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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	Approximately 12.5 linear ft.
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Louisiana; Cuba
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1898-1951
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1925-1949
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Business and personal papers of E. W. Kerr of Baton Rouge, La., consulting mechanical engineer specializing in sugar factory work.
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<b>Stack locations.</b>	77:22-34, OS:K

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

E. W. (Eugene Wycliffe) Kerr (1874-1953) was an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University (1896-1902), an instructor in machine design at Purdue University (1902-1905), a professor of mechanical engineering at Louisiana State University (1905-1916), an efficiency engineer for the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation of Havana, Cuba (1916-1931), and a consultant to southwest Louisiana sugar factories (1935-1949). He died in Houston, Texas on March 15, 1953.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Collection includes chiefly correspondence, technical data and notes, blueprints, and related printed items related to the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation and to various sugar factories in southwest Louisiana. The collection also includes family correspondence and personal correspondence related to business matters.

The collection is divided into family and personal correspondence related to business matters (1901-1951); correspondence and related items for Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation (1915-1933); and correspondence, technical data, and related items for clients (1913-1949), arranged alphabetically by clients' business names. Additional technical data and items consisting of engineering bulletins, articles, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery are also grouped together at the end of the collection.

**INDEX TERMS**

Articles.  
Blueprints (reprographic copies)  
Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation.  
Kerr, E. W. (Eugene Wycliffe), 1874-1953.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Mechanical engineering--Cuba.  
Mechanical engineering--Louisiana.  
Mechanical engineers--Cuba.  
Mechanical engineers--Louisiana.  
Periodicals.  
Sugar--Manufacture and refining--Cuba.  
Sugar--Manufacture and refining--Louisiana.  
Technical reports.

CONTAINER LIST

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77:23	1	1-48	Family correspondence and business related personal correspondence, 1901-1951
77:24	2	1-44	Family correspondence and business related personal correspondence, 1935-1939
		45-50	Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation correspondence and related items, 1918-1931
77:25	3	1-48	Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation correspondence and related items, 1915-1933
77:26	4	1-64	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients A-C, 1916-1949 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
77:27	5	1-22	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients C, 1920-1931 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
	6	1-20	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients C-E, 1913-1948 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
	7	1-23	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients E-G, 1904-1946 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
77:28	8	1-24	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients G-J, 1924-1948 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
	9	1-20	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients J-L, 1932-1946 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
	10	1-21	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients L-M, 1932-1948 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
77:29	11	1-23	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients M-P, 1934-1947 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
	12	1-21	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients R-S, 1914-1941 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
	13	1-23	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients S, 1932-1948 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
77:30	14	1-64	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients S-W, 1928-1948 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
77:31	15	1-19	Correspondence, technical data, and related items: clients W, 1921-1946 (see <b>appendix for clients' business names</b> )
		20-35	Technical data consisting of engineering bulletins, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery, 1898-1946
77:32	16	1-54	Technical data consisting of engineering bulletins, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery, 1912-1945
77:33	17	1-47	Technical data consisting of engineering bulletins, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery, 1931-1948

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<b>77:34</b>	18	1-30	Technical data consisting of engineering bulletins, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery, 1917-1949
<b>77:22</b>	19	1-8	Technical data consisting of engineering bulletins, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery, 1898-1947
	20	1-13	Technical data consisting of engineering bulletins, blueprints, charts, and graphs created for various processes, mechanical appliances, engines, and machinery, 1921-1943
	21	--	Lantern slides and photographs, undated
<b>OS:K</b>	22	1-2	Items removed from box 1: Reports and blueprints
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		9-12	Items removed from box 4: Reports and blueprints

**APPENDIX**

Correspondence, technical data, and related items for the following clients:

- Box 4: A-C      Alice C. Plantation and Refinery, D. C. Palfrey  
Alma Plantation, Ltd.  
Athens Brick and Tile  
Baptista Venezuela Factory, Leopoldo Baptista  
Baton Rouge Transportation Co., M.B. Kahn  
Blanchard Planting Co.  
Carbo Foundry and Machine Co., A. C. Carbo  
Cedar Grove  
Columbia Sugar Co., Donald Caffery  
Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.
- Box 5: C          Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.
- Box 6: C-E        Cypremont Sugar Co., Jules Burguières  
Delgado Albania Factory  
Dugas and LeBlanc, Ltd.  
Edward J. Gay Planting and Manufacturing Co., Gay, Sullivan, & Co.
- Box 7: E-G        Equitable Equipment Company  
Estate of George L. Singleton, J. D. Singleton  
Evan Hall Sugar Cooperative, Inc.  
Glenwood Cooperative, Inc.
- Box 8: G-J        Glenwood Cooperative, Inc.  
Godchaux Sugar, Inc.  
Haas Investment Co.  
Helvetia Sugar Cooperative, Inc., Maurice Hymel  
Houma Ice Co.  
Jefferson Island Salt Mfg. Co.
- Box 9: J-L        Jefferson Island Salt Mfg. Co.  
Kessler and Sternfels  
Little Texas Plantation  
Louisiana Creamery, Inc.
- Box 10: L-M      Louisiana Creamery, Inc.  
Lula Plantation, Inc.  
Magnolia Sugar Cooperative, Inc.
- Box 11: M-P      Magnolia Sugar Cooperative, Inc.  
May Brothers, Inc.  
W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining and Molasses Co.  
Poplar Grove Planting & Refining Co., Inc.



- Box 12: R-S      Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange  
Roane Sugars, Inc., Lee Roane  
Ruth Sugar Co.
- Box 12: R-S      St. Bernard Factory  
Shadyside Co., Ltd.  
Shirley Plantation Sugar Mill
- Box 13: S         Slack Brothers, Inc.  
Smedes Brothers, Inc.
- Box 14: S-W      Smedes Brothers, Inc.  
Sterling Sugars, Inc.  
Tally-Ho, Inc.  
Teche Sugar Co.  
Valentine Sugar, Inc.  
Vida Sugars, Inc.  
A. Wilbert's Sons Lumber & Shingle Co., Myrtle Grove Plantation
- Box 15: W        A. Wilbert's Sons Lumber & Shingle Co., Myrtle Grove Plantation