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## **Anson Stiles Blake Business Records, 1897-1938**

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**Biography**

Blake was a businessman and partner in California quarrying companies and the son of gold rush pioneer Charles T. Blake. In 1899, he became president of his father's company, Oakland Paving Company. Blake and Bilger was a quarrying company which grew out of the Oakland Paving Company; it later became Blake Brothers Company as a result of a buyout and merger by the Blake family in 1914. San Pablo Quarry Company was the first holding company for Blake Brothers Company.

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**Indexing Terms**

Bilger, F. W.

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Blake and Bilger Company.  
Blake Brothers Company.  
Blake, Edwin T.  
H. Peterson & Co., Inc.  
Interior Land Co.  
San Francisco Quarries Company.  
San Pablo Quarry Company.  
San Pablo Water Co.  
Symmes, Whitman  
Venice Island Co.  
Yount, George C., (George Calvert), 1794-1865  
Account books.  
Business -- 1897-1938  
Businessmen--California.  
Quarries and quarrying--California.  
Rancho La Jota (Napa, Calif.)  
Water utilities--California.

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Box 1, Volume 1	<b>Stock Journal and Ledger of the San Pablo Quarry Co., 1906-1914</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Castro Point, Contra Costa County, by-Laws of the company included
Box 1, Volume 2	<b>Copybook of Blake and Bilger Co., 1906 September-1907 January</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Central Bank Bldg, Oakland
Box 1, Volume 3	<b>Copybook of Edwin T. Blake, 1904 June-1908 March</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Central Bank Bldg., Oakland
Box 1, Volume 4	<b>Minutes of the Board of Directors, Venice Island Co., 1906 May-1913 October</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Balboa Bldg., San Francisco Some minutes of the stockholders' meetings and some correspondence included
Box 2, Volume 5	<b>Account Ledger of Blake and Bilger Co., 1908 November-1909 October</b>
Box 2, Volume 6	<b>Account Ledger of Blake Co., 1897-1914</b>
Box 2, Volume 7	<b>Cash Book of H. Peterson &amp; Co., Inc., 1912-1914 May</b>
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Box 3, Folder 7	<b>TLS, George Fletcher to Anson Blake, 1913 February 20</b>

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