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Contents

Business and personal papers of John Wesley Shenk, Sr., John Wesley, Jr., Susanne, Mary, William W., and Edmund Shenk and Henry Wilson including correspondence, deeds, receipts, bills, and photographs.

Biography

John W. Shenk, Sr., a Methodist minister, and his sons were instrumental in the development of Imperial Valley. In 1900 John W. Shenk, Sr. purchased an interest in the Imperial Land Company, and in 1901 his family, except for son William, moved to Imperial Valley from Omaha, Nebraska. In 1913, the family moved to Los Angeles, maintaining an involvement in the land business in Imperial County.

John Wesley Shenk, Jr., to whom some letters in the collection are addressed, became Los Angeles City Attorney, Superior Court Judge, and was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 1924.

William W. Whenk eventually settled in Seattle, where he was a Methodist minister. His business interests there included cement and railroads. This collection includes the extensive correspondence with his father and brother John regarding their joint business dealings in California and Washington.

Fergusson, S. W.

Shenk, W. W.

Other Correspondents

Blattner, F. S.

Browne, G. , 1877-

Crail, Charles S.(for A Non-Partisan Organization)

Crane-Gartz, Kate

Creighton, J. H.

Dodson, George W.

Freeman, Edwin Wandesforde, 1860-

Gordon, Hugh

Graham, 'Leonard' & Stub

Holt, S. M.

Hunt, G.

Kuck, Arthur G.

McMillan, Raymond

Remington, W. H.

Richards, A. M.

Rockmel, Edward J.

Shenk, J. W. (Jr.)

Shenk, Marie

Shenk, Susanna C.

Senior, George

Sowers, Daniel H.

Sty[?], Thomas J.

Wells, Rex W.

Wilson, Henry

Box 451	Business papers, clippings, ephemera, legal papers, notes, photos, n.d.-July 7, 1928
Box 452	Incoming correspondence A-Ho
Box 453	Incoming correspondence Hu-W
Box 454	Outgoing correspondence 1901-1910
Box 455	Outgoing correspondence 1912-1928