Papers of Fellows and Stewart, Inc.

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Papers of Fellows and Stewart, Inc.
Collection Number: Collection # 3
Creator/Collector: Fellows, Joseph - 1865-1942
Fellows, Richard Joseph - 1906-1962
Fellows, Lois Anderson
Stewart, Victor - 1876-1956
Fellows and Stewart, Inc.
Extent: 57 record cartons, 57 flat files, 15 rolls
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Abstract: The papers of the firm Fellows and Stewart, Inc. are contained in 8 series. Series 1, 2 and 3 are the non-financial papers, financial records, and office and yacht correspondence files. These series cover the business of the firm with Series 3 holding many documents on vessels either built or repaired by Fellows and Stewart, Inc. In Series 4, Photographic prints, both snapshots and professional photographers provide documentary evidence of the shipyard. Series 5 holds the naval architectural drawings originating at the firm for recreational craft, yachts, vessels for local government agencies, and fishing yachts and boats, and the architectural plans for naval vessels under contract to various shipyards during and after World War II. Design work by other firms, and proposed layouts for the shipyard itself are contained in Series 6. News-clippings in scrapbooks are contained in Series 7, while Series 8 is reserved for the listing of objects in the collection, artifacts that have been recorded in the Museum’s catalog.

Language of Material: English

Access
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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection of business papers and documents represents the history of the firm, Fellows and Stewart, Inc. until 1967, and to some extent the firm as it was known much earlier (circa 1907-1917) as Joe Fellows Yacht and Launch Company. Financial ledgers, office correspondence, design notes, naval architectural plans and photographic prints remain as evidence of the firm’s history on Terminal Island, California, and their place among local shipbuilders in Los Angeles Harbor as designers and builders of pleasure craft, fishing and work boats, and vessels for government agencies. The collection’s architectural plans are indicative of this range of vessels, while the photographic prints provide a glimpse of the construction yards, completed vessels, launchings, and craft underway in the Harbor, as well as personal and family portraits and snapshots.

Indexing Terms
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Fellows and Stewart, Inc.
Joe Fellows Boat Shop
Joe Fellows yacht and Launch Company
Terminal Island (Calif.)
Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Fellows and Stewart Inc. Finding Aid
FellowsStewart Series 1 Corporate Papers
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