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Overview of the Collection
Creator: Howell, Fred S., 1884-1937
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Abstract: This collection contains records from the files of Fred S. Howell, attorney based in Petaluma, California in the early 20th century. Includes records from various legal cases argued by Fred S. Howell between 1911 and 1934; papers related to the Charles C. Ellis and E. D. Woodward bankruptcy (1917); and two miscellaneous documents from Howell's files.

Biography/Organization History
Fred Sanborn Howell was a prominent Petaluma, California attorney who also served as Petaluma's City Attorney for many years. Howell was born on March 31, 1884 in Hopland, California and graduated from law school at the University of California, Berkeley; he was admitted to the bar in 1911. He represented thousands of Sonoma County residents during his career as a private attorney. In his role as Petaluma City Attorney, Howell drafted the Petaluma city charter, as well as scores of ordinances. Howell, with Tom Glatt of Ukiah, was also a partner in the Howell and Glatt placer mine, located 2.5 miles east of Hopland, which--according to the 1922 report of the California State Geologist--yielded trace amounts of gold and platinum. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack at age 53 on November 9, 1937 in Petaluma.

Charles C. Ellis (1880-1973) or Santa Rosa, Calif., and his partner, E. D. (Elmer Dinsmore) Woodward (1889-1965), marketers of redwood timber, etc. in northern Sonoma County, declared bankruptcy during judgement brought against them by S. F. Farnsworth of Healdsburg and other creditors.

Scope and Contents
Legal files.

Arrangement of the collection
Organized into three series:
  Case files, 1911-1934
  Charles C. Ellis and E. D. Woodward bankruptcy files, 1917
  Miscellaneous papers, August 1927
Organized by case. Series 2 and 3 are housed together in a single box.

Access Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Personal names
Howell, Fred S., 1884-1937
Ellis, Charles C., 1880-1973
Woodward, E. D. (Elmer Dinsmore), 1889-1965

Topical Terms
Bankruptcy--California--Petaluma
Lawyers--California--Petaluma
Lawyers--California--Petaluma--Correspondence

Genre and Format Terms
Probate records
Civil court records
Criminal court records
Correspondence
Documents (object genre)
Records and briefs
Legal instruments
Financial records
Ephemera
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