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BIOGRAPHY

William Jeptha Edens was born on 15 October 1898 to Brantley N. & Mary Evaline (Coltrane) Edens in Strong, Monroe County, Mississippi. He received his Bachelors of Science degree from Mississippi State College in 1919; a Masters degree in Agriculture from Cornell University in 1930 and a Masters degree in Philosophy from Cornell in 1937.

Edens intermittently taught agriculture at Western Kentucky State College (WKU) from 1921 to 1939, while he was attaining advanced degrees at Cornell. From 1940 to 1944 he served as the department head of the agriculture economics program at Mississippi State College. He left MSC to assume the president’s position at Arkansas State College from 1946 to 1951. He joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1952 and served as an agricultural advisor in Saudi Arabia (1952), Indonesia (1956), and in South Africa (1958).

Edens married Jennie Florence Hinton of Bowling Green on 25 August 1921. He died on 8 April 1969 in Jacksonville, Arkansas and is buried there in the Rest Hill Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTES

This collection contains Edens’s two theses: one dealing with agricultural pedagogy (1930) and the other related to the organization and loan operations of the national farm loan associations in Warren County, Kentucky (1937). Another study related to the development and amenities of Bowling Green, Kentucky is included (1937). The bulk of the collection relates to Edens later work as an agricultural advisor for the USDA in Saudia Arabia and South Africa. This material includes a scrapbook (photocopy only; 104 p.) related to the mission in South Africa, 1958-1961, and another scrapbook filled with photographs from his Saudia Arabia and South African missions (1952-1961).
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### CATALOG CARD


This collection contains Edens’s unpublished theses related to agriculture pedagogy (1930) and the development of the national farm loan associations in Warren County, Kentucky (1937) as well as a paper on the development and amenities of Bowling Green, Kentucky (1937). The collection also contains scrapbooks about Edens work as an agricultural advisor in Saudi Arabia (1952), Indonesia (1956), and South Africa (1958).

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