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Collection Summary
Collection Title: Western Sugar Refinery records
Date (inclusive): 1871-1949
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Creators: Western Sugar Refinery
Extent: Number of containers: 28 boxes; 9 cartons, 1 oversize box, 10 oversize foldersLinear feet: 22.6
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Abstract:
Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English
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Alternate Forms Available
There are no alternate forms of this collection.
Related Collections
"From Memory's Files; Episodes in the Life of a Western Sugar Refinery Employee," 1937, BANC MSS C-D 5042.
Dan Gutleben Papers, BANC MSS C-R 30
California Sugar Refinery, F862.55 C35
Spreckels Financial Records, 1880-1844, BANC MSS C-G 190
Spreckels Sugar Beet Bulletin, HD9101 S 68
San Francisco Industrial Views Including Western Sugar Refinery photographs, BANC PIC 1999.065-PIC

Separated Material
Printed materials have been transferred to the book collection of The Bancroft Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Spreckels, Claus, 1828-1908
Spreckels family
Western Sugar Refinery
California Sugar Refinery
Sugar factories--California
Sugar trade--California
Sugar--Manufacture and refining
San Francisco (Calif.)--History

Acquisition Information
The Western Sugar Refinery Records was/were given to The Bancroft Library by C. E. Schink and Dan Gutleben on 1952.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the container level.

Processing Information
Processed by E. Stephens in 2004.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Western Sugar Refinery Records, 1871-1949, contain letter books, technical reports, shift superintendent's reports and other material related to Claus Spreckels' sugar operations in San Francisco. Formed as the California Sugar Refining Company in 1867 at 8th and Brannan in San Francisco, the refinery processed sugar cane from Hawaii and elsewhere. In 1881 Spreckels expanded the business, building a second refinery on Potrero Point. He called the new refinery the Western Sugar Refinery.

Arranged hierarchically in rough chronological order. Contains letter books of general correspondence with managers and superintendents, mechanical reports, raw sugar cargo lists, polarization, technical statements, and shift superintendent's logs. Oversize folders contain drawings and plans of refinery and machinery.
Box 25  
Box 5, Folder 1  
Box 5, Folder 2-3  
Box 5, Folder 4-6  
Box 5, Folder 7-8  
Box 26  
Box 6, Folder 1-2  
Oversize Box 1, Folder 2  
Box 27  
Box 22, Folder 1  
Box 7, Folder 1-4  
Box 8, Folder 1-3  
Box 9, Folder 1-3  
Carton 1, Folder 1-32  
Carton 2, Folder 1-30  
Carton 3, Folder 1-3  
Box 28  
Carton 3, Folder 4-21  
Boxes 11-19  
Carton 4, Folder 1-20  
Carton 5, Folder 1-20  
Carton 6, Folder 1-21  
Carton 7, Folder 1-23  
Carton 8, Folder 1-22  
Carton 9, Folder 1-23  
Box 1, Folder 4  
Box 1, Folder 5  
Box 10, Folder 1-8  
Oversize Box 1, Folder 3  
Box 1, Folder 3  
Oversize Drawer C, Folder 1-9  
Oversize Drawer A, Folder 1

Letter books (2 Vols.) 1915-1917  
Equipment diagram book 1889-1893  
Mechanical equipment and miscellaneous 1899-1917  
Western Refinery building plans, refinery equipment and operation 1916  
Sugar refinery specs 1917-1921  
Raw Sugar Cargos, 6 books 1896-1906  
Statements of Raw Sugar Melted (Vols. 1-2) 1891-1899  
Statements of "Dry Substance" melted (vol. 3) 1899-1902  
Statement of "Dry Substance" melted (vol. 4) 1902-1906  
Statement of Raw Sugar melted (vol. 5) 1907-1909  
California Sugar Company, Polarization (4 Vols.) 1882-1891  
Western Sugar Refinery Company, Polarization books 1891-1895  
Polizaration books 1896-1910  
Technical statements 1912-1923  
Technical statements 1924-1945  
Technical statements 1945-1948  
Shift Superintendent's log book 1906-1907  
Superintendent's daily report 1925-1927  
Shift Superintendent's report books 1916-1929  
Shift Superintendent's reports 1927-1930  
Shift Superintendent's reports 1930-1934  
Shift Superintendent's reports 1934-1938  
Shift Superintendent's reports 1938-1942  
Shift Superintendent's reports 1942-1946  
Shift Superintendent's reports 1946-1951  
Cost data report 1935  
Highlights of refinery operation from 1916 circa 1937  
Yearly data for #2 Pine Street (C. J. Moroney) and Western Sugar Refinery (J. O. Ziebolz) circa 1950  
[California Sugar Refinery?] Wage book 1871-1875  
California Sugar Refinery, clippings 1881  
California Sugar Refinery, S. S. Hepworth and Co. drawings for buildings and machinery undated  
Box Brands for Sea Island Cane Sugar undated