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III.
ARCHIVAL
MATERIALS
of the
Giannini Foundation
of Agricultural Economics



COLLECTED ARCHIVAL MATERIALS FOR THE GIANNINI FOUNDATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Warren E. Johnston

It has been nearly eighty years since the founding of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. Preparation for the 75TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM clearly revealed the meagerness of archival information about the Foundation. We try to rectify this deficiency in the sections that follow.

We wish to especially acknowledge the assistance of Corny Gallagher, Duncan Knowles, and David Mendoza of the Bank of America in finding materials not held in departmental or library collections within the departments at Berkeley and Davis.

The collected archival materials are organized in five parts.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS IN CALIFORNIA

This section reproduces several written reports and documents about Foundation contributions and departmental histories. We include them because they document developments and activities over the early history of the Foundation and are not otherwise easily accessible.

EARLY HISTORY AND REFLECTIONS IN ABRIDGED ORAL HISTORIES

The oral histories of several important university professors and administrators document the origin and the early organization of the Foundation. The interviews give additional perspective and flavor to the embryonic period of the Foundation, as well as to subsequent organizational challenges. The “spoken words” are important to our understanding and appreciation of both the visions and challenges that mark the history of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics.

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

A handful of generations span the history of the Foundation. Two sources, (1) the university’s *In Memoriam* collection of memorials written by colleagues and (2) the compiled list of American Agricultural Economics Association Fellows awards, speak both of the contributions of individuals and university affiliations. They serve to put a face on the activity and productivity of colleagues and scholars of the Foundation.

CHRONOLOGY OF ACADEMIC AND SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS OF FOUNDATION MEMBERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 1929–2009

The compilation of all academic and specialist appointments proved to be a challenge. We present a total record of all appointments from the founding members appointed in 1929 through the most recent in 2009. Grace Dote, librarian emeritus, made a sustained



effort to document appointments at the Berkeley, Los Angeles, and Riverside campuses. Departmental staff at Davis assisted in compiling the roster of appointees on the Davis campus.

MISCELLANEOUS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

Several symposium papers include early exhibits of documents, news clips, and bank materials, especially in the presentations by Duncan Knowles, retired historian of the Bank of America, and the plenary paper by Johnston, Dote, and McCalla. Additional items are included in this archival section, collected mostly from findings in the Bank of America Historical Collection. They add great flavor to the origins and expectations emanating from A.P. Giannini's gift and to the character of the donor.