

SEAMAN A. KNAPP PAPERS
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SUMMARY

Size.	13 items and 4 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1902-1957, undated
Bulk dates.	1902-1911, 1933-1957
Language.	English
Summary.	Pictures, pamphlets, and circulars concerning Seaman A. Knapp, agriculturalist and educator, relating to his activities in promoting agriculture extension work in the United States and the rice industry in Louisiana.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
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Stack locations.	U:239

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. Seaman A. Knapp (1833-1911), pioneer Louisiana agriculturalist and educator, contributed to the economic and agricultural development of Louisiana and to the progress of agriculture throughout the United States. He played a leading role in opening the southwestern Louisiana frontier and developing the rice industry there. His philosophy of "teaching through demonstration" was instrumental toward Congressional approval of the Smith-Lever Act (1914), authorizing creation of the nationwide Agricultural Extension Service. Knapp married Maria Elizabeth Hotchkiss.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The earliest item in the collection is a typewritten copy of a speech by Henry Wallace, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, delivered at the funeral of Seaman Knapp in Ames, Iowa (March 5, 1911). Subsequent papers relate to the dedication of the Wilson and Knapp Memorial arches [James Wilson was U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, 1897-1913] connecting the U.S. Agricultural buildings in Washington, D.C. (1937); the commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of Farm Demonstration by Texas A&M College and McNeese State College (1953); and the remarks of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson upon his acceptance of the Seaman A. Knapp Silver Cup at the opening of the Cotton Exhibit (1953). Also included are photographs of Maria Hotchkiss Knapp (undated), Seaman Knapp (undated), and a group in front of Knapp Memorial Arch (ca. 1937).

Printed volumes include a rice cookbook (Southern Pacific Railroad. Passenger Department, Houston, Texas, 1902); an article by Knapp published in USDA Bureau of Plant Industry Bulletin No. 35 concerning foreign explorations and the agricultural development of the southern states (1903); a selection of quotations by Knapp published by the Texas A&M Extension Service (1933); and a pamphlet about Knapp (Canada, J. W. Dr. Seaman A. Knapp shows a nation a new farm life. La Porte, Texas, 1957).

INDEX TERMS

Agricultural extension work--United States.

Cooking--Louisiana.

Knapp, Seaman Ashahel, 1833-1911.

Photographic prints.

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