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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Kearney Ranch records

Date (inclusive): 1873-1949

Collection Number: BANC MSS C-G 63

Creator: Kearney Ranch

Extent: 100 volumes, 12 cartons, 4 boxes, 12 oversize boxes, 4 cardfile boxes circa 35 linear feet

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Abstract: The records include account books for the Fruit Vale Improvement Company; records of the Easterby Rancho; records of the Kearney Vineyard Syndicate; labor and crop reports; financial statements; inventories; general accounts; and records relating to the Federal Trade Commission and its anti-trust actions concerning the California Associated Raisin Company (later called Sun-Maid Raisin Growers).

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

Access Information

Collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation

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Related Material

Kearney Vineyard Company papers, 1903-1948 (bulk 1940-1948). BANC MSS C-G 64

M. Theo Kearney papers, 1865-1906. BANC MSS C-G 77

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog

Kearney, M. Theo.

Kearney Ranch-Archives

Sun Maid Growers of California.

Agriculture-California-History.

Raisin industry-California-History.
Easterby Rancho (Calif.)
Fresno County (Calif.)-History.
Fruit Vale Estate (Calif.)
Transferred to The Bancroft Library in 1949.

Arrangement

Arranged as received.

Processing Information

Processed at the container level in 2014.

Biography/Organization History

Martin Theodore Kearney died on May 26, 1906, in his stateroom aboard the Cunard liner Caronia, alone, as he had lived in the Victorian mansion adjacent to his vast Kearney Vineyard property. Kearney was considered the strong man of the raisin industry, and one of the largest producers of raisins in California. His origins are obscure, although it is known that he lived in Boston from 1865 to 1867, and in San Francisco after January 1, 1870. He was known as a real estate broker and was a partner of W.C. Chapman, a speculator in Fresno County lands. In 1877 he was agent for the Bank of California in the sale of the Easterby Rancho in Fresno, and in 1880 purchased N.K Masten's share therein -- probably Kearney's start in the ranching and vineyard business. He acquired the Fruit Vale estate also, and later a controlling interest in the Fresno Vineyard Company. He played an important role in the California Raisin Growers Association and maintained important social connections in San Francisco. The Kearney Fruit Vale ranch was an estate of 5400 acres, including alfalfa, vineyards, citrus trees, packing facilities, and a large house. The property was bequeathed to the Regents of the University of California by Mr. Kearney in 1906 and was administered by the University of California until 1948.

Scope and Content Note

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volumes 1-2	Capital Account Ledger 1898-1901
volumes 3-4	Capital Account Ledger 1907-1908
volumes 5-14	Capital Account Ledger 1910-1920
volume 15	Capital Account Ledger 1922-1930
volumes 16-17	Kearney Vineyard Syndicate ledgers 1900-1902
volume 18	Kearney Vineyard Syndicate statistical report 1902-1915
volume 19	Store daybook 1902-1903
volume 20	Store ledger 1903
volume 21	Cash books 1900-1901
volumes 22-29	Cash books 1908-1931
volumes 30-32	Time books 1904-1910
volumes 33-37	Time books 1916-1937
volumes 38-42	Daily labor reports 1913-1918
volumes 43-44	Daily labor reports 1924-1931
volumes 45-47	Monthly labor reports 1907-1911
volumes 48-51	Monthly labor reports 1918-1930
volume 52	Journal 1900-1902
volume 53	Journal 1904
volumes 54-77	Journals 1906-1931
volume 78	Cost ledger 1907-1912
volume 79	Cost ledger 1912-1932
volume 82	Stock certificate book (blank) undated
volume 83	Correspondence and reports- from Office of the Regents undated
volumes 84-95	Kearney Vineyard Syndicate- minutes and by-laws
volumes 96-98	Ledgers of accounts 1940-1949
volume 99	Transfer binder, personal accounts 1943-1946

volume 100	Inventories 1945-1947
carton 1	Correspondence
carton 2	Correspondence
carton 2	Kearney Vineyard- Report and Closing Documents
carton 2	Ledger Book sheets
carton 3	Ledger Book sheets
oversize-box 10	Ledger Book sheets 1901
oversize-box 1	Loose leaf record sheets 1931-1935
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store Distribution ledger sheets (1932-1933) • Checks Issued ledger sheets (1931-1935) • Labor Distribution ledger sheets (1931-1933)
oversize-box 2	Loose leaf record sheets 1931-1935
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal ledger sheets (1931-1935) • Cash Receipts ledger sheets (1932-1935)
oversize-box 3	Loose leaf record sheets 1932-1937
	Scope and Content Note
	Labor Distribution ledger sheets
oversize-box 4	Loose leaf record sheets 1935-1938
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Receipts ledger sheets (1935-1937) • Checks Issued ledger sheets (1935-1938) • Journal ledger sheets (1935-1938)
oversize-box 5	Loose leaf record sheets 1937-1941
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Distribution ledger sheets (1938-1941) • Cash Receipts ledger sheets (1937-1938)
oversize-box 6	Loose leaf record sheets 1933-1944
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Distribution ledger sheets (1933-1935) • Checks Issued ledger sheets (1938-1944)
oversize-box 7	Loose leaf record sheets 1937-1940
	Scope and Content Note
	Labor Distribution ledger sheets
oversize-box 8	Loose leaf record sheets 1938-1944
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal ledger sheets • Cash Receipts ledger sheets
oversize-box 9	Loose leaf record sheets 1938-1944
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Distribution ledger sheets (1941-1944) • Payroll (1938-1944)
carton 3	Kearney Vineyard- Reports 1928-1942
carton 3	Double F Ranch- Reports 1937-1942

carton 3	Kearney Vineyard- Expense and Income Reports 1930-1933
carton 4	Kearney Vineyard- Expense and Income Reports 1922-1929
carton 4	Double F Ranch 1940-1942
boxes 1-2	Kearney Vineyard- Inventories 1924-1944
cardfile-boxes 1-4	Notebooks
box 3	Notebooks
carton 4	Notebooks
carton 4	Kearney Vineyard Notebooks 1901, 1908-1911, 1932
carton 4	Deeds
carton 4	Legal Documents 1886-1891
carton 4	Property Records 1877-1896
carton 5	Property Records 1889-1899
carton 5	Monarch Vineyard Company- Articles of Incorporation 1895
carton 5	Kearney Vineyard- Financial documents 1905, 1910
carton 5	Promotional materials circa 1900
carton 5	Fresno County literature 1873-1893
carton 5	Insurance Certificates 1900-1902
carton 5	Kearney Vineyard Company 1903-1906
carton 5	California State Automobile Association- maps undated
carton 5	Newspaper clippings 1918-1920
carton 5	Receipts 1923-1943
carton 6	Receipts 1927-1946
carton 6	Sales Tax Reports 1931-1943
carton 6	Irrigation Tax Bills 1929-1932
carton 7	Receipts 1934-1944
carton 7	Account ledgers undated
carton 7	Crop Reports 1928-1939
carton 8	Crop Reports 1918-1940
carton 9	Crop Reports 1915-1939
carton 9	Oil House Reports 1940-1944
carton 9	Cotton Gin Reports 1925-1928
box 4	Crop Reports 1928-1939
carton 10	Small unnumbered volumes
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easterby Rancho Company cash book and ledger, 1879-1892 (2 volumes) • Crop Reports, 1910-1914, 1916-1938 (7 volumes) • Labor Charges, 1935-1942 (1 volume) • General Accounts, 1929-1943 (3 volumes) • Lumber, 1916-1924 (1 volume) • Report on Land Use, 1929-1934 (1 volume) • Daybook, 1909-1910 (1 volume)
oversize-box 11	Insurance Policy Register
carton 11	Small unnumbered volumes
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial balances, 1928-1942 (8 volumes) • Stock Report, 1908-1912 (1 volume) • Cashbook, 1904-1905 (1 volume) • Salesbook, 1900 (1 volume)
carton 12	Fruitvale Improvement Company 1892-1895
	Scope and Content Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cashbook, 1894-1895 (1 volume) • Ledgers, 1892-1895 (3 volumes) • Statement Book, 1892-1895(1 volume)

oversize-box 11
volume 104
box 4
oversize-box 10

Fruitvale Improvement Company Ledger 1892-1895
Fruitvale Improvement Company Cashbook 1892-1895
Miscellaneous
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