Guide to the Charles Deleval Receipt Book MS 278

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Title: Charles Deleval Receipt Book

Identifier/Call Number: MS 278

Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.25 Linear feet (1 box)

Date (inclusive): 1874 October 31-1878 September 3

Abstract: This collection contains a book of receipts for San Diego businessman Charles Deleval, dated from October 31, 1874 to September 3, 1878.

Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English, French, and Spanish.

creator: Deleval, Charles

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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Biographical / Historical Notes

Charles Deleval was a businessman active in real estate, an express service, and a liquor business in San Diego in the late nineteenth century. By 1874, he was operating his express service out of a building at Fifth Avenue and F Street, which later became known as the Spencer-Ogden building.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a book of receipts for Charles Deleval, dated October 31, 1874 to September 3, 1878. The book is a Shipman's Improved Adhesive Letter and Invoice File, in which records were pasted to short leaves. The receipts are primarily for groceries, building materials, oils, furnishings and bar supplies, and wholesale beers, wines, and liquors. Additionally, there are several receipts for settlements or expenses resulting from lawsuits, medical and dental bills, and liquor licenses.

Arrangement

Removed from book and placed into four folders keeping original order. Collection is arranged in reverse chronological order, as receipts were pasted into the book from back to front.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Deleval, Charles
Express service
Liquor industry
Receipts (Acknowledgements)
San Diego (Calif.)
Box-folder 1:1  **Receipt book (part 1), 1878 September 3-1879 May 1**  Includes:  Receipts for groceries, building materials, and wholesale purchases of beers, wines, and liquors. Repeat business includes general grocers Hamilton & Co., H. Koster, and G. Ginocchio & Co.; alcohol wholesalers Vache Freres, S. Marks, and Prosper May; and construction supplies from A.H. Gilbert & Bro., and William S. Jewell.  Invoice covering six months of purchases from Charles A. Chase, Dispensing Druggist, March 6, 1879  Receipt from Constable Russell for “Costs in the Case of Chas. Deleval plff vs A. Deutler Deft $9.60,” circa 1879  Receipt of a financial settlement per James Russell: Deleval to pay John A. Green $20.75 on behalf of H.M. Lovett in order to cancel his own debt with Lovett, January 7, 1879

Box-folder 1:2  **Receipt book (part 2) (some in Spanish), 1876 December 11-1878 August 22**  Includes:  Receipts for groceries, building materials, illuminating and lubricating oils, and wholesale purchases of beers, wines, and liquors. Repeat business includes general grocers G. Ginnochio & Co. and Gordon & Hazzard; oil importers F.B. Taylor & Co.; and alcohol wholesalers Vache Freres, P. Sainsevain, Prosper May, and Lips, Craigue & Co; and construction supplies from A.H. Gilbert & Bro. Several receipts are in Spanish.  Receipt for Charles Deleval’s Third Class Liquor License, issued to sellers with monthly sales under $5,000, January 12, 1877  City Tax Receipt for $4.24, paid by C. Deleval on personal property: a sewing machine, furniture, piano, and stock of wine and liquor, September 8, 1877  Receipt from Sanders & Co. Practical Coppersmiths for the purchase of a one-hundred gallon still, October 27, 1877  Receipt from C.F. Miller for payment of ten gold dollars for “rent of Store on 5 Street,” April 20, 1878  City Tax Receipt for $61.65, paid by Prosper May on several lots in Horton’s Addition and New San Diego, May 2, 1878

Box-folder 1:3  **Receipt book (part 3) (some in French), 1875 October 6-1877 January 1**  Includes:  Receipts for a variety of individual clothing and furniture purchases, as well as groceries and wholesale purchases of beers, wines, and liquors. Repeat business includes grocers Steiner, Klauber & Co., Jean, Coop & Selwyn (dealers in salted meat), and V. Llucia (French bakery); ); supplies and furnishings from A.H. Gilbert & Bro., Joseph Morel, San Diego Foundry and Machine Works, and A.H. Julian; and alcohol wholesalers Prosper May and T. Vache. Several receipts from T. Vache are in French.  Receipt from Drouilhat & Cavan for the manufacture of a billiard table, October 9, 1875  Receipt from Constable James Russell for Justice Court expenses in the case of Chas. Deleval vs. Henry Von Poser, May 26, 1876  Receipts for Charles Deleval’s Third Class Liquor License payments, June 9, August 14, November 3, and December 4, 1876  Invoice from D. Cave for two months of dental work, November 1, 1876
Receipt book (part 4) (some in French), 1874 October 31-1875 October 4

Includes:

Receipt for a subscription to “The Golden Era,” a weekly literary journal, March 11, 1875