Descriptive Summary
Title: Canfield and Starbuck Law Firm Papers
Dates: 1860-1935
Collection Number: AR-2019-016
Creator/Collector: Canfield, Robert B. Starbuck, Henry Pease
Extent: 6 Linear Feet (6 record storage boxes)
Repository: Santa Barbara Historical Museum, Gledhill Library.
Santa Barbara, California 93101
Abstract: The Canfield and Starbuck Law Firm Papers contain a selection of client legal documents from the late 19th to early 20th century for the central California coastal region.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Biography/Administrative History
Robert B. Canfield, a New Jersey native, came to Santa Barbara in 1876 and is known for establishing the first gas mains under parts of State Street and developing the first gas lighting system in the city. Mr. Canfield was also an attorney, organized the first local Bar Association, served as a City Judge, was president of the Mission Water Company, and was president of First National Bank for 23 years, from 1895 to 1918. He married Miss Davidson in 1873. Henry Pease Starbuck was a prominent attorney in Santa Barbara. In 1904 he became a partner of the Canfield and Starbuck law firm located in the Howard-Canfield building on the corner of State and East Canon Perdido Streets. In 1907, Starbuck became the first property owner in Junipero Place (now Junipero Plaza) when he purchased the lot from Edward F.R. Vail where this voluminous Craftsman house is located.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Canfield and Starbuck Law Firm Papers contain a selection of client legal documents from the late 19th to early 20th century for the central California coastal region generated by the Santa Barbara law firm of Canfield and Starbuck. The content of the collection is primarily correspondence and estate paperwork.
Indexing Terms
Santa Barbara (Calif.)
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Canfield and Starbuck Law Firm Papers Collection Guide