Inventory of the Samuel B. Akins Papers

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Title: Samuel B. Akins Papers
Date (inclusive): 1949-1990
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Abstract: Samuel B. Akins served as an Extension agent for the Agricultural Experiment Station in Shafter, California. After his retirement, Akins bought a farm in Strathmore, California, and continued to work on cotton improvements and water conservation. The collection contains correspondence and printed materials, as well as photograph and slides relating to cotton farming and legislation.
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Biography
Samuel Bernice Akins was born on August 5, 1908 in Voss, Texas. Akins served as an extension agent for the Agricultural Experiment Station in Shafter, California. He also worked with the Farm Program Development and Analysis program in Washington, D.C. and helped the Roosevelt Administration set up cotton programs for the New Deal. After his retirement from the USDA in 1950, Akins bought a farm in Strathmore, California, and continued to work on cotton improvements and water conservation. Akins passed away on February 8, 1990.
Scope and Content
The collection contains correspondence and printed materials, as well as photograph and slides relating to cotton farming and legislation.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Akins, Samuel B.--Archives
Cotton--Research
Access
Collection is open for research.
Processing Information
Sara Gunasekara processed this collection and created and encoded this finding aid with assistance from student employee Michelle Xie.
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Series 1. Correspondence 1966-1990
Scope and Content Note
Arranged in three subseries: Outgoing, Incoming, and Third Party.
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**D-314**  

**Series 1. Correspondence 1966-1990**  

**Subseries 1.1 Outgoing 1968-1975**  

**Physical Description:** 6 letters  

**Scope and Content Note**  
Contains six letters written by Akins.

| Box 1:1 | Manning, C.W. 1975 May 12 |
| Box 1:2 | National Cotton Council 1968 December 30 |
| Box 1:3 | Staten, Glen 1968 December 30 |
| Box 1:4 | Staten, Glen 1969 February 13 |
| Box 1:5 | U.S. Dept. of Agriculture 1968 December 30 |
| Box 1:6 | Way, Howard 1968 December 30 |

**Subseries 1.2 Incoming 1969-1984**  

**Physical Description:** 30 letters  

**Scope and Content Note**  
Contains letters written to Akins, the majority of which are from C.W. Manning, a plant breeder with Stoneville Pedigreed Seed Company.

| Box 1:7 | Cantrell, Rod 1979 April 19 |
| Box 1:8 | Manning, C.W. 1973 July 13 |
| Box 1:9 | Manning, C.W. 1974 August 26 |
| Box 1:10 | Manning, C.W. 1974 October 23 |
| Box 1:11 | Manning, C.W. 1974 December 31 |
| Box 1:12 | Manning, C.W. 1975 March 3 |
| Box 1:13 | Manning, C.W. 1975 March 25 |
| Box 1:14 | Manning, C.W. 1975 April 16 |
| Box 1:15 | Manning, C.W. 1975 April 9 |
| Box 1:16 | Manning, C.W. 1975 June 2 |
| Box 1:17 | Manning, C.W. 1975 June 13 |
| Box 1:18 | Manning, C.W. 1975 July 2 |
| Box 1:19 | Manning, C.W. 1975 July 7 |
| Box 1:20 | Manning, C.W. 1975 July 15 |
| Box 1:21 | Manning, C.W. 1975 July 23 |
| Box 1:22 | Manning, C.W. 1975 August 5 |
| Box 1:23 | Manning, C.W. 1975 August 25 |
| Box 1:24 | Manning, C.W. 1976 September 7 |
| Box 1:25 | Manning, C.W. 1976 October 7 |
| Box 1:26 | Manning, C.W. 1976 October 12 |
| Box 1:27 | Manning, C.W. 1976 November 11 |
| Box 1:28 | Manning, C.W. 1976 December 1 |
| Box 1:29 | Manning, C.W. 1984 March |
| Box 1:30 | Staten, Glen 1969 January 3 |
| Box 1:31 | Staten, Glen 1969 February 24 |
| Box 1:32 | Western Cotton Products Co. 1970 March |
| Box 1:33 | Manning, C.W. 1975 May 10 |
| Box 1:34 | Manning, C.W. 1975 May 13 |
| Box 1:35 | Manning, C.W. 1975 May 19 |
| Box 1:36 | Manning, C.W. 1975 May 28 |

**Subseries 1.3 Third Party 1966-1990**  

**Physical Description:** 3 letters  

**Scope and Content Note**  
Letters that are to or between individuals other than Akins.

| Box 1:37 | George, Alan to California Department of Food and Agriculture 1975 May 8 |
Series 1. Correspondence 1966-1990
Subseries 1.3 Third Party 1966-1990

Box 1:38
Manning, C.W. to Akins, Edna 1990 August 20

Box 1:39
Western Cotton Products to Vista del Llano Farms 1966 March 7


Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically according to title.

Box 1:40
5th Annual Conservation Tillage Workshop 1984 May

Box 1:41
Acala Cotton Board - Variety Testing Program 1981

Box 1:42
Bacterial Blight of Cotton in California undated

Box 1:43
California Cotton Progress Report 1983 March

Box 1:44
Clippings 1949-1981

Box 1:45
The Cotton Industry in Tulare County 1980 May

Box 1:46
History of Acala Cotton Varieties Bred for San Joaquin Valley, California 1974 February

Box 1:47
Irrigation Scheduling Techniques for Cotton with Unlimited and Restricted Water Supplies (2 copies) 1979 April

Box 1:48
Notes undated

Box 1:49
Official Handbook of Seed Certification for the State of Arizona 1976 June

Box 1:50
Proceedings Gin Waste Utilization, Roundup and Tour 1981 February 5

Box 1:51
Stoneville Pedigreed Seed Company, Stoneville, Mississippi undated

Box 1:52


Scope and Content Note
Contains slides and photographs of cotton. Arranged chronologically.

Box 1:53
Cotton: Davis, Kern County: Waukena, Strathmore, Woodville 1965
   Physical Description: 22 slides

Box 1:54
Cotton 1972 October
   Physical Description: 20 slides

Box 1:55
Cotton on Akins Farm 1973 January
   Physical Description: 14 slides

Box 1:56
Cotton 1973
   Physical Description: 9 photographs and negatives

Box 1:57
Cotton 1974 September
   Physical Description: 13 slides