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.
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.

Box 1, Volume 1  Stock Journal and Ledger of the San Pablo Quarry Co., 1906-1914
Scope and Contents note
Castro Point, Contra Costa County, by-Laws of the company included

Box 1, Volume 2  Copybook of Blake and Bilger Co., 1906 September-1907 January
Scope and Contents note
Central Bank Bldg, Oakland

Box 1, Volume 3  Copybook of Edwin T. Blake, 1904 June-1908 March
Scope and Contents note
Central Bank Bldg., Oakland

Box 1, Volume 4  Minutes of the Board of Directors, Venice Island Co., 1906 May-1913 October
Scope and Contents note
Balboa Bldg., San Francisco
Some minutes of the stockholders' meetings and some correspondence included

Box 2, Volume 5  Account Ledger of Blake and Bilger Co., 1908 November-1909 October
Box 2, Volume 6  Account Ledger of Blake Co., 1897-1914
Box 2, Volume 7  Cash Book of H. Peterson & Co., Inc., 1912-1914 May
Box 3, Volume 8  Cash Book of San Francisco Quarries Co., 1908 November-1909
Box 3, Volume 9  Title Abstract of Rancho La Jota, Napa,
Box 3, Folder 1  Continuation of Abstract of Rancho La Jota, 1886
Box 3, Volume 10  Stock Certificates for Interior Land Co., 1910 November-1938 March
Mixed materials 3,
Folder 2  Appraisal Invoice of The Blake Bros. Co., 1921

Box 3, Folder 3  Pictures of the quarries
Boxes 4-5  Invoices, San Pablo Quarry Co., 1907-1909
Box 3, Folder 4  San Pablo Water Company and others, undated
Box 3, Folder 5  Blake and Bilger Co. miscellaneous records, 1910-1912
Box 3, Folder 6  Blake Bros. Co. financial records, 1916-1917
Box 3, Folder 7  TLS, George Fletcher to Anson Blake, 1913 February 20