Louis Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The Louis Family Papers contains nineteenth- and early twentieth-century business records and personal papers of the Louis family, a prominent and pioneering mercantile family in San Luis Obispo, California. Born in China, Wong On (Ah Louis) migrated to the United States in 1861 and opened a Chinese mercantile store in San Luis Obispo in 1874. Included are the records of Louis' children, of which Howard Louis' records comprise the bulk. The collection is comprised of approximately 20 linear feet of family correspondence, financial and legal records, and business correspondence and financial records. The collection was donated in 2010.

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Biographical Note
Ah Louis was a pioneering merchant in nineteenth-century San Luis Obispo, California. Born Wong On in 1840 in the Ock Gong Loong On village, Tolshan District, Guangdong Province, China, Louis immigrated to California in 1861. After traveling through mining towns in Oregon and California, Louis settled in San Luis Obispo in 1870.

Louis’ business ventures were many and varied. Records show he was a labor contractor for railroad and road building, mines, farms, and other local work. In the 1870s he opened what is believed to be the first brickyard in the county, and the bricks from his operation were used in many downtown edifices that still remain, including the old San Luis Obispo Courthouse and his own store. Louis also engaged in vegetable farming and later seed farming in farmland throughout San Luis Obispo County. He owned mercury and chrome mines and bred racehorses.

Louis opened a general mercantile store in 1874, to provide for the needs of his laborers and direct his labor contracts. In 1884 he built a brick store at 800 Palm Street (the corner of Palm and Chorro). From the building Louis operated and oversaw his many business enterprises, as well as serving as a banker, advisor, herbalist, and merchant. The store was stocked with Chinese foods and herbs, as well as Anglo holiday wares, firecrackers, Japanese goods, and an assortment of wares imported from San Francisco’s Chinatown or directly from China.

In 1889 Louis married Eng Gon Ying (1868-1909) in San Francisco. Their eight children, born in the family residence located above the Louis Store, were:

- Lena Ah Tye (1891-1975)
- Young Jung Yeong (1893-1988)
- Mae Ah May (1895-1988)
- Walter Ah Sing (1897-1993)
- George Ah Him (1899-1993)
- Helen Ah Heong (1903-1994)
- Fred Ah Yuey (1907-1994)
- Howard "Toby" Ah Toa Wong (1908-2008)

The experiences of the Louis siblings are extensive and varied. They attended San Luis Obispo public schools and Cal Poly and worked for local businesses. They were actresses, restaurateurs, photographers, servicemen, and participated in the development of the Chinese American community in San Luis Obispo.

Court records suggest that Ah Louis had a son, Willie Louis, born from a previous marriage in China. It is unclear if Willie Louis was a biological son of Ah Louis or if he was claimed as a "paper son" in order to immigrate to the United States. In 1909 Willie Louis was convicted of murdering Eng Gon Ying Louis.

In December 1932, at the age of 93, Ah Louis, accompanied by his sons, Fred and Howard, returned to China, intending to live out the rest of his life in his homeland. However, soon after arriving in China, Louis wished to return to San Luis Obispo, disappointed in the political upheaval and lack of social change in Canton. Ah Louis anticipated living out the remainder of his days in China; therefore he did not have the requisite paperwork needed to return to the United States. The Chinese Exclusion Act required all Chinese to obtain certification for re-entry; as a result Ah Louis, accompanied by Fred and Howard, was detained at Angel Island, San Francisco. After obtaining support of several prominent San Luis Obispo residents, including Mayor Sinsheimer and Superior Court Judge Norton, Louis was permitted to reenter the United States in November 1932.

Ah Louis died in San Luis Obispo on December 18, 1936.

Howard "Toby" Louis (1908-2008) was the youngest of the Louis children. He attended Court School and San Luis Obispo High School and worked several jobs in San Luis Obispo, including projectionist at the Elmo Theatre. He attended University of...
California Berkeley from 1930 until he left to accompany his father on his trip to China.

After their return from China, Howard took over management of the Louis Store and shifted the merchandise sold from general sundries to imported gifts and art objects. In 1941 Howard married Yvonne Sam and in 1942 was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving in the 89th Infantry Division in Europe.

After returning to San Luis Obispo, Howard resumed management of the store. In the early 1950s Howard prevented the demolition of the store when the city wanted the space for a parking lot. In 1965 the store was designated a state historical landmark.

Howard remained active in the San Luis Obispo community throughout his life. He provided substantial support for the Chinatown mural on the Palm Street parking structure, the Iron Road Pioneers statue in Railroad Square, and a new entrance to San Luis Obispo High School.

Howard Louis, the last surviving child of Ah Louis, passed away in San Luis Obispo on August 15, 2008 at the age of 100.

Sources
Twelfth Census of the United States (1900)
Thirteenth Census of the United States (1910)
Articles on the murder of Gon Ying Louis published in the San Luis Obispo Tribune, 1909

Scope and Content Note
The Louis Family Papers contain the personal and business records of the prominent Chinese-American mercantile family of San Luis Obispo, California.

The Louis Family Papers are organized in nine series:
Series 1. Ah Louis Personal Papers, 1891-1937
Series 2. Louis Children Personal Papers, 1914-1994
Series 3. Howard and Yvonne Louis Personal Papers, 1908-2009
Series 4. China Trip, 1932-1934
Series 5. Clippings Files, 1927-2009
Series 8. Louis Store Records, 1937-1943
Series 9. Artifacts

The records span two generations of the Louis family-patriarch Ah Louis, wife Eng Gon Ying, and their eight children and their spouses—from the late nineteenth century through the turn of the twenty-first century. Although the collection is relatively small in physical extent, it warrants attention as one of the most extensive sets of records of a Chinese-American family in nineteenth- and twentieth-century San Luis Obispo County.

Records created or collected by Ah Louis in his personal or business pursuits account for only a small portion of the collection, approximately 1 linear foot. However, his business records are of particular interest and value to researchers of early San Luis Obispo history. The records document Chinese laborers in the county and provide evidence of Louis' various business pursuits, including his store: agricultural and mining interests; and labor, property, and brickyard records.

Records pertaining to Ah Louis identify him by several different names, including Hong On, Ah Luis, Ah Luey, and Ah Louis. Howard Louis is identified in personal correspondence as "Toby."

Seven of Louis' nine children's papers are represented in the collection and include records created by their spouses. Not found in the collection are records pertaining to sons George Louis and Willie Louis (a son from a previous marriage). The bulk of these records were created, collected, or annotated by Howard Louis, the last surviving family member. As the final custodian of the family's papers, Howard Louis photocopied and annotated many documents, as well as apparently reorganizing the records. Howard Louis deposited photocopies of portions of the records with the History Center of San Luis Obispo County (formerly the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society).

Of particular interest in the family's personal papers is Series 4, the records of a trip Howard, Fred, and Ah Louis made to China in 1933, which comprises approximately 5 linear feet. The China Trip Series includes correspondence to and from Howard and Fred to their friends and family in the U.S. and China. Subseries C: Documents Regarding Ah Louis' Return to the United States.
States contains documents created when Ah Louis was held at Angel Island, San Francisco, awaiting permission to reenter the United States. These documents include letters of recommendation written by prominent San Luis Obispo families and a detailed interview with Louis, conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, in which he provides valuable biographical information. Scrapbooks and hundreds of photos of the trip—many annotated near the time of creation—are in Series 6: Photographs.

The business records are divided into two series: Ah Louis's business records and the Louis Store business records from 1937 to 1943. Ah Louis' business records document the varied business interests that Ah Louis engaged in while living in San Luis Obispo. Series 8 contains records created while the store was primarily under the management of Howard. They provide only an incomplete record of his full tenure, which spanned roughly 1936 to 2008.

Several series in the collection include photocopies of original documents. In some instances the originals are also included; however, in numerous cases the originals are not present. The majority of the collection lost original order and during processing a new order was imposed to more accurately reflect folders' contents.

In transit to Cal Poly an intermediary not affiliated with Cal Poly reorganized the collection and materials were removed and deposited at UCLA and the National Archives at San Francisco. Materials absent from the collection include documents related to the murder of Gon Ying Louis, the wife of Ah Louis; Willie Louis, Ah Louis' son from his first marriage; and personal correspondence of Ah Louis written in Chinese, which was separated from the papers and deposited at UCLA before arriving at Cal Poly.

The Louis Family Papers are housed in 33 boxes.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Chinese--California.
Chinese--California--History--19th century.
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San Luis Obispo (Calif.)--History
San Luis Obispo County (Calif.)--History
Business records
Correspondence
Family papers
Glass and film negatives
Photographs
Scrapbooks
Secondary sources
Related Material

Related Collections:
Special Collections and University Archives, Cal Poly
Sinsheimer Collection, 1868-1997 (MS 36)
University Archives Photograph Collection
Special Collections, Young Research Library, UCLA
Ah Louis Correspondence [unprocessed]
History Center of San Luis Obispo County (previously known as the San Luis Obispo Historical Society)

1. Ah Louis Personal Papers 1891-1937

Scope and Content Note

Contains 2 subseries: A. Ah Louis Personal Papers and B. Gon Ying Louis Personal Papers.
1. Ah Louis Personal Papers 1891-1937

A. Ah Louis Personal Papers 1894-1937

Scope and Content Note
Contains financial and legal records, including photocopies annotated by Howard Louis, arranged chronologically. See Series 3 Subseries B: Howard Louis Correspondence for photocopies of Ah Louis’ correspondence. 7 folders.

Box 1, Folder 1 Pacific Coast Savings Society Stock 1894 1900-1901
Box 1, Folder 2 Invoice, Pierson & Regan 1905
Box 1, Folder 3 Life Assurance 1912
Box 1, Folder 4 Deed of Trust, Ah Louis and Young Louis 1916
Box 1, Folder 5 Deed of Gift [Louis Store], Ah Louis to Lena Toy Hong, et al. 1932
Box 1, Folder 6 Ah Louis funeral expenses 1937
Box 1, Folder 7 Child’s prescription undated

B. Gon Ying Louis Personal Papers 1891-1914

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Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence and probate records, arranged chronologically by date. 2 folders.

Box 1, Folder 8 Correspondence, Fong Sir San, Wong Long Shing, and Wong Loey Goey, Rancho Piedra Blanca, to Gon Ying Louis 1891
Box 1, Folder 9 Probate record, Gon Ying Louis 1914

2. Louis Children Personal Papers 1915-1994

Scope and Content Note
Contains 6 subseries: A. Elaine Lena Louis, B. Wong Young Louis, C. Mae Louis, D. Walter Sing Louis, E. Helen Wong Louis, F. Fred Wong Louis. The Louis siblings’ papers were retained by Howard as the last surviving brother, which is why their personal papers contain records relating to their passing. Due to the size and scope of Howard Louis’ records, they are found in a separate series, Series 3.

A. Elaine Lena (Ah Tye) Louis 1925-1975

Scope and Content Note
Contains vital and property records of Lena Louis Toy, arranged chronologically. 3 folders.

Box 2, Folder 1 Marriage certificate to Toy Ho Lung 1925
Box 2, Folder 2 Property records 1941-47
Box 2, Folder 3 Vital and death records 1964 1975

Scope and Content Note
[includes photocopies]

B. Wong Young (Jung Yeong) Louis 1920-1947

Scope and Content Note
Contains business and property records of Wong Young Louis, arranged chronologically. 3 folders.

Box 2, Folder 4 Business records for Louis Store, A-K 1920-1932
Box 2, Folder 5 Business records for Louis Store, L-Z 1920-1932
Box 2, Folder 6 Property records 1925 1947
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2. Louis Children Personal Papers 1915-1994

C. Mae (Ah May) Louis 1936

Scope and Content Note
Contains registration certificate. 1 folder.

Box 2, Folder 7 Certificate of Registration, San Luis Obispo 1936

D. Walter (Ah Sing) Louis 1993

Scope and Content Note
Contains photocopies of estate records. 1 folder.

Box 2, Folder 8 Estate records 1993

E. Helen Wong (Laine Heung/Ah Heong) Louis 1915-1994

Scope and Content Note
Contains personal papers of Helen Louis, including schoolwork, correspondence, and a biographical essay on Helen Louis, arranged chronologically. 9 folders.

Box 2, Folder 9 School composition books circa 1915 1917
Box 2, Folder 10 Application for permission to enter Canada 1930 1932
Box 2, Folder 11 "A Century of Progress" identification card, Chicago 1933
Box 2, Folder 12 Correspondence, Ted [unidentified] to Helen Louis 1938
Box 2, Folder 13 Marriage certificate for Helen Louis and Thomas B. Jean 1938
Box 2, Folder 14 Passports 1968-1997
Box 2, Folder 15 Correspondence, Helen Louis to siblings 1942 1968 1975-6 1993

Scope and Content Note
[includes records of Lena's passing]

Box 2, Folder 16 A Vital Hyphen: A Study of the Life and Influence of Helen Wong Jean, student essay by Linda Sue Holubek 1979

Scope and Content Note
[76 pages]

Box 2, Folder 17 Vital Records 1988-9 1994

Scope and Content Note
[includes joint memorial for Helen and Fred]

F. Fred Wong Louis (Ah Yuey) 1920-1994

Scope and Content Note
Contains personal papers of Fred Louis, including a biography of the Louis family written by Fred, arranged chronologically. 7 folders.

Box 2, Folder 18 Biographical and military information circa 1920-1987
Box 2, Folder 19 Grades, California Polytechnic School 1924
Box 2, Folder 20 Correspondence, Standard Talking Film Service to Fred Louis 1934
Box 2, Folder 21 Property records 1947
Box 2, Folder 22 "Biographical Briefs of Ah Louis' Family," typescript by Fred Louis 1970
Box 2, Folder 23 Correspondence, Fred Louis to Howard Louis 1978 1992
Box 2, Folder 24 Death records 1994

3. Howard and Yvonne Louis Personal Papers 1908-2008

Scope and Content Note
A. Howard "Toby" Louis Student Papers 1921-1944

Scope and Content Note
Contains academic records from Howard Louis' time at San Luis High, University of California Berkeley, and U.S. Army Specialized Training Program, arranged chronologically. See Series 6 Subseries C for photographs taken at this time. 9 folders.

Box 3, Folder 1  San Luis Obispo High School - Notebook 1921-22
Box 3, Folder 2  San Luis Obispo High School - Records 1921-28
Box 3, Folder 3  San Luis Obispo High School - Yearbook 1927
Box 3, Folder 4  San Luis Obispo High School - Notebook 1928
Box 3, Folder 5  Yoke Choy Life Newsletter 1928
Box 3, Folder 6  University of California Berkeley - International House Yearbook 1931-1932
Box 3, Folder 7  University of California Berkeley - Coursework 1931-1932
Box 3, Folder 8  Army Specialized Training Program - academic transcripts 1943-1944
Box 3, Folder 9  Army Specialized Training Program - Chinese language flashcards undated

B. Howard Louis Correspondence 1928-2008

Scope and Content Note
Contains Howard Louis's correspondence with family, school and military acquaintances, professors, and historical societies, arranged chronologically. Of particular interest is the correspondence from Howard to Yvonne while he was serving in Europe in 1945 and photocopies of Chinese correspondence included with the Fetzer correspondence. 27 folders

Box 4, Folder 1  Christmas Cards, folder 1 of 4 1928
Box 4, Folder 2  Christmas Cards, folder 2 of 4 1928
Box 4, Folder 3  Christmas Cards, folder 3 of 4 1928
Box 4, Folder 4  Christmas Cards, folder 4 of 4 1928
Box 4, Folder 5  Hughes, Rush to Howard Louis 1937
Box 4, Folder 6  Louis, Howard to Willy Wong 1937
Box 4, Folder 7  Jean, Helen Louis and Thomas to Howard Louis 1940
Box 4, Folder 8  Ho, Ho to Howard Louis 1940
Box 4, Folder 9  Burpee Company to Howard Louis, regarding floral arranging 1941
Box 4, Folder 10 Women's Army Corps Recruiting Headquarters to Howard Louis 1944
Box 4, Folder 11 Louis, Howard to Yvonne Louis 1945

Scope and Content Note
[photocopies, includes transcription]

Box 4, Folder 12 Louis, Howard, to unidentified [Yvonne?] circa 1945
Box 4, Folder 13 Louis, Fred and Iris to Howard Louis 1945
Box 4, Folder 14 Louis, Howard to Helen and Lena Louis 1950
Box 4, Folder 15 Louis, Howard to San Luis Obispo High School Class of 1927 1977
Box 4, Folder 16 Lee, Chantal [Canadian Consulate General] to Howard and Yvonne Louis 1989
Box 4, Folder 17 Wong, Mae to Howard Louis 1992
Box 4, Folder 18 Correspondence re death of Helen Louis 1994
Box 4, Folder 19 Fong, Jane Y. to Howard Louis, including Cal Poly students' work 1995
Box 4, Folder 20 Bashore, Anne to Howard and Yvonne Louis 1999
Box 4, Folder 21 Robison, Homer to Howard Louis 2002
Box 4, Folder 22 Louis, Howard to San Luis Obispo Tribune 2003
Box 4, Folder 23 Certificate of Appreciation, Chinese Historical Society of Southern California 2003
Box 4, Folder 24 Good Samaritan of the Year, Help Hospitalized Veterans 2005
Box 4, Folder 25 Birthday Celebrations: 2006 2007
Box 4, Folder 26 Kongable, Ross, South County Historical Society to Howard Louis 2007
Box 4, Folder 27 Fetzer, Joel to Howard Louis 2008

Scope and Content Note
[includes photocopies of Chinese correspondence]
C. Howard Louis Records 1928-2000

Scope and Content Note
Contains financial and vital records, as well as records documenting Howard Louis' efforts to fund and design the Chinatown mural and the SLO High School entry courtyard, arranged chronologically. 13 folders.

Box 5, Folder 1  Financial records 1928 1950 1952-3
Box 5, Folder 2  Power of Attorney for siblings 1951-52 1987

Scope and Content Note
[includes correspondence]

Box 5, Folder 3  Ah Louis Store - Program, dedication as State Historical Landmark 1965
Box 5, Folder 4  Grant deeds of Louis family 1981
Box 5, Folder 5  Ivory and snuff bottle inventory [for Louis Store?] 1987
Box 5, Folder 6  San Luis Obispo Chinatown Mural - correspondence and proposals 1990 1995-97
Box 5, Folder 7  San Luis Obispo High School Entry Courtyard - plans 1993
Box 5, Folder 8  San Luis Obispo High School Entry Courtyard - photographs 1994
Box 5, Folder 9  Documents regarding Fred Louis's death and burial 1994
Box 5, Folder 10  Documents regarding Helen Louis's death and burial 1994
Box 5, Folder 11  San Luis Obispo Chinatown Mural - dedication 1997
Box 5, Folder 12  Ah Louis Store - brochure 1997
Box 5, Folder 13  Passport 2000

D. Yvonne Louis Records 1908-1964

Scope and Content Note
Contains vital and property records for Howard's wife Yvonne Louis, arranged chronologically. 4 folders.

Box 5, Folder 14  Biographical information 1908 1918 1941-43 1953 1964
Box 5, Folder 15  Divorce, Yvonne Seto vs. Joseph Seto 1941
Box 5, Folder 16  Marriage Certificate for Yvonne Seto and Howard Louis 1941
Box 5, Folder 17  Property Records 1946-48

4. China Trip 1932-1934

Scope and Content Note
Contains 3 subseries: A. Correspondence, B. Travel Ephemera, C. Documents re Ah Louis' return to United States. Photographs, scrapbooks, and negatives of the trip are located in Series 6 Subseries D and E.

A. Correspondence 1932-1934

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence written to and from Howard and Fred Louis while accompanying their father on his return to China. Arranged alphabetically by name. The majority of the letters sent to the family were addressed to Mae and were intended to be shared with all the Louis siblings. Includes an introduction and transcription completed by a family member in 1996. 21 folders.

Box 6, Folder 1  Introduction and transcription of Louis brothers' 1932-33 correspondence, created by Ed Watson 1996
Box 6, Folder 2  Chang, Rose and family to Howard Louis February - May 1933
Box 6, Folder 3  Chang, Rose and family to Howard Louis June - August 1933
Box 6, Folder 4  Jowe, Bob to Howard Louis 1933
Box 6, Folder 5  Lee, Dora, to Howard Louis 1933
4. China Trip 1932-1934
   A. Correspondence 1932-1934

   | Box 6, Folder 6 | Louis, Howard to family December 1932 - March 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 7 | Louis, Howard and Fred to family July, 1933 August, 1933 and October 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 8 | Louis, Howard to family April 1934 |
   
   Scope and Content Note
   [includes key to location of photographs found in Series 7 Subseries D]

   | Box 6, Folder 9 | Louis, Howard to Ross Miller May 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 10 | Louis, Mae, Young, and nephews to Howard and Fred Louis 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 11 | Lowe, I.D. "John" to Howard Louis 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 12 | Lowe, Lorna to Howard Louis May 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 13 | Lowe, Lorna to Howard Louis July - September 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 14 | Wong, Anne to Howard Louis 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 15 | Wong, Jimmy to Howard Louis 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 16 | Yanagimachi, Nobuko to Howard Louis 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 17 | Correspondence, First Names Only, A-B 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 18 | Correspondence, First Names Only, H-P [no Q-Z] 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 19 | Correspondence, Surname A-L 1932-34 |
   | Box 6, Folder 20 | Correspondence, Surname M-Z 1933 |
   | Box 6, Folder 21 | Unidentified correspondence undated |
   
   Scope and Content Note
   [includes photographs]

   B. Travel Ephemera 1932-33
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains a newspaper, map, luggage tags, tickets, and travel ephemera, arranged alphabetically. 4 folders.

   | Box 7, Folder 1 | Hongkong Weekly Press, newspaper March 1933 |
   | Box 7, Folder 2 | Travel ephemera, Canton 1932-33 |
   | Box 7, Folder 3 | Travel ephemera, Hong Kong 1932-33 |
   | Box 7, Folder 4 | Travel ephemera, steamships 1932-33 |

   C. Documents Regarding Ah Louis' Return to United States 1933
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains correspondence and governmental records regarding Ah Louis' return to the U.S., including letters of recommendation from prominent San Luis Obispo businessmen and forms that provide descriptions of Louis' life in San Luis Obispo; arranged chronologically. The majority of the records are photocopies. The originals and additional records are held at the National Archives and Records Administration at San Francisco. 3 folders.

   | Box 7, Folder 5 | Forms and correspondence regarding application for visa October 1933 |
   | Box 7, Folder 6 | Letters of recommendation from San Luis Obispo businessmen November 1933 |
   
   Scope and Content Note
   [including Mayor Sinshemer and Superior Court Judge Norton]

   | Box 7, Folder 7 | Angel Island reentry forms November 1933 |

5. Clippings Files 1927-2009

   Scope and Content Note
   Contains 1 subseries: Clippings Files.
A. Clippings Files 1927-2009

Scope and Content Note
Contains clippings from California and U.S. newspapers and magazines relating to Ah Louis, the Louis Store, and the Louis family, arranged chronologically. 6 folders.

Box 8, Folder 1
Press coverage of Ah Louis, Ah Louis Store, and Louis Family 1927-1947

Box 8, Folder 2
Press coverage of Ah Louis, Ah Louis Store, and Louis Family 1951-1967

Box 8, Folder 3
Press coverage of Ah Louis, Ah Louis Store, and Louis Family 1970-1978

Box 8, Folder 4
Press coverage of Ah Louis, Ah Louis Store, and Louis Family 1980-1988

Box 8, Folder 5
Press coverage of Ah Louis, Ah Louis Store, and Louis Family 1990-1999

Box 8, Folder 6
Press coverage of Ah Louis, Ah Louis Store, and Louis Family 2000-2009

6. Photographs 1888-2008

Scope and Content Note

A. Photographs 1888-2008

Scope and Content Note
Contains photographic prints and reprints of family members and San Luis Obispo places and events; arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically. Creators unidentified. 27 folders.

Box 9, Folder 1
Louis, Ah circa 1888

Box 9, Folder 2
Louis, Ah circa 1930s

Box 9, Folder 3
Louis, Ah with Howard Louis and unidentified circa 1933

Box 9, Folder 4
Louis, Fred 1943 Circa 1957, undated

Box 9, Folder 5
Louis, George and unidentified undated

Box 9, Folder 6
Louis, Son Ying undated

Box 9, Folder 7
Louis, Helen Circa 1939, undated

Box 9, Folder 8
Louis, Howard circa 1925-1945

Box 9, Folder 9
Louis, Howard - World War II circa 1945

Box 9, Folder 10
Louis, Howard - World War II, includes negatives circa 1945

Scope and Content Note
Includes photos of Fred and Yvonne.

Box 9, Folder 11
Louis, Howard - floral arrangements, reprints 1947

Box 9, Folder 12
Louis, Howard circa 1950s-2008

Box 9, Folder 13
Louis, Howard - San Luis Obispo High School, Class of 1927 60 th reunion 1987

Box 9, Folder 14
Louis, Howard - Red Cross World War II exhibit no date

Box 9, Folder 15
Louis, Howard and Yvonne circa 1940-50s

Scope and Content Note
Includes marriage, travel, Louis storefront

Box 9, Folder 16
Louis, Howard and Yvonne 1969-1990s

Scope and Content Note
Includes portraits, travel, and interior of Louis store

Box 9, Folder 17
Louis, Young and Stella 1980 1983, undated

Box 9, Folder 18
Louis siblings - group portraits circa 1900 1961 1965 circa 1974

Box 9, Folder 19
San Luis Obispo - Chinatown Mural Dedication 1997

Box 9, Folder 20
San Luis Obispo - La Fiesta Parade 1957 1967, undated

Box 9, Folder 21
San Luis Obispo - Louis Store, San Luis Obispo circa 1900-1910

Box 9, Folder 22
San Luis Obispo - Louis Store, San Luis Obispo circa 1955

Box 9, Folder 23
Watson, Ed - exhumation of deceased, San Luis Obispo circa 1926
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### B. Oversized Photographs undated, 1923-1925

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains oversized photographic prints, arranged alphabetically by subject. 6 folders

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#### Scope and Content Note

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### C. Scrapbooks 1925-1931

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains scrapbooks created by Howard and Fred Louis, arranged chronologically. See Subseries C for their China Trip scrapbooks, which include photographs taken after Howard's return to California. 4 scrapbooks.

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### D. China Trip Photographs 1932-1933

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains photographic prints and scrapbooks, arranged in original order. 5 boxes

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Scope and Content Note
Contains photographic negatives, including glass plate negatives, arranged in original order, undated, probably from 1920s through 1930s. The creators are unidentified, although it appears Howard and Fred created the majority of the negatives. Many negatives have corresponding prints in Subseries C. and D. The negatives from the China trip were originally stored in several negatives scrapbooks. They are rehoused, but preserved in original order. 8 boxes.

Box 18, Folder 1 | Louis, Ah, glass plate negative circa 1933 |
Box 18, Folder 2 | Louis, Ah and Mae Louis, half-tone plate circa 1934 |
Box 19 | Negatives undated and circa 1935 |
Box 20 | Negatives circa 1935 |
6. Photographs 1888-2008

E. Negatives 1920s-1930s

Scope and Content Note

Box 21
Negative 35 mm film strips, rehoused from original canister circa 1930
[including China trip negatives]

Box 22
Negative 35 mm film, rolled, rehoused from original canister circa 1930
[including Fred Louis at the University of Chicago]

Box 23
Negatives, China Trip 1932-33
Box 24
Negatives, China Trip 1932-33
Box 25
Negatives and damaged negatives originally housed together circa 1933

F. Young Louis Cal Poly Prints and Negatives 1935-1940

Scope and Content Note

Contains prints and negatives of Cal Poly taken by Young Louis, arranged alphabetically by subject. Folder descriptions taken from captions included with negatives. The set came as a separate collection that preceded the Louis donation. 23 folders.

Box 26, Folder 1
Agriculture, Interior View 1937
Box 26, Folder 2
Agriculture, Pruning Trees circa 1937-38
Box 26, Folder 3
Cal Poly Campus, Campus Views 1938
Box 26, Folder 4
Cal Poly Campus, Crandall Gymnasium 1940
Box 26, Folder 5
Cal Poly Campus, Lecture Rooms 1938
Box 26, Folder 6
Cal Poly Faculty, Faculty Group 1935
Box 26, Folder 7
Cal Poly Music Department, Cal Poly Band 1937
Box 26, Folder 8
Cal Poly Music Department, "Collegians" Dance Band 1940
Box 26, Folder 9
Cal Poly Music Department, Glee Club 1939
Box 26, Folder 10
Cal Poly Sports, Baseball Squad 1939
Box 26, Folder 11
Cal Poly Sports, Basketball Team 1935
Box 26, Folder 12
Cal Poly Sports, Basketball Team 1939
Box 26, Folder 13
Cal Poly Sports, Basketball Team 1940
Box 26, Folder 14
Cal Poly Sports, Football Team 1938
Box 26, Folder 15
Cal Poly Sports, Football Team 1939
Box 26, Folder 16
California Agriculture Teachers Association 1938
Box 26, Folder 17
Monogram - CP 1937
Box 26, Folder 18
Poly Royal, Executive Committee 1935
Box 26, Folder 19
Poly Royal, Executive Committee 1936
Box 26, Folder 20
Poly Royal, Executive Committee 1937
Box 26, Folder 21
Poly Royal, Executive Committee 1938
Box 26, Folder 22
Poly Royal, Executive Committee 1939
Box 26, Folder 23
Poly Royal, "Hungry Five" Band 1939

7. Ah Louis Business Records 1872-1932

Scope and Content Note


A. Banking and Financial Records 1888-1914

Scope and Content Note

Contains bank account books, paid checks, and Wells Fargo money receipts, including photocopies that appear to be annotated by Howard Louis, arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. These records detail Ah Louis' management of his finances, as well as the individuals he was receiving and paying money from/to. 10 folders.

Box 27, Folder 1
Account Book, Commercial Bank 1899-1901
Box 27, Folder 2  Account Book, County Bank 1895-1899
Box 27, Folder 3  Account Book, Jack, Goldtree and Company 1885-1895
Box 27, Folder 4  Money receipts, Wells Fargo & Co’s Express 1888-89 1890-92 1899 1906
Box 27, Folder 5  Paid Checks, Commercial Bank 1899-1900
Box 27, Folder 6  Paid Checks, Commercial Bank 1901
Box 27, Folder 7  Paid Checks, Commercial Bank 1902
Box 27, Folder 8  Paid Checks, Commercial Bank 1906-07 1914
Box 27, Folder 9  Paid Checks, First National Bank 1888-1894
Box 27, Folder 10  Paid Checks, First National Bank 1895-1898

B. Louis Store Records 1879-1932
Scope and Content Note
Contains records relating to the management of the Louis Store while under Ah Louis' management, including photocopies that appear to be annotated by Howard Louis, arranged alphabetically by record type. 7 folders.
Box 28, Folder 1  Account books, Sinsheimer Brothers 1890-96 1896-97
Box 28, Folder 2  Account book, unidentified 1883-89
Box 28, Folder 3  Business licenses 1887-8 1891-92 1925
Box 28, Folder 4  Liquor license and taxes 1890-92
Box 28, Folder 5  Post office box rent 1888 1891
Box 28, Folder 6  Tax receipts 1879 1886 1890-91 1926
Box 28, Folder 7  Utilities bills 1888-89 1891 1931-2

C. Purchase and Sales Invoices and Receipts 1878-1932
Scope and Content Note
Business receipts and invoices from individual customers, business accounts, and vendors, arranged alphabetically. Included are photocopies annotated by Howard Louis. These records provide evidence of the goods and services Ah Louis purchased to stock his store and support his related business enterprises. See also Subseries E Freight Bills 50 folders
Box 28, Folder 8  A. D. Barling 1899
Scope and Content Note
[labor at celery ranch]
Box 28, Folder 9  A. Blochman and Company 1878
Box 28, Folder 10  Boston Tailoring Company 1891
Box 28, Folder 11  Braunschweiger & Company 1885-88
Scope and Content Note
[alcohol purchase]
Box 28, Folder 12  R.S. Brown & Company 1889
Box 28, Folder 13  California Fireworks Company 1919
Box 28, Folder 14  Central Milling Company 1892
Box 28, Folder 15  Correa, E. G. 1887
Scope and Content Note
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Box 28, Folder 16  Crawford, E.H. 1885
Scope and Content Note
[race horse purchase]
Box 28, Folder 17  Daily Republic 1886
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| Box 28, Folder 19 | M.F. Dorsey and John F. Hogan 1887-1892 |
| Box 28, Folder 20 | Dutton’s Reliance Grocery 1899 |
| Box 28, Folder 21 | Eagle Oil and Refining Company 1889 |
| Box 28, Folder 22 | Charles Errickson 1900 |
| Box 28, Folder 23 | Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company 1899 |
| **Scope and Content Note** | [brick purchase] |

| Box 28, Folder 24 | Goldtree Brothers 1887-88 |
| Box 28, Folder 25 | Goodenough Shoeing Shop 1890-92 |
| Box 28, Folder 26 | Green, Monroe D., Import/Export 1892 |
| Box 28, Folder 27 | Kaehtzel, Phil 1888 |
| Box 28, Folder 28 | Lewis, E.B. 1897 |
| **Scope and Content Note** | [for family photographs] |

| Box 28, Folder 29 | Louisville Puritan Club Company 1907 |
| **Scope and Content Note** | [alcohol purchase] |

| Box 28, Folder 30 | Ludeke [sp?], Henry 1887 |
| Box 28, Folder 31 | Maino, C.A. [car] 1919 |
| Box 28, Folder 32 | G.W. McCabe, Blacksmith 1888 |
| Box 28, Folder 33 | Michalitschke Bros. & Company 1886 |
| Box 28, Folder 34 | M.C. Nason & Company 1891 |
| **Scope and Content Note** | [produce] |

| Box 28, Folder 35 | Newcombe Restaurant 1913 |
| **Scope and Content Note** | [sales invoice from Ah Louis?] |

| Box 28, Folder 36 | Quong Lee Company 1932 |
| Box 28, Folder 37 | Pioneer Hay Scales 1885 1892 |
| Box 28, Folder 38 | Realty Syndicate of San Francisco 1899 1909 |
| Box 28, Folder 39 | Salinas Valley Lumber Company 1899 1905 |
| Box 28, Folder 40 | San Luis Hardware & Implement Company 1917 |
| Box 28, Folder 41 | San Luis Obispo Flour Mills 1886-87 |
| Box 28, Folder 42 | San Luis Paving and Improvement Company 1889 |
| Box 28, Folder 43 | W. Sandercock 1884 |
| Box 28, Folder 44 | Schwartz, Beebee & Company 1885 1890 |
| Box 28, Folder 45 | Selby Smelting & Lead Company 1891 |
| Box 28, Folder 46 | Sinsheimer Brothers 1897 |
| Box 28, Folder 47 | Smith & Waite 1885-86 |
| Box 28, Folder 48 | Southern Pacific Milling Company 1905 1908 |
| Box 28, Folder 49 | Teele Company 1917 |
| Box 28, Folder 50 | Thomas Pattison 1888 1890 |
| Box 28, Folder 51 | Tribune Printing Company 1890 |
| Box 28, Folder 52 | Unidentified invoices 1889-92 1905 1909 |
| Box 28, Folder 53 | Union Sugar Company 1917 |
| Box 28, Folder 54 | F. W. Vetterline 1891 |
| Box 28, Folder 55 | August Vollmer & Company 1891-93 |
D. Other Business Records 1871-1918

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Scope and Content Note
Contains records of Ah Louis' businesses excluding the Louis Store, including photocopies annotated by Howard Louis, arranged alphabetically by subject. The correspondence relates primarily to the contracting of Chinese labor and Ah Louis' varied agricultural pursuits. 15 folders.

Box 29, Folder 1
Agricultural Records 1898-1909 1918
Scope and Content Note
[including leases for land and sugar beet contracts]

Box 29, Folder 2
Applications to travel abroad, Low Lum 1901, and Wong Ah Yick 1904
Scope and Content Note
Identified in applications as Louis employees.

Box 29, Folder 3
Brickyard Records between 1884 and 1905

Box 29, Folder 4
Business Cards undated

Box 29, Folder 5
Business Contract between Antonio de la Rosa and Ah Louis for "Sea-Lion Trim," 1900

Box 29, Folder 6
Business Correspondence 1871-1880s

Box 29, Folder 7
Business Correspondence circa 1895
Scope and Content Note
Includes envelopes addressed to Chinese employees care of Louis.

Box 29, Folder 8
Business Correspondence circa 1905
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence in Chinese.

Box 29, Folder 9
Business Correspondence undated

Box 29, Folder 10
Court Records, San Luis Obispo Water Company v. Joaquin Estrada, et al. 1888

Box 29, Folder 11
Labor Contracts 1881-82 1886 1891-92

Box 29, Folder 12
Mining Claims 1872 1879 1882

Box 29, Folder 13
Opium Sales 1889-1891

Box 29, Folder 14
Property Records 1873-5 1878-9 1885
Scope and Content Note
[includes 1874 deed for Louis Store property]

Box 29, Folder 15
Property Records 1901 1914 1917

E. Freight Bills 1887-1914
Scope and Content Note
Louis depended on the combination of steamship and narrow gauge railway to transport his cargo to San Luis Obispo. Most freight bills are from the Pacific Coast Railway/Pacific Coast Steamship Company and Southern Pacific Company. The bills provide evidence of the types of items that Louis sold in his store and provided for his laborers. Included are photocopies that are annotated by Howard Louis when he was researching the consumption of rice by Chinese laborers during the construction of the railroad. Arranged chronologically. 9 folders.

Box 29, Folder 16
Freight Bills 1887

Box 29, Folder 17
Freight Bills 1888
7. Ah Louis Business Records 1872-1932
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<td>Box 29, Folder 24</td>
<td>Folders with Howard Louis's holographic notes tracking his research re rice shipped to Ah Louis undated</td>
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8. Louis Store Records 1937-1943
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains 4 subseries: A. Purchase Invoices and Receipts, B. Sales Invoices, C. Business Ephemera, D. Freight Bills. Records were originally housed in metal filing boxes.

| A. Purchase Invoices and Receipts 1937-1943
  Scope and Content Note
  Contains purchase invoices and receipts and associated incoming and outgoing correspondence, arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by business name. 16 folders. |
| Box 30, Folder 1 | Purchase invoices and receipts, A-C 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 2 | Purchase invoices and receipts, F-I 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 3 | Purchase invoices and receipts, M-O 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 4 | Purchase invoices and receipts, P-Q 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 5 | Purchase invoices and receipts, S 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 6 | Purchase invoices and receipts, T,V-W 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 7 | Purchase invoices and receipts, Y-Z 1937 |
| Box 30, Folder 8 | Purchase invoices and receipts, A-B 1941 |
| Box 30, Folder 9 | Purchase invoices and receipts, C Folder 1 of 2 1941-2 |
| Box 30, Folder 10 | Purchase invoices and receipts, C Folder 2 of 2 1941-3 |
| Box 30, Folder 11 | Purchase invoices and receipts, F-I 1941 |
| Box 30, Folder 12 | Purchase invoices and receipts, J-N 1941 1943 |
| Box 30, Folder 13 | Purchase invoices and receipts, P 1941 1943 |
| Box 30, Folder 14 | Purchase invoices and receipts, Q-R 1941 |
| Box 30, Folder 15 | Purchase invoices and receipts, S 1940-41 1946 |
| Box 30, Folder 16 | Purchase invoices and receipts, T-U, W, Z 1940-43 |

| B. Sales Invoices 1937-1941
  Scope and Content Note
  Contains sales invoices and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by customer. 4 folders. |
| Box 31, Folder 1 | Corner Cupboard, Carmel, California 1937 |
| Box 31, Folder 2 | Green, Milly, Missouri 1941 |
| Box 31, Folder 3 | Jones, Robert M., Cambria, California 1937 |
| Box 31, Folder 4 | Tucks’s Gift Shop, Paso Robles, California 1937 |

| C. Business Ephemera 1937-1944
  Scope and Content Note
  Contains business-related ephemera including receipts for utilities and store upkeep, receipts for rental property, and completed census and tax records. Some personal receipts are included. 10 folders. |
| Box 31, Folder 5 | Business licenses 1937 1941 1943-44 |
| Box 31, Folder 6 | Utilities and maintenance bills 1936-7 1941 1943 |
### B. Louis Store Records 1937-1943
#### C. Business Ephemera 1937-1944

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<td>Box 31, Folder 9</td>
<td>Census of Business report and taxes 1939</td>
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<td>Sales and Property taxes, receipts and correspondence 1937-43</td>
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<td>Ah Louis Store - shipping tags, business cards undated</td>
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<td>Box 31, Folder 13</td>
<td>Receipts for Palm Street rentals 1937-1941</td>
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<td>Unidentified business correspondence and receipts undated</td>
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### D. Freight Bills 1937-1943

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains freight bills recording transport of merchandise from companies in San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles. Some receipts provide evidence of the varied merchandise that stocked the Louis Store, including chinaware, groceries, and fireworks. The records are in original order. 3 folders.

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### 9. Artifacts

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains 1 subseries: A. Artifacts.

### A. Storage Containers 1930s-1943

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains storage containers in which photographs and Louis Store records were originally housed. 2 boxes.

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<th>Cardboard boxes with handwritten labels that originally housed negatives of China Trip and family photographs</th>
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<td>Metal canisters that originally stored 35mm film circa 1930s</td>
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<td>Negative scrapbooks that originally stored negatives from China Trip circa 1933</td>
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<td>Box 33</td>
<td>Metal filing boxes that housed Louis Store records 1937-1943</td>
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