Carl Ewald Grunsky papers

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Biography/Administrative History
Carl Ewald Grunsky was born in San Joaquin County, California (4 Apr 1855). After graduating from high school, Grunsky continued his education in Germany, attending Realschule, Stuttgart (1872-1874), and graduating from Polytechnikum, Stuttgart (1874-1877). He received the degree of Doctor of Engineering from these schools in 1924 and 1910 respectively. After returning to California he first worked as a topographer on a river surveying party with the State Engineering Department of California (1878). He continued working with the Department until his departure as assistant state engineer in 1888. Grunsky was a member of the Examining Commission on Rivers and Harbors of California (1889-1890). He continued in private practice while assisting the San Francisco Sewage Commission (1892-1893), as consulting engineer to the Commissioner of Public Works of California (1893-1894), San Francisco City Engineer (1900-1904), member of the Isthmian Canal Commission (1904-1905), consulting engineer with the U.S. Reclamation Service (1905-1907), and consulting engineer for New York and San Francisco. Grunsky was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (Norman Medal, 1910; Vice President, 1922-1923; President, 1924), the Pacific Coast Technology Society, the Commonwealth Club of California (President, 1920), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (President of the Pacific Division, 1924). He was elected a resident member of the California Academy of Sciences (1896), served on the Board of Trustees (1898-1904), Acting Director (1932-1933), and was the Academy’s President from 1912 until his death (9 January1934).

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