Guide to the Clarence and George Carr Papers MS 191

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Abstract: This collection consists of personal papers and business records from Clarence Carr, George S. Carr, and the G.S. Carr Company.
creator: Carr, Clarence
creator: Carr, George S.

Conditions Governing Access
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Biographical / Historical Notes
Clarence Carr left his family home in Warren, Rhode Island and moved to San Francisco, CA in the mid-1800s, where he practiced law. His health declined after a series of poor financial investments and in 1879 he died in an insane asylum, leaving behind a widow and two young sons, George S. and Charles R. The boys were brought up by their aunt, Alice E. Carr, because their mother could no longer afford to care for them.

Around the turn of the 20th century, George S. Carr moved to San Diego, CA and started a real estate business called The Carr Company, located at 855 5th Street. His aunt Alice acted as the company’s eastern representative in Warren, Rhode Island. In 1905 George married Bessie M. Cutler, who proceeded to work as the company’s secretary. By 1911 the company name changed to the G.S. Carr Company, and moved to 910 7th Street. The majority of their business centered on the lease and sale of various lots in San Diego. Occasionally house-building was part of the lease agreement.

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Arrangement
Collection is arranged into two series:
Series I: Personal Papers
Series II: G. S. Carr Company
Items in each series are arranged by subject.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of personal papers and business records from Clarence Carr, George S. Carr, and the G.S. Carr Company. Personal papers include correspondence of Clarence Carr and George S. Carr. Business records include property agreements (such as grant deeds, leases, and property titles), account statements for clients of the G.S. Carr Company, and business receipts. There is also a map of downtown San Diego real estate lots.

Comments
Material added to collection from Document Files Collection, G.S. Carr file.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Carr, Alice E.
Carr, Bessie M.
Carr, Charles R.
Carr, Clarence
Carr, George S.
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Series I: Personal Papers

Box-folder 1:1  Correspondence: Clarence Carr, 1867-1887
   Includes:
   Clarence writes home and describes having dinner with an ex-surgeon from the Rebel Army, June 27, 1867
   Clarence writes to his mother and sister in response to news of his father’s death, December 29, 1869

Box-folder 1:2  Correspondence: George S. Carr, 1898-1915 and undated
   Includes:
   Alice Carr writes to George and Charles to tell them the details of their father’s death and mother’s abandonment, July 1898
   George receives permission from Andrew Cutler to marry his daughter Bessie Cutler, March 27, 1905
   Letter “to be delivered after the death of Alice E. Carr” in which Alice again relates the family history, undated

Box-folder 1:3  Receipts, 1904-1924 and undated
   Includes:
   Receipts for George S. Carr from Marston Company, Schiller & Murtha, as well as tuition and laboratory receipts from College of Medicine at University of Southern California.

Box-folder 1:4  Miscellanea, 1906-1913 and undated
   Includes:
   Contract for pueblo lots sold to George and Charles Carr
   Business cards and IOU notes
   Handwritten note about “unsold stamps from Burbeck collection”

Series II: G. S. Carr Company

Box-folder 1:5  Property agreements, 1910 April 4-1915 April 15
   Includes:
   Contracts in 1912 between Joseph Alonzo Hyde and the G.S. Carr Company include specifications for building a house

Box-folder 1:6  Account statements, 1911 April 29-1913 May 20
Box-folder 1:7  Receipts and payments, 1909 May 4-1915 October 6
Box-folder 1:8

**Miscellanea, 1915 December 15 and undated**

Includes:
- Blank checks and contracts for the G.S. Carr Company, as well as a record of all G.S. Carr Company property under George and Bessie Carr’s names
- Map of downtown San Diego titled “Central Business Section – George S. Carr” (in Oversize Collections D4)
- Second page of George and Bessie Carr’s property holdings (in Oversize Collections D4)