J.V. Rhoades Employment Agency Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: J.V. Rhoades Employment Agency Records

Dates: 1924-1931

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Abstract: Company records include correspondence, receipt books, loose receipts, and work order books; one photograph portrait of an unidentified woman. English, with some documents in Spanish.

Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History

The Rhoades Employment Agency operated at three locations (Denver, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles) from 1907 to about 1932. It was co-owned primarily by two brothers, Joseph V. and Louis M. Rhoades, both of whom were based in Denver. Joseph Alfredo Pacheco, whose name appeared on the Los Angeles letterhead, owned one-sixth share of the company and served as both Manager and Interpreter at the Los Angeles Office at 606 N. Main Street. The agency specialized in the placement of Mexican laborers.

Scope and Content of Collection

Company records include correspondence, receipt books, loose receipts, and work order books; one photograph portrait of an unidentified woman. English, with some documents in Spanish. The records provide primary labor data on Mexican casual workers recruited from the Plaza area in Los Angeles, California. Many of the workers were placed in urban jobs, however client correspondence also included the employer Los Alamitos Sugar Co. 1924-1931, undated.

Indexing Terms

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