
Charles J. Astrue Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles J. Astrue Collection

Dates: 1928-1953

Collection Number: MS 721

Creator/Collector: Astrue, Charles J.

Extent: 1 box

Repository: California State Railroad Museum Library and Archives
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Abstract: Includes papers from Charles J. Astrue's executorship of the estate of Southern Pacific Maintenance of Way and Structures Chief Engineer William Jaekle, who died in 1934.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Charles J. Astrue, 1986

Biography/Administrative History

Charles J. Astrue was born in Niles, California on June 12, 1888 and was educated at St. Mary's College in Oakland, California. He began working for Southern Pacific in May 1906 as a rodman, and later served as a levelman, transitman, and draftsman on the Western Division. From 1909-1912, Astrue was an office engineer and an assistant engineer on the Western Division in Oakland and with the Portland, Eugene & Eastern (then part of SP) for two years. During World War I, Mr. Astrue served with the U.S. Navy. When World War I ended, Mr. Astrue went back to work for the Southern Pacific in San Francisco as an assistant engineer, chief draftsman, office engineer, and in 1944 he became assistant chief engineer. Mr. Astrue died on January 15, 1979 in Marin County.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection includes correspondence, bills, receipts, and financial statements from Charles J. Astrue's executorship of the estate of Southern Pacific Maintenance of Way and Structures Chief Engineer William Jaekle, who died in 1934. Mr. Astrue also served as Co-trustee of the William M. Jaekle Trust with the Bank of California until the Trust was dissolved in 1948. He was guardian of two of the four sons remaining to William Jaekle until they came of age. The William M. Jaekle Trust Fund files are arranged chronologically, Also includes reports, cost estimates for construction of proposed lines and track replacement, memoranda, correspondence, and maps from Mr. Astrue's time with Southern Pacific in San Francisco. Arranged alphabetically by file title.
