
Morehead family papers MSS.111

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Physical Description: 3.75 Linear feet

Date (bulk): Bulk, 1859-1940

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Language of Materials note: English

creator: Morehead family

Biographical/Historical note

James Joseph Morehead, born in West Virginia (1828), came to Butte County (California) in 1852. After working as a superintendent of the Parrott Ranch, he bought land within the original Farwell Grant in 1870, and he also owned land in Tehama County and Colusa County. Ardenia A. Morehead (née Boydstun), the wife of James, was born in Little Rock (Arkansas) and came to California in the 1850's. Their son, James Franklin Morehead, was born on the Parrott Grant February 13, 1870. He attended the Hopkin's Academy in Oakland, graduating in 1889. He then attended Heald's Business College in San Francisco, graduating in 1891. In 1914, James Franklin helped organized and was the first president of the People's Savings and Commercial Bank. He also built the Broadway Theater and Park Garage in Chico.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains deeds, legal materials, bills, receipts and account books pertaining to and created by the Morehead Ranch, company and family while in operation and residing within Butte County and Chico. Other materials include notebooks, diaries and biographical information related to the family. The material dates inclusively from 1859 to 1971, with the bulk of the material coming between 1859 and 1940.

Arrangement 1. Land Deeds and Grants Box: 1

2. Bills and Receipts Box: 2 Folder: 4-7, 9-14 Box: 4 Folder: 1-9 Box: 7 Folder: 3

3. Correspondence Box: 2 Folder: 1, 8 Box: 5 Folder: 4 Box: 7 Folder: 8

4. Business Papers Box: 2 Folder: 2, 3 Box: 3 Folder: 6 Box: 5 Folder: 6, 7 Box: 8 Folder: 2, 6

5. Account and Record Books Box: 3 Folder: 1-4 Box: 4 Folder: 10, 12 Box: 6 Folder: 1, 2

6. Memos, Notebooks and Letterbooks Box: 5 Folder: 8, 9 Box: 6 Folder: 3, 4 Box: 7 Folder: 5, 7 Box: 8 Folder: 1, 3-5, 7-10 Box: 9

7. Family Material Box: 3 Folder: 5, 7 Box: 5 Folder: 1-3, 5 Box: 7 Folder: 1, 2

Access Restrictions

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Usage Restrictions

No restrictions.

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Arrangement note

Series

Custodial History note

Gift.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Banking--California--Butte County--History

Butte County (Calif.) -- History.

Chico (Calif.)

Land tenure -- California -- Butte County -- History

Box 1	Deeds and legal papers 1859-1885
Box 2	Bills, business papers, correspondence and other material 1863-1885
Box 3	Account books and other material 1868-1887
Box 4	Bills, receipts and other material 1885-1919
Box 5	Account books, diaries and other material 1880-1922
Box 6	Account books, notebooks and other material 1904-1936
Box 7	Correspondence, notebooks and other material 1878-1940
Box 8	Memos and records 1900-1935
Box 9	Notebooks and record books 1937-1942