INVENTORY OF THE WATSON LAND COMPANY COLLECTION, 1927-2005

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Title: Watson Land Company Collection
Dates: 1927-2005
Collection Number: Consult repository.
Creator: Watson Land Company
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Repository: California State University, Dominguez Hills Archives and Special Collections

Abstract: A small collection of materials from the Watson Land Company, including articles of incorporation, financial statements, correspondence, newsletters, and reports.
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History
The Watson Estate Company was incorporated in 1912 to help protect the interests of Dolores Simona Dominguez de Watson. While the Watson Estate Company made a steady, albeit relatively small, income from leasing land, it broke with other Rancho-based companies in regularly selling off small pieces of property. The company was reincorporated as the Watson Land Company in 1927, largely as a way to have lands assessed according to richer 1920s valuations, rather than the 1913 valuation that had been used. Under reincorporation, land sales and leases gave the Watson Land Company a sounder financial foundation. As with other Rancho-based concerns, the Watson Land Company realized profits from sales and leases to oil companies; throughout its history, though, the directors of the Watson Land Company focused on the agricultural and industrial development of the land. The success of this practice grew throughout the century, and the Watson Land Company remains one of the most successful in Southern California. (From the Rancho San Pedro Collection Finding Aid)

Scope and Content
Items include “Watson in the News” company newsletters; corporate profiles and reports; brochures and articles about the company; financial statements; land reports; correspondence; and the company articles of incorporation.

Subjects
Office buildings
Industrial buildings

Geographic Areas
Carson (Calif.)
Rancho Dominguez (Calif.)

Corporate Names
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<td>Corporate profile brochures (cover removed) and letter to Judson Grenier in reference to photos used in brochure 1987, 1966</td>
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<td>Folder 5</td>
<td>Articles of Incorporation, certificate from state of California, and correspondence 1927</td>
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<td>Report on land sales by W.H. Daum and Staff, including correspondence to and from Hugh Arnold and a map noting the properties for possible sale 1935, 1940</td>
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<td>Correspondence with oil companies and other Dominguez companies, financial statements, clippings, freeway map, Copy of Watson Energy Systems, Inc. appeal to Air Pollution Control District 1927, 1930, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1966, 1976, 1986</td>
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