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***“La Bohemia”* Magazine Collection  
of Lucille “Lucy” Rodriguez**

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## **Introduction to the Collection**

These issues of *Bohemia*, a magazine published in Havana, Cuba, were donated by Margaret Keller, a USF graduate. During her studies at USF, Keller became a close friend of Ms. Lucille “Lucy” Rodriguez and her family. A native of West Tampa born December 1903, Rodriguez lived her entire life in West Tampa and Hillsborough County. She passed away at the age of 101 on 11 September 2005. In the late 1990s, she began a dialogue with residents of her ancestral homeland, Cuba. In time, some Cubans began mailing her copies of *Bohemia* that often included hand-written notes or letters about their lives. Some people also wrote on the covers and inside of the magazines. Generally, this correspondence focused on activities in their lives rather than political conversations. Keller has compiled some of these letters after members of the Rodriguez family decided they no longer planned to keep them. They are not part of the present collection.

## **Preservation Note**

The magazines occupy two document boxes. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of such items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile and highly acidic papers, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves may be required to handle some materials. While no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection.

## **Provenance of the *La Bohemia* Magazine Collection**

This collection falls under the Journalism provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

## **Scope and Contents**

The magazines occupy two document boxes (0.85 linear feet). Additional items in this collection bring the approximate size to 1.05 linear feet.

## **Language Note**

The primary language used in these magazines is Spanish. Library staff may not be able to provide exact translations for materials in the collection.

## **Other Information Resources**

Researchers interested in the longstanding and historic ties between West Tampa’s Cuban immigrant community and residents of Cuba should examine the many archival, monographic, and serial collections located in the Tampa Library of the University of South Florida. Special Collections staff may offer suggestions of resources appropriate for the needs of researchers.

## Container Listing

### **Box 1, Folder 1: *Bohemia (Edición Internacional) 1998***

Año 90, No. 1; Año 90, No. 7; Año 90, No. 8; Año 90, No.9

### **Box 1, Folder 2: *Bohemia 1998***

v. 90:11 (1998: May 28); v. 90:13 (1998: June 19); v. 90:19 (1998: Sept. 11)

### **Box 1, Folder 3:**

v. 90:21 (1998: Oct. 9) – v. 90:23 (1998: Nov.6)

### **Box 1, Folder 4:**

v. 90:24 (1998: Nov. 20) – v. 90:26 (1998: Dec. 18)

### **Box 1, Folder 5:**

v. 91:1 (1999: Jan. 1) – v. 91:3 (1999: Jan. 29)

### **Box 2, Folder 1:**

v. 91:5 (1999: Feb. 26); v. 91:8 (1999: Apr. 9) – v. 91:9 (1999: Apr. 23); v. 91:11 (1999: May 21) – v. 91:12 (1999: June 4)

### **Box 2, Folder 2:**

v. 91:13 (1999: June 18) – v. 91: 14 (1999: July 2)

### **Box 2, Folder 3:**

v. 91:15 (1999: July 16) – v. 91:16 (1999: July 30)

### **Box 2, Folder 4:**

v. 91: 17 (1999: Aug. 13) – v. 91:20 (1999: Sept. 24); v. 91:22 (1999: Oct. 22)

### **Box 2, Folder 5:**

v. 92:4 (2000: Feb. 11) – v. 92:6 (2000: Mar. 10); 92:12 (2000: June 2); v. 92:17 (2000: Aug. 11); v. 92:19 (2000: Sept. 8); v. 93: 20 (2001: Oct. 5)

### **Additional Material:**

Small, hand embroidered basket, “Chalet Suzanne, Lake Wales, Florida”