Guide to the Wright & Kimbrough correspondence

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Abstract: In 1903, Cecelia Phelan, wife of prominent Sacramento physician Gregory Phelan, sold her 142-acre ranch off J Street in East Sacramento through Wright & Kimbrough. This collection is comprised of correspondence between Mrs. Phelan and her son, Louis Phelan, and Wright & Kimbrough concerning the sale of the J Street property, which would later become Tract 24.

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Historical Note
Dr. Gregory Phelan was a prominent physician in early Sacramento. He moved to the city in 1849, having graduated from Columbia College and medical school at the University of New York. Phelan rose to prominence quickly and was involved in numerous community organizations. He helped organize the first medical society in California and was selected as physician to the Cholera Hospital in 1850. From 1861 to 1869, Phelan served as City and County Physician of the County Hospital of Sacramento. Dr. Phelan and his wife Cecelia had nine children: Gregory, Cecelia, Angela, Agnes, Helena, Clara, Louis, Henry, and Joseph. In 1870, Phelan left Sacramento for Europe, returning in 1876 to settle in San Francisco. He sold off much of his Sacramento property in 1889 and transferred ownership of the "Phelan tract" to his wife. The 142-acre tract was located off of J Street in what is now East Sacramento. Dr. Phelan passed away in November 1902, and just prior to his death, Cecelia contacted Sacramento real estate company Wright & Kimbrough regarding the sale of the property.
Charles Wright and Howard Kimbrough began selling agricultural property in Sacramento in 1893 and later planned and plotted many residential tracts in the area. The Phelan land east of Sacramento was sold through Wright and Kimbrough in
1903 and then parceled out into residential lots as part of the Tract 24 development.

**Scope and Content Note**
This collection comprises one folder of correspondence from the Wright & Kimbrough real estate company, 1902-1903. The correspondence concerns the sale of Cecelia Phelan's J Street ranch through Wright & Kimbrough and includes handwritten letters from Cecelia and her son Louis Phelan and typewritten letters from Wright & Kimbrough. The letters discuss the sale of the property, including logistical matters concerning the release of the current tenant.

**Indexing Terms**
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- East Sacramento (Calif.)
- Sacramento (Calif.)
- Phelan, Gregory
- Phelan, Cecelia
- Wright & Kimbrough