issue commutations and restorations of citizenship. Throughout all the files there are also prison record sheets for individual prisoners. Additional materials include decisions and recommendations from the Louisiana Pardon Board.

Subseries v. Public Welfare Files, 1936-1939

Subseries includes files of correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, data, and printed materials related to public welfare issues and topics in Louisiana as well as the functions and actions of Louisiana state and parish public welfare entities. Included in this subseries are files pertaining to the Louisiana Department of Public Welfare, the State of Louisiana Emergency Relief Administration, and parish departments of public welfare. Files of interest pertaining to the Louisiana Department of Public Welfare include letters written by welfare recipients to the Louisiana State Legislature as part of a funding request campaign (letters located in file folders titled: Louisiana Department of Public Welfare--Letter Writing Campaign for a Special Session of the Legislature). Files pertaining to parish departments of public welfare include chiefly annual reports submitted to Governor Leche. Annual reports of the St. Charles Parish and West Feliciana Parish Departments of Public Welfare include photographic prints of welfare recipients.

Series 2. Executive Secretaries' Office Files, 1889-1891, 1922-1940, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Series contains files, chiefly of correspondence but also printed materials, compiled and arranged by Governor Leche's executive secretaries: W. J. (Winchester Joseph) Everett (secretary from 1936-November 1937); D. (David) M. Ellison (secretary from December 1937-February 1939); and Mary B. Walle (secretary from February 1939-June 1939). Files are related to specific entities, topics, and subjects, with the majority pertaining to advertising, the Democratic Party, and special proclamations issued by Leche.

Files pertaining to advertising include a variety of materials created by Louisiana newspaper publishers. Of interest are three bound volumes of anniversary editions of *The Progress* (May 17, 1947; May 6, 1938; May 12, 1939) made for Leche; a metallic plate cover of *The American Progress* featuring Leche's face (May 14, 1937); and a bound volume of special issues of *The*

Monroe Morning World and *Monroe News-Star* made for Leche (May 5-6, 1938). Files pertaining to the Democratic Party include materials on the 1936 U.S. presidential election, the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Democratic Association. Of particular interest are materials related to the Cotton Ed Smith Pedestrians Association (CESPA), a white supremacy group (materials located in file folder titled: Democratic Party--Cotton Ed Smith Pedestrians Association (CESPA; White Supremacy Group)--Button, Letter, and Pamphlet). Additionally, there are June 16, 1937 and August 30, 1938 letters to Leche from WWI ace pilot E. V. Rickenbacker (President of Eastern Airlines Incorporated) which discuss an airmail contract from Houston, Texas (located in file folders titled: Airports and Airlines).

Series 3. Federal Departmental Office Files, 1933-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Series contains files, chiefly of correspondence but also printed materials, documenting relationships, communications, and decision-making processes between Governor Leche and other U.S. federal departments, offices, boards, commissions, administrations, committees, service providers, and councils. There are also files pertaining to individual politicians, specifically U.S. representatives and senators for Louisiana, including A. Leonard Allen, Overton Brooks, Cleveland Dear, Rene L. DeRouen, Allen J. Ellender, Joachim O. Fernandez, John K. Griffith, Paul H. Maloney, Newt V. Mills, Robert L. Mouton, and John H. Overton.

Materials of interest include letters from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Leche, including an April 8, 1938 letter related to a cotton research laboratory in Louisiana (located in file folder titled: Agriculture--U.S. Department of Agriculture--Cotton Research Laboratory, Baton Rouge, La. (Proposed)); a February 8, 1937 letter related to supervision of Civilian Conservation Camps (located in file folder titled: Civilian Conservation Corps in Louisiana, 1937, folder 2 of 2); a March 15, 1938 letter related to wood utilizing industries (located in file folder titled: Federal Legislation, 1938, folder 4 of 4); an April 20, 1938 letter acknowledging Senator John H. Overton's recommendation of Leche to a U.S. district judge position (located in file folder titled: Judiciary--U.S. District Judges--Eastern District of Louisiana--Appointments and Recommendations--Leche, Richard W.); and a September 16, 1938 letter regarding the Union Passenger Station Project in Orleans Parish (located in file folder titled: Public Works Administration--Union Passenger Station, Orleans Parish, Louisiana).

Series 4. State Legislative Office Files, 1932-1938 (bulk 1936-1938)

Subseries i.-iii. 1936-1938 Session Files, 1932-1938 (bulk 1936-1938)

Subseries contain files, chiefly of correspondence but also printed materials, documenting Louisiana constituents' views regarding various state legislative bills, acts, and resolutions, especially bills related to taxes.

Series 5. Parish Administration Office Files, 1929-1939, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries i. Early Parish Files, 1935-1936

Subseries contains chiefly files of letters of support and congratulations from correspondents throughout Louisiana parishes on Richard W. Leche's gubernatorial nomination, campaign, and eventual win. Correspondence also conveys the political atmosphere and political alliances in the parishes at the time. Materials of interest include a Leche gubernatorial

campaign card (located in file folder titled: Orleans Parish--S, folder 1 of 3) and a Long-Allen ticket with a small ribbon (located in file folder titled: Orleans Parish--P, folder 2 of 3).

Subseries ii. Parish Administration Files, 1929-1939, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries contains chiefly files of correspondence but also printed materials related to Governor Leche's relationships, communications, and administrative dealings with various Louisiana parish, city, and town governmental and corporate leaders and entities (including parish police juries, chambers of commerce, school boards, mayors, sheriffs, and tax collectors). Many writers request Leche to review specific resolutions and petitions, seek to gain favor with Leche, and recommend others for various governmental positions. In many files there are also parish police jury account audits from the State of Louisiana Office of Supervisor of Public Funds. Materials also convey the political atmosphere and political alliances in the parishes at the time.

Series 6. Appointment, Commission, and Employment Office Files, 1932-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries i. Chronological Files of Executive Appointments and Commissions, 1936-1939

Subseries consists of executive commission and appointment request letters (typewritten carbon and onion skin copies) sent to E. A. Conway, Secretary of State, from Governor Leche. Most requests are to appoint individuals to parish positions, but there are also requests to appoint individuals to state government, board, and commission positions.

Subseries ii. Employment Correspondence Files, 1932-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries consists chiefly of correspondence from various job seekers throughout Louisiana writing to Governor Leche. Most correspondents inquire about open state government positions. Some correspondents write to recommend others for various positions.

Subseries iii. Notarial and Other Parish Commission Files, 1934-1939 (bulk 1936-1939)

Subseries contains chiefly files of correspondence but also some printed materials regarding the appointments of specific individuals as notary publics throughout the Louisiana parishes and parish wards. Files also pertain to a variety of other parish commission appointments (including police jurors, city attorneys, registrars of voters, school board members, and justices of the peace). Most correspondents write to express interest in specific commissions or to recommend specific individuals to commissions. Included in the files are a variety of other documents related to these commissions, such as resolutions, petitions, certificates, and resignation letters from former commission holders. There are also some files on recalls.

Series 7. Address, Speech, Interview, and Writing Office Files (of Governor Leche and Others), 1931-1939, undated (bulk 1933-1939)

Series contains chiefly files of materials related to addresses and speeches given by Governor Leche. Materials within the files are mostly typewritten transcripts; addresses and speeches printed on circulars; response letters sent to Leche from constituents; and printed materials related to particular address and speech events. While most of the materials are from Leche's term as governor, there are also address and speech materials from before Leche's gubernatorial

term. In addition to Leche's address and speech materials, there are also address and speech materials from James A. Farley, Theo S. Landry, Earl K. Long, James H. Morrison, Gerald L. K. Smith, Shirley Wimberley, Lorris M. Wimberly, Clinton Wunder, and various governors from other states. Of particular interest are phonograph records of a January 8, 1938 radio address that Leche gave on industrial development. Additionally, there are phonograph records of interviews with Arthur Hale (September 6, 1937) and Earl Harper (October 5, 1937).

Series 8. Chronological Correspondence (Carbon Copies of Typewritten Letters Sent) Office Files, 1936-1939

Series contains files of letters (typewritten carbon copies) which serve as a master file of all letters sent by Governor Leche and his executive secretaries. In the vast majority of cases, identical onion skin copies of these carbon copies were also placed in the other office files of the gubernatorial papers subgroup by Leche's administrative staff.

Series 9. Governor's Personal Office Files, 1927-1940, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Series contains chiefly files of personal correspondence between Governor Leche and his political allies, friends, and acquaintances but also other materials not specifically related to Leche's gubernatorial duties. Many letters in files titled "Correspondence (General)" are invitations to events. Materials of interest include a June 14, 1939 letter from Harvey Fields to Leche in which Fields discusses his opposition to Earl K. Long (located in file folder titled: Correspondence (General)--F, folder 2 of 2) and an April 11, 1938 thank you letter from Eleanor Roosevelt mentioning a trip to Warm Springs (located in file folder titled: Correspondence (General)--R, folder 3 of 4). Letters of interest filed separately from the general correspondence include several letters (1936-1938) from members of the Long family (located in file folder titled: Long Family (Huey P., Sr.; Rose; Russell; Earl; and Blanche)); May 27 and October 27, 1939 salutation letters from Harry S. Truman (located in file folder titled: Truman, Harry S. (U.S. Senator, Missouri)); and letters of condolence and documents related to Leche's resignation (in file folder titled: Resignation--Letters of Condolence and Resignation Documents, 1939).

Subgroup II. Pre-Gubernatorial and Gubernatorial Campaign Papers, 1919-1936, undated (bulk 1930s)

Series 1. Pre-Gubernatorial Files, 1919-1936, undated

Series contains chiefly files of correspondence and printed materials documenting Richard W. Leche's activities before his gubernatorial term. Of interest are materials from Oscar K. Allen's term as governor, specifically campaign and inauguration materials; materials related to Huey P. Long and his death; and files from when Leche served on the Orleans Parish Arbitration Committee, on the Orleans Parish Board of Supervisors of Elections, and as a Court of Appeal judge for Orleans Parish.

Series 2. Gubernatorial Campaign, Election, and Inauguration Files, 1921-1936, undated (bulk 1930s)

Series contains chiefly political data, campaign memorabilia, and printed materials related to Richard W. Leche's gubernatorial campaign as well as the campaigns of other candidates and politicians running for various Louisiana offices under the Long-Allen (Administration) Ticket and the Home Rule Ticket. Materials and memorabilia from Leche's campaign include pins,

stickers, stamps, a tie holder, a matchbook, a poster, and other printed materials (located in file folders and oversize folders titled: Election of 1936--Long-Allen (Administration) Ticket Candidates--Leche Campaign Materials and Memorabilia...). There are also materials related to Leche's May 12, 1936 inauguration ceremony.

Subgroup III. Post-Gubernatorial Papers, circa 1930s-1965, undated

Subgroup contains chiefly correspondence and printed materials related to Richard W. Leche's activities and life after his resignation. Materials of interest include correspondence with James Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman (located in file folders titled: Roosevelt, James (U.S. Representative, California)--Correspondence, 1958 and Truman, Harry S. (U.S. Senator, Missouri; President of the U.S.), 1940-1963, undated); an undated thank you letter from Bess Truman (located in aforementioned Truman, Harry S. file folder); materials related to Leche's federal case; and materials related to Leche's pardon and parole. There are also assorted printed materials (mostly circulars, broadsides, and political cartoons) related to Louisiana politicians including Earl K. Long, James H. Morrison, Jimmie Davis, Sam H. Jones, and Robert S. Maestri.

Subgroup IV. Photographic Materials (Pre-Gubernatorial, Gubernatorial, and Post-Gubernatorial Eras), 1918-1980s, undated (bulk circa 1936-1939)

Series 1. Photographic Prints (Numbered), 1918-1964, undated (bulk circa 1936-1939)

Series contains almost 1,700 photographic prints, the majority of which document the gubernatorial career of Governor Leche. There are also photographs from Leche's pre-gubernatorial and post-gubernatorial eras. In addition to being numbered, photographs are grouped categorically (for example, in categories such as labor, prominent people, recreation, and dedications). See **APPENDIX: PHOTOGRAPH INVENTORY** for a complete listing of categories and folder titles.

Some photographs of interest throughout the series include: Leche with champion horse Palomino Rex (no. 107), circa 1936-1939; Leche at Armistice Day speech event outside of the State Capitol (no. 165), circa 1936-1939; Leche riding horses with James McLacklan and Harry Gayden (no. 190), circa 1936-1939; Leche, Hampton Reynolds, and Robert S. Maestri inspecting Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) workmen in New Orleans (no. 286), circa 1936-1939; an aerial shot of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Marching Band forming the letters W.P.A. (no. 299), 1936; Leche, Sen. Holland, and Rep. Starns with forty Hungarians, members of the W.P.A. naturalization class (no. 300), undated; Leche wearing a shirt made by employees of the W.P.A. sewing room, Hammond City Hall (no. 306), circa 1936-1939; Leche and his executive secretary David M. Ellison (no. 378), circa 1937-1939; Leche and Elton Reynolds Leche (Mrs. Leche) near W. J. Everett's grave in Metairie Cemetery (no. 425), December 1, 1937; E. A. McIlhenny and Elton Reynolds Leche at Avery Island, Louisiana (no. 559), circa 1936-1939; shots of damage after a tornado in Rodessa, Louisiana, (nos. 569-573), February 1938; Leche at a Rural Electrification Administration dedication for the Teche Electric Membership Corp., Jeanerette, Louisiana (nos. 598-603, 605), circa 1938; shots of Harvey Couch's retreat at Lake Catherine, Arkansas (nos. 615-639), circa 1936-1939; an autographed portrait of Benito Mussolini (no. 683), circa 1938; a shot of Senator Huey P. Long beside his car showing license plate for 74th Congress, Washington, D.C. (no. 698), circa 1935; Leche with Earl K. Long, Elton Reynolds Leche, Robert S. Maestri, and Mrs. Earl K. Long at Governor's Mansion (no. 706), July 3, 1938; Leche and Elton Reynolds Leche with delegates of the Congress of International

Sugar Cane Technologists at the Governor's Mansion (nos. 710-715), circa 1936-1939; the Leche family with John H. Overton and Mrs. Overton (no. 728), circa 1936-1939; Leche and David M. Ellison with Judge Gaston Porterie (nos. 731-732), circa 1936-1939; an autographed portrait of Vice-President John N. Garner (no. 746), circa 1936-1939; Leche with Father Hines, J. Edgar Hoover, and Frank Murphy (no. 783), circa 1936-1939; shots of James A. Farley's visit to New Orleans (nos. 786-787), March 25, 1937; Leche and Elton Reynolds Leche with J. Edgar Hoover in New Orleans (nos. 813-815), circa 1936-1939; Leche, W. J. Everett, and Lorris Wimberly at Leche's inauguration (no. 896), May 6, 1936; shots of services at Huey P. Long's grave (nos. 1017-1018), circa September 1936; Leche at the New York World's Fair (no. 1067), circa 1939; Earl K. Long's swearing in ceremony as governor (nos. 1074-1077), circa July 1939; an aerial shot of the LSU Marching Band spelling "Gov. Leche" in Tiger Stadium (no. 1293), November 28, 1936; and a shot of Mike the Tiger (Mike I; no. 1298), circa October 1936.

Series 2. Photographic Prints (Unnumbered), Negatives, Interpositives, and Oversize Photographic Items, 1923-1946, 1963-1980s, undated

Series contains a small group of photographic prints which were not included in the numbering sequence of Series 1 of Subgroup IV. Of interest are photographs of the Leche family; Leche's sister Dr. Stella Leche Deignan; Rose Long's wedding and marriage to Dr. O. W. McFarland; confederate veteran O. R. Gillette; a horn blowing contest involving the Louisiana State Legislature; a Toy Bowl game at LSU's Tiger Stadium; and parties and balls at the Governor's Mansion. In addition to the unnumbered prints, series also contains 4 x 5 negatives and interpositives. Some of the negatives have corresponding unnumbered prints, but some have no corresponding identified prints.

Series also contains a variety of oversize photographic materials, mostly mounted and unmounted prints but also a photograph album of Governor Leche's inauguration. Many items are autographed portraits from friends, celebrities, and fellow politicians. Of interest are photographs of Leche and Elton Reynolds Leche (Mrs. Leche) with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Subgroup V. Musical Scores and Songbooks, 1924-1948

Subgroup contains musical scores and songbooks collected by Governor Leche. Of interest are songbooks *Onward and Forward with Leche* (by Paul English and N. J. Clesi); *Lovely Louisiana "Land of Romance"* (by Paul English and Castro Carazo and signed by Carazo); and *Louisiana's Goin' Places (Come Along)* (by Paul English). See **CONTAINER LIST** for a complete listing of items.

Subgroup VI. Scrapbooks and Newspaper Clipping Files, 1927-1972, undated (bulk 1936-1939)

Subgroup contains 154 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and some other printed materials (mostly circulars and broadsides). The majority of the scrapbooks pertain to Governor Leche's administration, but there are also scrapbooks that pertain to Governor Oscar K. Allen's administration. Of interest are two scrapbooks with printed materials (mainly circulars and broadsides) distributed and/or created by Huey P. Long.

Subgroup also contains photocopies of newspaper clippings, most likely from loose scrapbook pages (not from the aforementioned scrapbooks). The bulk of the clippings are from 1939, during the period right after Governor Leche's resignation.

Subgroup VII. Motion Pictures, 1936, undated

Subgroup contains two motion pictures (VHS tape copies of original nitrate films): one of footage from Leche's inauguration (1936) and another of a short film titled *Modern Dixie* (undated).

Subgroup VIII. Certificates, Awards, Diplomas, and Artifacts (Pre-Gubernatorial, Gubernatorial, and Post-Gubernatorial Eras), 1913-1939, 1955-1956, undated

Subgroup contains chiefly certificates, awards, and diplomas given to Richard W. Leche by various state and federal entities, individuals, schools, universities, and clubs. See **CONTAINER LIST** for a complete listing of items.

Subgroup also contains two artifacts: a horseshoe, possibly owned by Governor Leche, and a flag bunting used at Leche's inauguration on May 12, 1936.

Group B. Elton Reynolds Leche Papers, 1894-1903, 1917-1988, 2001, undated

Group contains correspondence; certificates; genealogical materials on the Leche and Reynolds families; photographic materials and items; scrapbooks; and a variety of printed materials created and/or collected by Elton Reynolds Leche (Mrs. Leche). Materials of interest include her husband Richard W. Leche's military documents (located in file folder titled: Military Service Documents (Richard W. Leche), 1918); guest registers from the Governor's Mansion; and letters of condolence received upon her husband's death (located in file folder titled: Letters of Condolence (Death of Richard W. Leche), 1965). Additional correspondence of interest in file folders titled "Correspondence (General)" includes a March 11, 1937 letter from Eleanor Roosevelt discussing her visit to New Orleans; an October 23, 1937 letter from Eleanor Roosevelt mentioning a dancer named Mayris Chaney; a July 8, 1940 letter written to a Mrs. Schertz from Elton discussing her husband's federal case and charges; and a 1978 copy of "St. Tammany Recollections" written by Elton.

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Group contains correspondence; certificates and awards; photographic materials and items; biographical information on family members; and printed materials created and/or collected by Richard W. Leche, Jr., son of Richard W. Leche, Sr. and Elton Reynolds Leche. Materials of interest include letters written by Leche, Jr. that he sent home while he was in the U.S. Air Force (located in file folders titled: Air Force Letters (Sent Home to Richard W. Leche, Sr. and Elton Reynolds Leche), 1951-1953); letters that Leche, Jr. wrote to Leche, Sr. while he was incarcerated (located in file folder titled: Prison Letters (Sent to Richard W. Leche, Sr. from Richard W. Leche, Jr.), 1942-1944); and letters from Leche, Jr.'s uncle Herbert Girton Deignan (in file folder titled: Deignan, Herbert Girton--Correspondence, 1942-1944).

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| 8 | -- | | | Four Unidentified Men (Signed by Chip Robert), circa 1936 | | |
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