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Creator: Crowley Maritime Corporation
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Linear feet: 14
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Abstract: Contains business records primarily for the early years of the company's operation in the San Francisco Bay Area. Includes ledgers, account books, time books, stockholders records, payroll journals, cash books, pilot books and related material for the Crowley Tugboat and Launch Company, Shipowners and Merchants Tugboat Company, Marinolich Ship Building Company, Harbor Tug and Barge Company, and other Crowley enterprises.
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Crowley, Thomas Bannon.
Shipping--California--San Francisco Bay Area.
Work boats--California--San Francisco Bay.
Tugboats.
Shipbuilding.
Pilots and pilotage.
Inland water transportation--California.
Coastwise shipping--California.

Genres and Forms of Material
Account books.
Business records.

Index Terms Related to this Collection
Shipowners & Merchants Towboat Company.
Crowley Launch and Tugboat Company.

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Acquisition Information
The Crowley Maritime Corporation Records were given to The Bancroft Library by Thomas B. Crowley on December 16, 1988. Additions were made on June 21, 2004.

Corporate History
Originally headquartered in Oakland, California, Crowley Maritime Corporation is one of the most diversified marine operations companies in the world. Between 1973 and 1985, after several decades of doing business under as many as 45 different names, Crowley Maritime Corporation consolidated it's various companies under the new corporation. It now provides diversified transportation services in domestic and international markets by means of four operating lines of business: Liner Services; Ship Assist and Escort Services; Oil and Chemical Distribution and Transportation Services; and Energy and Marine Services.

Thomas Crowley began ferrying sailors and supplies in a rowboat on San Francisco Bay in the 1800s. By 1904, he was running 28 foot launches with 8-horsepower engines. The Crowley Launch and Tugboat Company was officially created in 1906. Crowley summed up his mission statement as "Anything, Anywhere, Anytime, on Water." He adapted equipment, created services, and bought into existing operations in California and elsewhere.

In 1918, he purchased a quarter interest in San Francisco's Red Stack tugs, owned by the Shipowners and Merchants Towboat Company and continued investing until he held 100 percent of the stock. He also built double deck passenger boats for harbor tours and established a shipyard, Martinolich Shipyard, to repair his own fleet.

Crowley expanded into Puget Sound, shortly after World War I with the Puget Sound Tug and Barge Company. He continued to expand into all major West Coast ports with launches and tugs and entered the common carrier freight services in 1935 with the purchase of Bay Cities Transportation Company and entered the bulk-petroleum transportation in 1939. In the 1940s, Harbor Tug and Barge Company was acquired to expand harbor services in San Francisco Bay, and in 1951, a
second Oakland facility, Merrit Shipyards, was purchased to increase repair capabilities.

[Excerpted from Crowley Maritime Corporation A Century of Service 1892-1992 and the Crowley Maritime website.]

Scope and Content Note

Boxes 1-10;
Volume 1
Series 1: Crowley Launch and Tugboat Company, 1894-1965
Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchally and chronologically where appropriate.
Contains ledgers, towing logs, trip logs, and time book.

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box 2, folder 1-4
box 2, folder 5-6
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box 5, folder 1-12
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box 7, folder 6
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box 9, folder 1-10
volume Vol. 1
box 4, folder 8
box 10, folder 1
box 10, folder 2

Series 2: Shipowners & Merchants Tugboat Company, 1888-1965
Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchally and chronologically where appropriate.
Contains ledgers and journals for stock transfer, towage accounts, and cash disbursements; orders for towing; boat descriptions; damage log; and trip logs for the Red Stack Pilots.

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box 11, folder 2
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