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## **M-386 JOHN E. FAGG, PAPERS, 1925-1992**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dr. John E. Fagg, the noted historian of Latin America and Spain, was born in San Saba, Texas on November 21, 1916. He received the B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1938, the M.A. from the University of Chicago in 1939, and the Ph.D. from the same university in 1942. The title of his dissertation was "The Republican Movement in Spain, 1790-1868."

He was professor of history in the Washington Square College of New York University from 1946 to 1981. During that period he served as chairman of the department of history from 1961 to 1969 and director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies from 1961 to 1965 and from 1977 to 1979. His courses included "Latin America to 1825," "Latin America since 1825," "Maturity and Independence of Ibero-American Empires, 1700-1825," "19th Century Latin America," "Contemporary Latin America," "Mexican History," and "French Revolution and Napoleon."

During his tenure at NYU, Dr. Fagg served on committees at the university and in professional organizations such as the American Historical Association and the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History. He was assistant dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Science from 1950 to 1955. From 1955 to 1969, he served on the National Woodrow Wilson Selection Committee and the Fulbright-Hayes Selection Committee.

He was an assistant instructor in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School from 1942 to 1943, and he served as a special consultant to the Department of Defense from 1946 to 1958. He also served as a consultant to Crowell-Collier Publishing Company from 1957 to 1967. During 1976-77, he was a visiting professor of history at the University of Virginia.

After his retirement to Austin, Texas, Dr. Fagg has travelled and lectured to groups such as the Pan American Round Table, Learning Adventures for Mature Persons, and the International Good Neighbor Council.

Author of numerous scholarly articles in the areas of modern Latin America, 19th century Spain, and World War II, Dr. Fagg is best known for his book *Latin America: A General History*, first published by Macmillan in 1963 with several later revised editions and a Spanish version published by Taurus in Madrid in 1970. Dr. Fagg's other books include *Cuba, Haiti, & the Dominican Republic* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1965), *Pan Americanism* (Malabar, FL: R.E. Krieger, 1982), and major contributions to *The Army Air Forces in World War II* (Washington, DC: Office of Air Force History, 1983, 7 vols.)

-- Sources: Dr. John E. Fagg; Directory of American Scholars (8th ed.; New York: R.R. Bowker, 1982, vol. I, p. 220); and New York University, Arts & Science Faculty Personnel Record, in "John E. Fagg, Papers," Special Collections, Manuscripts and Archives, Prescott Memorial Library, Louisiana Tech University.

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from British Air Ministry, Air Historical Branch
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Ministere des Affaires Etrangeres: 2 reels of extracts of various  
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Pertaining to book Hispanic America and Its  
Civilizations.

Review of Book Spain 1808-1939.

Handwritten notes concerning book

The Federal Republic in Spain.

Pertaining to An Economic History of Spain.

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Maps used in Dr. Fagg's book Latin America: A  
General History.

NOTE: View of South America and Mexico. Added to Rare Book  
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