Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir Company Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir Company Collection

Dates: 1909-1916

Collection Number: VPR

Creator/Collector: Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir Company, Verdugo Canyon Water Company

Extent: 1.5 linear feet, 1 box

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Abstract: The Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir Company Collection contains two ledgers that track the distribution of water to individuals and companies in the Glendale and Verdugo Canyon area, and records the company's maintenance expenses and finances. The ledgers tell part of the story of water rights, distribution, and public utilities in the greater Los Angeles region in the early 20th century.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Unknown

Scope and Content of Collection

The Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir Company Collection contains two ledgers that track the distribution of water to individuals in the Glendale and Verdugo Canyon area, and the company's maintenance and operating expenses. They provide insight into the financial records of an early 20th century water company and early water usage and distribution in the Verdugo Canyon area. On a broader level, the ledgers provide evidence of the issues of water rights and public utility management in Southern California. The first ledger includes records of water accounts for individuals, and government and public utility entities like the City of Glendale and the Southern California Gas Company. The second ledger is a monthly aggregation of individual accounts.

Indexing Terms

Water rights
Public utilities—Management
Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir Company
Verdugo Canyon Water Company
Glendale (Calif.)
Los Angeles County (Calif.)

Paper Records

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