Descriptive Summary

Title: California Citrus Industry Collection

Dates: 1891-1973

Collection number: H.Mss.1097


Extent: 5.5 Linear Feet (4 records boxes, 1 document box, 2 oversized document boxes, 1 oversize folder)

Contributing Institution: Claremont Colleges. Library. Special Collections, Honnold/Mudd Library. Claremont, CA 91711

Abstract: This collection contains documents relating to the citrus industry from various vendors and growers associations in Southern California. It was collected by Claremont Heritage and gifted to Special Collections in the Honnold Mudd Library in 2015. Although the dates range from 1891-1973 the bulk of the collection is material from the early twentieth century pertaining to the College Heights, Etiwanda, and Covina Orange Growers Associations. Notable materials in this collection includes information about the citrus laborers such as fruit pickers, what materials the growers used, and industrial machinery blueprints and patents.

Please consult repository.

Language of Material: Languages represented in the collection: English.

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation
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Provenance / Source of Acquisition

Accruals
No additions to the collection are anticipated.

Processing Information
Processed in the Fall of 2017 by seven graduate students in an introductory course on archival studies at Claremont Graduate University, in the Special Collections branch of the Honnold Mudd Library with assistance from Gabriele Carey, Lisa Crane and Sara Chetney. Paper clips, staples, and duplicates have been removed. Acidic material has been covered with acid free paper, citrus labels and oversize blueprints have been placed in protective mylar sleeves. The series and subseries were divided among the students for processing. Each student strove to maintain existing document titles and preserve original order of the materials when possible.

Biographical / Historical
In the late 1840s, gold was not the only desired commodity in southern California. California's sudden population increase and newfound agricultural wealth led to a demand for citrus, and production of many varieties of citrus fruits took off at the turn of the twentieth century.

The first commercial orchard was planted by William Wolfskill in 1841 near what is now the center of downtown Los Angeles. Beginning in the 1870, the citrus industry expanded quickly. The completion of the transcontinental railways greatly promoted this boom. Commercial fruit production was concentrated in the three Southern Californian counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Plantings of navel oranges, introduced in California by the USDA in 1870, contributed most to the boom. The popularity of the Valencia orange grew slowly at first, but the acreage started to increase rapidly after 1910. The lemon and grapefruit industries developed in the 1890s, with the lemon industry benefiting from low orange prices due to overproduction. In the early 20th century, the orange and lemon industries continued to grow, with Valencia oranges surpassing Navel orange acreage by the end of the 1920s. The citrus industry was centered in southern California, where 85% of the state's citrus fruits were produced.
Given the rapid expansion of the citrus industry, Sunkist Growers Association was formed to create a cooperative platform for various growers to produce, market and sell fruit and other citrus related products. Included in this collection are three prominent growers in southern California: Claremont College Heights, Etiwanda and Covina Orange Growers Association. In 1885 the new Southern Pacific Railroad service was opened, which led to the creation of packing houses and an increase in acres dedicated to citrus production in Claremont, Covina and Etiwanda. From then on, demand for citrus continued to increase. College Heights had “between three and four thousand acres” of lemons and oranges by 1950 and Etiwanda nearly doubled their acreage and were owners of Sunkist Co. until 1947. Unfortunately, around this same time a virus spread through the orange grove in Covina, killing the trees and ending Covina’s reign as one of the prominent citrus producers in southern California. Seeing as citrus production is such an essential part of California’s history, the Claremont Heritage Association began collecting citrus labels and other citrus related items from various vendors in southern California to document the growth of the citrus gold rush. The artificial collection was created by Claremont Heritage and deaccessioned by Claremont Heritage. It was gifted to the Honnold Mudd Library of the Claremont Colleges, who accepted the collection based on its historical significance and geographical relevance to the city of Claremont.


Scope and Contents
This collection contains about 5.5 cubic feet of various records from three citrus growers associations in southern California: College Heights Orange and Lemon Association, Covina Orange Growers Association, Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association and several miscellaneous associations and vendors, from the late nineteenth to the mid twentieth century. Information about the growers associations includes: annual meeting minutes and agendas, application letters, financial records and other correspondence pertaining to administrative and financial documentation about the employees and the history of picking. In addition to administrative information, this collection provides historical insight into patent and trademark correspondence between various inventors of citrus labeling, stamping, packaging and printing machines. This includes blueprints and correspondence between the predominant inventor E.E. Evans and the Washington Patents Office. Lastly, this collection incorporates periodicals and reports related to the fruit and citrus industry from 1933 to 1972 and contains a host of other topical files ranging from citrus labels, blueprints and photographs, to legal records, audits and standard fiscal reports.

Organization and Arrangement
This collection has been arranged in the following series:
Series 1: Growers Associations and Vendors, 1891-1973 and undated
Subseries 1.1: Claremont College Heights Growers Association, 1900-1972
Subseries 1.2: Covina Orange Growers Association, 1909-1952 and undated
Subseries 1.3: Etiwanda Growers Association, 1927-1929
Subseries 1.4: Miscellaneous Growers Associations and Vendors, 1891-1973
Series 2: Labor, 1946-1954 and undated
Series 3: Patents and Trademarks, 1911-1949 and undated
Series 4: Periodicals and Reports, 1933-1972 and undated
These series have been organized alphabetically. In some cases, the series have been organized chronologically.

Related Materials
Researchers interested in this archive may also wish to consult the following resources from the Claremont Colleges Library Special Collections:
Oglesby Citrus Label Collection, H.MSS.1053: http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8db857x/. Honnold Mudd Library Produce Label Collection, H.MSS.0205.
Crookshank Grove, La Verne Orange and Lemon Association, H.MSS.0243.
San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce and the National Orange Show Letters and Documents, H.MSS.0726.
David Boule California Orange Collection, H.MSS.1098.
Bogigian Fruit Receipts Collection, H.MSS.0350: http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt0d5nd7pc/.

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

**Subject Terms**
- American Fruit Growers Incorporated of California
- California, Southern
- Citrus fruit industry
- Claremont Lemon Association
- College Heights Orange Association
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association
- Covina Orange Growers Association
- Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association
- Etiwanda (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)
- Fruit Growers Supply Company
- Indian Hill Citrus Union
- Labor--California--History
- Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History
- Packing House
- Sunkist Growers, Inc.

**Genre and Form of Materials**
- Checks
- Corporate minutes
- Correspondence
- Financial statements
- Handbook
- Invoices.
- Patents.
- Periodicals
- Stock certificates

**Series: 1 Growers Associations and Vendors 1891-1973**

**Scope and Contents**
This series documents the California Growers Associations and related the details of citrus fruit shipments, labor, employment trends, fiscal activities, vendors, and association membership. Included are association membership lists, meeting minutes and agendas, correspondence, financial records, stock certificates, association by-laws, annual reports, timesheets, photographs, and other related materials. The material in this series was created during the business operations of the growers associations and vendors. These materials were created by citrus growers associations, vendors, independent contractors, manufacturers, and other individuals.

**Organization and Arrangement**
This series is organized into four subseries:

- Subseries 1.1: Claremont College Heights Growers Association, 1900-1972, 2 cubic ft.
- Subseries 1.2: Covina Orange Growers Association, 1909-1952, 0.5 cubic ft.
- Subseries 1.3: Etiwanda Growers Association, 1927-19292, 0.5 cubic ft.
- Subseries 1.4: Miscellaneous Growers Associations & Vendors, 1891-1973, 1 cubic ft.
Subseries: 1.1 Claremont College Heights Growers Association 1900-1972

Scope and Contents

This series contains information pertaining to The Claremont Lemon Association, The College Heights Orange Association, and the College Heights Orange and Lemon Association. Claremont Lemon Association Materials include annual meeting minutes and agendas, shareholder proxy voting cards, board of director meeting minutes, stockholder meeting minutes, items separated from meeting minute books, reports, association application letters, financial records, checks and a checkbook, Book 1 of company stock certificates, and miscellaneous correspondence. College Heights Orange Association materials include a copy of the by-laws, an accounts index, and stock certificate book 2. College Heights Orange and Lemon Association materials include a short history of the association, an account book, amended articles of incorporation, bylaws, an equipment log, floor plans of the packing house, a stock ledger and items separated from the ledger, and stock certificate books 3-14.

Box 1, Folder 1
- Claremont Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 1) 1901-1902

Box 1, Folder 2
- College Heights Orange Association stock certificates (Book 2) 1914-1918
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 3) 1919-1921

Box 1, Folder 3
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 4) 1921-1928

Box 2, Folder 1
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 5) 1928

Box 2, Folder 2
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 6) 1928

Box 2, Folder 3
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 7) 1929

Box 2, Folder 4
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 8) 1929

Box 2, Folder 5
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 9) 1929-1930

Box 2, Folder 6
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 10) 1930-1931

Box 3, Folder 1
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 11) 1931-1934

Box 3, Folder 2
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 13) 1935-1937

Box 3, Folder 3
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association stock certificates (Book 14) 1936-1938

Box 3, Folder 7
- Midas trademark and patent bureau correspondence and misc. 1922 and undated

Box 3, Folder 8
- Orange Brand trademarks and miscellaneous trademark correspondence 1917-1949 and undated

Box 3, Folder 9
- Orchard King 1922-1942 and undated

Box 4, Folder 1
- Claremont Lemon Association binder, annual meetings proxies, notices, minutes, reports 1905-1909

Box 4, Folder 2
- Claremont Lemon Association binder, College Heights Orange Association application letters 1923

Box 4, Folder 3
- Claremont Lemon Association binder, financial records and checks 1906-1935

Box 4, Folder 4
- Claremont Lemon Association binder, miscellaneous

Box 4, Folder 5
- Claremont Lemon Association binder, miscellaneous correspondence 1908-1909

Box 4, Folder 6
- Claremont Lemon Association checkbook 1906-1910

Box 4, Folder 7
- Claremont Lemon Association minute book of director’s meetings 1900-1909

Box 4, Folder 8
- Claremont Lemon Association minute book of stockholder meetings 1900-1909

Box 4, Folder 9
- Claremont Lemon Association minute book of stockholder meetings, items laid-in 1900-1909

Box 4, Folder 10
- College Heights Orange Association by-laws 1909

Box 4, Folder 11
- College Heights Orange Association index of accounts 1911-1921

Box 4, Folder 12
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association account book 1925-1972

Box 4, Folder 13
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association amended articles of incorporation 1921-1927

Box 4, Folder 14
- College Heights Orange and Lemon Association by-laws 1909-1923
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Subseries: Claremont College Heights Growers Association 1900-1972

Subseries: Covina Orange Growers Association 1909-1952

Scope and Contents

This subseries documents the Covina Orange Growers Association and its response to natural disasters, the construction of the association packing house, citrus fruit shipments, purchases, labor, and association membership. Included are association membership lists, correspondence, receipts and invoices, annual reports, photographs, and other related materials. Arrangement is alphabetical and then chronological.

Subseries: Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association 1927-1929

Scope and Contents

This subseries consists of documents pertaining to the Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association and the various vendors with whom they worked. Included are bills of lading, shipping receipts, picking crew timesheets for the Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association, letters containing market reports from the California Fruit Growers Association, as well as phone message correspondence. Arrangement is alphabetical and then chronological.
Subseries: 1.3 Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association 1927-1929

Box 5, Folder 25  Handbook of citrus insect control 1928
Box 5, Folder 26  Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association, picking crew timesheets 1927 January - 1927 March
Box 5, Folder 27  Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association, picking crew timesheets 1928 April - 1928 December
Box 5, Folder 28  Etiwanda Citrus Fruit Association, telephone messages 1928
Box 5, Folder 29  Fruit Growers Supply, receipts 1928 February - 1928 July
Box 5, Folder 30  Pacific Electric Rail, bills of lading 1928 March - 1928 November
Box 5, Folder 31  Pacific Electric Rail, freight bills 1927 December - 1928 July
Box 5, Folder 32  Pacific Electric Railway, lease 1927 October
Box 5, Folder 33  Union Oil Company, invoice receipts 1928 January - 1928 September
Box 5, Folder 34  Union Oil Company, invoice receipts 1928 October - 1928 December
Box 5, Folder 35  Valley Box Company, delivery tickets 1928 April - 1928 May
Box 5, Folder 36  Zellerbach Paper Company, bills of lading 1928 January - 1928 July

Subseries: 1.4 Miscellaneous Associations and Vendors 1891-1973

Scope and Contents
This subseries includes a wide array of documents pertaining to several different citrus growers associations and vendors from both Northern and Southern California. Documents in this subseries include growers' reports, financial documents, correspondence, fiscal and monthly reports, employee records, and citrus industry handbooks. Citrus associations and vendors included in this subseries are Indian Hill Citrus Union, Etiwanda Raisin Growers' Association, Corona-College Heights Orange and Lemon Association, Claremont Citrus Association, Charter Oak Citrus Association, La Verne Orange Association, Fruit Growers' Supply Company, North Whittier Heights Citrus Association, Irwindale Citrus Association, Goldenwest Citrus Association, Tulare County Fruit Exchange, San Gabriel Valley Fruit Exchange, San Antonio Fruit Growers Exchange, California Fruit Grower's Exchange, Sunkist Growers Inc., R. H. Verity, and Glendora Fruit Exchange. This subseries provides documentation of fiscal activities, employment trends and picking schedules, inter-association correspondence, and trends in citrus industry practices across a wide array of California citrus companies. Of note in this subseries are lithograph samples, World War II-era government paperwork, full-color advertisements, and early industry picking schedules. Arrangement is alphabetical then chronological.

Box 5, Folder 39  California Fruit Growers Exchange, correspondence, reports and advertisements 1914-1958
Box 5, Folder 40  Charter Oak Citrus Association, annual statements 1916-1919
Box 5, Folder 41  Claremont Citrus Association, statistics 1926
Box 5, Folder 42  Corona College Heights Orange and Lemon Association, annual report and advertisement 1964 and undated
Box 5, Folder 43  Etiwanda Raisin Growers Association, by-laws and contract 1908
Box 5, Folder 44  Fruit Growers Supply Company, correspondence, reports, and related materials 1932-1950
Box 5, Folder 45  Glendora Fruit Exchange, annual reports 1947-1948
Box 5, Folder 46  Goldenwest Citrus Association, annual reports 1960-1963
Box 5, Folder 47  Indian Hill Citrus Union, reports and correspondence 1899-1901
Box 5, Folder 48  Indian Hill Citrus Union, reports and correspondence 1903-1904
Box 6, Folder 1  Indian Hill Citrus Union, reports and correspondence 1905-1906
Box 6, Folder 2  Indian Hill Citrus Union, reports and correspondence 1907-1908
Box 6, Folder 3  Indian Hill Citrus Union, reports and correspondence 1909-1910
Box 6, Folder 4  Indian Hill Citrus Union, reports and correspondence 1911-1912
Box 6, Folder 5  Indian Hill Citrus Union, incoming wires 1941
Box 6, Folder 6  Irwindale Citrus Association, annual report 1922
Box 6, Folder 7  La Verne Orange Association, shipments and returns 1936-1948

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Box 6, Folder 8  
**Miscellaneous vendors, lithography samples, letterhead, and advertisements 1891-1898 and undated**

Box 6, Folder 9  
**North Whittier Heights Citrus Association, business correspondence 1940**

Folder 1  
**Riverside Land Company, City of Riverside Land Holdings Map 1889**

*Note*

36" x 11.5". Shows lots offered for sale in the area around Magnolia Avenue, Riverside. Introduction titled “New Deal of the Riverside Land Company,” endorsed by the directors Joseph Jarvis (M.D.), S. C. Evans (President), D. W. McLeod (Secretary), O. T. Dyer, and A. S. White.

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Box 6, Folder 10  
**San Antonio Fruit Growers Exchange, receipts and minutes 1928-1958**

Box 6, Folder 11  
**San Antonio Fruit Growers Exchange, receipts and minutes 1958-1959**

Box 6, Folder 12  
**San Gabriel Valley Fruit Exchange, annual report 1946-1947**

Box 6, Folder 13  
**Sunkist Growers Incorporated, employee information 1969-1971**

Box 6, Folder 14  
**Sunkist Growers Incorporated, grower's handbook and items laid-in 1954-1960**

Box 6, Folder 15  
**Sunkist Growers Incorporated, miscellaneous 1958-1968**

Box 6, Folder 16  
**Sunkist Growers Incorporated, time sheets and personnel documents 1962-1973**

Box 6, Folder 17  
**Tulare County Fruit Exchange, annual report 1948**

Box 6, Folder 18  
**Verity, R.H., reports, correspondence, and receipts 1943-1944**

Box 6, Folder 19  
**Verity, R.H., reports, correspondence, and receipts 1944-1945**

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Series: 2 **Labor 1946-1953**

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains multiple items documenting the San Gabriel Valley Labor Association between the years 1946 and 1952. This series also includes undated materials and an item related to the Los Angeles County Farm Labor Advisory Committee. Annual audit reports, Articles of Association, financial statements, legal documents, meeting minutes, notices, passport information for Mexican national laborers, and regulations may be found in this series. Contains restricted materials. This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 8, Folder 1  
**Citrus Grove Workers Personnel Files, A-Z**

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Box 9, Folder 1  
**Citrus Grove Workers Personnel Files, A-D**

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Box 9, Folder 2  
**Citrus Grove Workers Personnel Files, E-M**

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Box 9, Folder 3  
**Citrus Grove Workers Personnel Files, N-T**

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Box 9, Folder 4  
**Citrus Grove Workers Personnel Files, U-Z**

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Box 6, Folder 20  
**San Gabriel Valley Labor Association, administration and operations 1946-1953**

Box 3, Folder 5  
**San Gabriel Valley Labor Association, audit reports 1948-1952**
Series: 3 Patents and Trademarks 1911-1949

Scope and Contents

This series contains a multitude of patents, trademarks and correspondence, as well as blueprints of a nailing machine, two Orchard King Citrus labels, trademark republications and renewals. The correspondence includes official certificates from the Washington Patents Office to the inventors of citrus labeling mechanisms from 1926-1930 and renewals of various apparatus for painting or stamping. It also contains two undated Canvas Handling Mechanism blueprints by E.E. Evans and official letters patents from 1929-1931 between Evans and the Riverside commissioner of patents for the canvas handling mechanism, automatic box stamping machines and devices. Although the blueprints are untitled and undated, the figures can be inferred from his correspondence with the Washington States Patent Office. This series also includes documented communications between Jackson, Midas, Minier and Fihe trademark and patent bureaus with Orchard King and Covina Orange Brand Trademarks and contains miscellaneous material such as: incomplete patent applications (both signed and unsigned) business cards, letters, a booklet and the envelopes themselves that contain the topical material. Arrangement is alphabetical.

Box 6, Folder 21
Blueprints and invoices 1927-1945 and undated

Box 3, Folder 6
E. E. Evans, canvas handling mechanism blueprints

Box 6, Folder 22
E.E. Evans, official letters, patents 1929-1931

Box 6, Folder 23
Jackson, Midas, Minier and Fihe correspondence 1921-1933 and undated

Box 6, Folder 24
Patent correspondence 1926

Box 6, Folder 25
Patent correspondence 1928-1930

Box 7, Folder 26
Republications and renewals 1911-1942

Series: 4 Periodicals and Reports 1933-1972

Scope and Contents

This series contains periodicals and reports related to the fruit and citrus industry spanning the years 1933 to 1972. Reports related to production, finances, weather, frost acreage, heating, and other activities are included. Periodicals in this series include Pacific Daily Fruit World and Daily Fruit World as well as the 1948 Color Handbook of Citrus Disease.

This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 7, Folder 3
Color handbook of citrus disease, (1 of 2) 1948

Box 7, Folder 4
Color handbook of citrus disease, (2 of 2) 1948

Box 7, Folder 5
Daily Fruit World 1946 January 3 - 1946 April 8

Box 7, Folder 6
Daily Fruit World 1946 April 9 - 1946 July 5

Box 7, Folder 7
Daily Fruit World 1946 December 30 - 1947 February 28

Box 7, Folder 8
Daily Fruit World 1947 March 3 - 1947 May 29

Box 7, Folder 9
Daily Fruit World 1947 June 2 - 1947 August 29

Box 7, Folder 10
Daily Fruit World 1947 September 2 - 1947 December 30

Box 7, Folder 11
Daily Fruit World 1948 January 2 - 1948 March 17

Box 7, Folder 12
Orchard Heating 1937

Box 7, Folder 13
Pacific Daily Fruit World 1944 February 4 - 1944 May 12

Box 7, Folder 14
Pacific Daily Fruit World 1944 May 15 - 1944 July 27

Box 7, Folder 15
Pacific Daily Fruit World 1944 July 28 - 1944 September 8

Box 7, Folder 16
Pacific Daily Fruit World 1944 September 11 - 1944 December 27

Box 7, Folder 17
Reports and records 1933-1972 and undated