
Avon Tosco Refinery Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Avon Tosco Refinery Collection

Dates: 1935-1997

Collection Number: 2008.08

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 1 box

Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
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Abstract: This contains photographs, documents, house organs, and other materials related to the Avon Refinery in Concord, California (formally Avon Village).

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biography/Administrative History

Associated Oil Company began construction of the Avon Refinery in 1913. Associated Oil Company and Tide Water Oil Company formed a partnership in 1926 and merged ten years later, becoming Tide Water Associated. . J. Paul Getty gained control of the company in 1951 and changed the name to Tide Water in 1954. The company name was changed to Tidewater Oil Company in 1956. Phillips Petroleum purchased the refinery in 1966. Tosco purchased the property in 1976. A merger in 2001 resulted in ConocoPhillips ownership.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Avon Collection consists of one box with 14 folders. The collection was donated in 2008 by Frank Fernandes. Folder 1: Associated Oil Company - Shipping (Bulk Products) Southern Pacific 07/26/1935-08/26/1935 Folder 2: Avon - Oil - Eastern Division News (house organ) 05/1961 Folder 3: Avon - Oil - Memorandum (1954) and Shipping (01/22/1944) - Tidewater Associated - Southern Pacific Company Folder 4: Avon - Oil - Miscellaneous Folder 5: Avon - Oil - Newspaper Articles - Various Dates Folder 6: Avon - Oil - Phillips Petroleum Company Folder 7: Avon - Oil - Refinery History (1978? - Harry Miller?) Folder 8: Avon - Oil - Tide Water and Tidewater - Histories/operating Manuals 1940 - 1960 Folder 9: Avon - Oil - Tidewater - 80th Birthday - 1958 article Folder 10: Avon - Oil - Tosco Refining Company - Yearbook, 1980s - 1990s Folder 11: The Oil Daily - Newspaper - 02/1962 Folder 12: Fog Bell Donation to San Francisco Church (1981?), clipping Folder 13: Kettles Log Book - 1938-1969 (kettle 1-4) Folder 14: Lloyd Forbes (refinery manager) History - Various Articles Also in the photo collection are some 2000 negatives and photos of the refinery, eight have been scanned.

Indexing Terms

Refinery, oil

Business records

Forbes, Lloyd

Tosco

Tidewater

Associated Oil

Phillips Petroleum

Avon

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