Richard F. Robertson Business Letters

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Richard F. Robertson Business Letters
Dates: 1908-1914
Collection Number: 1991-121
Creator/Collector: Robertson, Richard Felix
Extent: Three ledgers (.75 linear feet)
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Abstract: Ledgers containing carbon copies of outgoing business letters of San Jose attorney Richard F. Robertson.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
The ledgers were donated to History San Jose in 1991
Biography/Administrative History
According to "Builders of our Nation" (1914) Richard Felix Robertson was born in Mazatlan, Mexico, in 1863, the son of Richard Lew and Canuta (Hedeza) Robertson. He graduated from San Francisco's Kent College of Law in 1898. Robertson went on to be very active in Los Gatos as well as San Jose municipal activities. He married Cassie Shannon in 1887, and they resided at 249 Main Street, Los Gatos. For more information, see Eugene T. Sawyers' "History of Santa Clara County, California."
Scope and Content of Collection
The ledgers contain copies of business letters from the office of attorney Richard F. Robertson, whose office was located in the First National Bank Building, San Jose, as of 1913. Based on the letters, Robertson appears to have dealt primarily in real estate transactions and debt collection during this time. An index at the front lists addressees by last name; an additional index at the back of the third ledger lists "Alta Vista Letters."
Indexing Terms
Lawyers
Collecting of accounts
Real estate development
Los Gatos (Calif.)
San Jose (Calif.)
Santa Clara County (Calif.)
business letters
carbon copies