

Eugenio María de Hostos and Eugenio Carlos de Hostos Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Eugenio María de Hostos and Eugenio Carlos de Hostos Papers

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Creator: Hostos, Eugenio Carlos de, 1879-1959

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Abstract: Eugenio María de Hostos, Puerto Rican nationalist, writer, and educator and his son, Eugenio Carlos de Hostos, military officer. Correspondence, family papers, photographs, miscellaneous papers, a diary of Eugenio María de Hostos, and papers relating to the renovation of the castle of Sotomayor in Pontevedra, Spain.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Betances, Ramón Emeterio, 1827-1898--Correspondence.

Bosch, Juan, 1909-2001--Correspondence.

Henríquez i Carvajal, Federico, 1848-1952--Correspondence.

Hostos family.

Hostos, Eugenio Carlos de, 1879-1959. Eugenio María de Hostos and Eugenio Carlos de Hostos. 1865-1990.

Hostos, Eugenio María de, 1839-1903. Eugenio María de Hostos and Eugenio Carlos de Hostos papers. 1865-1990.

Luperón, Gregorio, 1839-1897--Correspondence.

Muñoz Rivera, Luis, 1859-1916--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 65th.

Places

Cuba--History.

Dominican Republic--History.

Puerto Rico--Foreign relations--Spain.

Puerto Rico--Foreign relations--United States.

Puerto Rico--History--1898-1952.

Puerto Rico--History--To 1898.

Sotomayor (Pontevedra, Spain)--History.

Spain--Foreign relations--Puerto Rico.

United States--Foreign relations--Puerto Rico.

Occupations

Authors.

Educators.

Nationalists--Puerto Rico

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Eugenio María de Hostos, Puerto Rican nationalist, writer, and educator, and Eugenio Carlos de Hostos, military officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Gloria de Alvear y de Hostos in 1999 (see letter appended to this

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Biographical Note

Eugenio María de Hostos

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1839, Jan. 11	Born, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
1852	Studied at the Institute of Bilbao and the University of Madrid, Madrid, Spain
1860	J.D., Central University of Madrid Law School, Madrid, Spain
1860-1869	Active in Spanish politics, advocating the independence of Puerto Rico and Cuba
1863	Published <i>La peregrinacion de Bayoán</i> . Madrid: Imprenta del Comercio
1869	Banished from Spain after denouncing Emelio Castelar, Spain's first republican president, for refusing to grant independence to Puerto Rico and Cuba Emigrated to the United States and became editor of <i>La revolución</i> , newspaper of the Cuban Revolutionary Junta of pro-independence Cuban exiles in New York City
1870	Toured South America to generate support for the Puerto Rican and Cuban independence movements and to promote education reforms
1871?-1874?	Teacher, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile
1872	Published <i>Hamlet: ensayo crítico</i> . Santiago: Imprenta de Ferrocarril
1875	Editor, <i>Las tres Antillas</i> , Dominican Republic

1877	Married Belinda Otilia de Ayala, daughter of a Cuban emigré, in Venezuela
1880-1888	Inspector general of public instruction, Dominican Republic
1887	Published <i>Lecciones de derecho constitucional</i> . Santo Domingo: Cuna de América
1888	Published <i>Moral social</i> . Santo Domingo: Imprenta de Garcia Hermanos
1888-1890	Headmaster, Miguel Luis Amunátequi secondary school, Chile
1890-1898	Professor, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile
1895	Published <i>Geografía evolutiva</i> . Santiago de Chile: R. Miranda
1898	Returned to Puerto Rico to work for Puerto Rican and Cuban independence Formed the League of Puerto Rican Patriots
1899	Led commission to President William McKinley to ask for Puerto Rican freedom
1903, Aug. 11	Died, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Eugenio Carlos de Hostos

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1879, Aug. 26	Born, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, son of Eugenio María de Hostos
1896	Graduated, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile
1898	Graduated, Chilean Army Military Academy
1901	Graduated, University of Santo Domingo Law School, Dominican Republic
1905	Second Lieutenant, Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry, U.S. Army
1906	Promoted to first lieutenant
1913-1916	Aide-de-camp to the governor of Puerto Rico
1914	Married Josefa Adela (“Mignon”) MacCormick (died 1958)
1916	Promoted to captain
1917-1919	Stationed at Camp E. S. Otis, Panama Canal Zone, with the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry. Military Intelligence Service, missions to Columbia, Chiriqui, Panama Republic, and Guatemala. Commanding officer, 1918
1918-1919	Promoted to major, then to lieutenant colonel and made battalion commander
1919	Returned to Puerto Rico with the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry
1924	Reserve officer, U.S. Army

1935	Purchased as family home the castle of Sotomayor, Pontevedra, Spain
1940	Published with Adolfo de Hostos <i>Indice hemero-bibliográfico de Eugenio María de Hostos</i> . Havana: Cultural, s.a.
1952	Published <i>Antología. Prólogo por Pedro Henríquez Ureña; selección, arreglo y apéndice por Eugenio Carlos de Hostos</i> (editor). Madrid: Litografía y Encuadernación Published <i>Hostos, hispanoamericanista: colección de ensayos acerca de Eugenio María de Hostos</i> (editor). Madrid: Litografía y Encuadernación
1953	Published <i>Eugenio María de Hostos, Promoter of Panamericanism</i> . Madrid: Litografía y Encuadernación
1954	Published <i>España y América. Prólogo por Francisco Elías de Tejada. Recopilación y arreglo por Eugenio Carlos de Hostos</i> (editor). Paris: Ediciones Literarias y Artísticas
1959, May 27	Died, Madrid, Spain

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Eugenio María de Hostos (1839-1903) and Eugenio Carlos de Hostos (1879-1959) span the years 1865-1990, with the bulk of the material dating from 1870 to 1959. The papers are primarily in Spanish, but also in English and French, and are organized in two series, one dedicated to the father, [Eugenio María de Hostos](#), and the other for the papers of the son, [Eugenio Carlos de Hostos](#).

Eugenio María de Hostos was a Puerto Rican nationalist, writer, educator, and reformer. Born in Puerto Rico and educated in Spain, he also lived at times in the Dominican Republic, Chile, and New York City, moving frequently throughout his life depending on changing political circumstances. He was dedicated to the goal of an independent Puerto Rico, first from Spain and later from the United States, and the formation of a union of Antillean states to include Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. His papers contain correspondence with Caribbean nationalists such as Ramón Emeterio Betances and Gregorio Luperón as well as with various political organizations. Also included are family correspondence, microfilm of a diary, photographs, writings, and other papers. The news clippings, primarily published after his death, celebrate de Hostos's legacy.

Eugenio Carlos de Hostos was the son of Eugenio María de Hostos. After a military education in Chile, the younger de Hostos became an officer in the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry. This regiment had begun under Spanish rule and was incorporated into the U.S. Army after the Spanish-American War of 1898. In 1920 the name of the regiment became the 65th Regiment, U.S. Infantry. During World War I, the regiment was assigned to Panama to guard the canal against possible German attack. Material in the Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry file contains items relating to the military service of de Hostos and to his regiment in general, including correspondence, orders, news clippings, and photographs. De Hostos's military career included work for the Army Intelligence Service traveling undercover in Colombia, Guatemala, and Panama to identify German activities in those countries during the war. His confidential reports are in this file, along with correspondence with Luis Muñoz Rivera, Puerto Rico's resident commissioner in Washington, D.C.

In 1935, Eugenio Carlos de Hostos and his wife Mignon purchased an old castle and the surrounding estate in Sotomayor, Pontevedra, in the northwest corner of Spain, which would be their home for the remainder of their lives. The Sotomayor file documents management of the castle and in particular the restoration work the de Hostoses undertook. Also included are items concerning civilian life during the Spanish Civil War.

A large part of the [Eugenio Carlos de Hostos](#) series is composed of family papers. The file contains primarily correspondence, but also includes photographs, news clippings, and miscellaneous papers. Both de Hostos and his wife corresponded regularly with their far-flung families living in the Dominican Republic, England, New York City, Puerto Rico, and Spain.

The rest of the series includes files on Eugenio Carlos de Hostos' writings and editorial projects, mostly concerning the life and writings of his father, a file from his work as a representative of the Curtiss-Wright Export Corp in Spain in the mid-1930s, biographical material, photographs, and general correspondence. Notable correspondents include Juan Bosch and Federico Henríquez i Carvajal.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in two series:

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