Inventory of the Bion Samuel Gregory papers

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Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
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Biographical/Historical Note
Bion S. Gregory was a lawyer, businessman and land agent. Born in 1870 in Muscatine, Iowa, Gregory received his A.B. from Pacific Methodist College in 1889. He was admitted to the practice law in 1891, then graduated in 1893 from Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. Moving to Honolulu, Hawaii, Gregory operated the Bion S. Gregory Company, dealing in construction and household supplies, from 1897 to 1904. From 1905 to 1915 Gregory served as a land agent and landowner in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, in the states of Oaxaca and Chiapas, Mexico. After 1915, Gregory lived in San Francisco, where he was known as an authority on mechanic's liens and other legal forms. Gregory died 1938 in San Francisco, California. Source: Bion Samuel Gregory Obituary, San Francisco Examiner, January 2, 1939.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Bion S. Gregory Papers include personal account books, business records, legal records, correspondence, printed materials, maps, photographs, and subject files. Most of the documentation relates to his activities in Mexico. Included are correspondence and legal documents relating to properties in Mexico, particularly the management and retention of his plantation on Majagual (2 cubic feet). Parcel maps in the states of Oaxaca and Chiapas, railroad maps (128 items); photographs dating from 1890-1940. Approximately 300 photographs, including negatives, are of Mexico, others are of family members. Subject files mostly relate to agriculture, politics, religion and sights in Mexico. Calendars date from 1892-1893, 1907-1915, and 1937. Certificates include marriage, fraternal, memorial of son Milton Merle who died during World War II, among others. Printed materials consist of promotional material of various land companies in Mexico.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Investments, American--Mexico.
Mexico--Economic conditions.

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017a. Eternginyi, E. A. Plano del Terreno de las Fincas "Santa Rita" y "Cintular" de la Sra. Francisca Marroquin de Panana, y de sus Exedencias Scale 1:20,000 [drawing on linen] 1898

018a. Hacienda Chivela Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico. Scale 1 : 100,000 [linen] Mexico City: Mexican Investments. undated

18b. Hacienda Chivela Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico. [4 blueprints 16 X 16 inches] Mexico City: Mexican Investments. undated

019. Arroyo Hondo, District of Misantla, State of Veracruz, Mexico. Scale 1:40,000 [drawing on linen] undated

020a. Hacienda of Metlaltoyoeca State of Puebla, Mexico. Scale 1:60,000 [drawing on linen] undated

020b. Hacienda of Metlaltoyoeca State of Puebla, Mexico. Scale 1:60,000 [blueprint] undated

021. Plano del terreno de Sr. J. Antonio Rabasa. Scale 1:100,000 [blueprint] undated

022. Mansfield, H. A. Untitled. Scale 1:25,000 [blueprint] 1899 June 14
Scope and Contents note
Features: property of Henry A. Mansfield, town of Suchilapan, Rio Coatzacoalcos.

023. "Bella Vista" Rubber Plantation. [pencil on paper] undated

024. Map of Pan-American Railroad. [paper] undated

025. Plano del perimetro de terreno de Sr. J. A. Robasa. [blueprint] undated

026. Chiapas. [blueprint] undated

027. Springall, A. E. Map showing location of our land in the state of Veracruz. Tract nos. 1-5. [blueprint] Cordoba Warehouse and Supply Co. undated

028a-e. Compania Mexicano Terrenoas y Colonizacion. Plano del Terreno denominado Neminado, Panana. [5 blueprint copies] 1905 March 5


030. Plano de la Ciudad de Mexico. [newsprint] undated
Scope and Contents note
Features map of Mexico on reverse.

031. Las Maria. Scale 1:100,000 [drawing on linen] undated
Scope and Contents note
Features: Compania de Terreno de Chiapas, Rio Majagual, Laguna San Andres, Laguna Buena Vista, Pampa del Mosquito.

032. Map showing part of Michoacan. [Newspaper] undated
Scope and Contents note
Features existing railroad lines, proposed Morelia and Tocamboso Railroad.


034. Panama Rail Road Company, Panama Rail Road Steamship Line and connections. [paper] New York: Rand McNally Co. undated

035. Untitled. [paper] undated
Scope and Contents note
Torn from a larger map. Features portion of Lower California, railroads.
Box/Folder 24 : 3  036 a. Pryce Jones, J. S. Compania de Terrenos De Chiapas. Isla Majagual, Medida. [drawing on linen] undated


Box/Folder 24 : 4  037 a-b. Map of Ferrocarriles Nacionales de Mexico (National Railways of Mexico). [paper] Mexico City: Ferrocarriles Nacionales de Mexico 1911

Box/Folder 24 : 4  038. Sonora. Scale 1:2,000,000 [paper] undated

Box/Folder 24 : 4  039. Plano Anexo a la Resena Economica del Estado de Tabasco por Alberto Correa. Scale 1:825,000 [color print on paper] Mexico: Lit. EM. Moreau undated


Box/Folder 24 : 3  041. Concession for 1,500 litres per second. Head of water at turbine, 27 feet. Dam, solid masonry 60ft. long 8 ft. wide. Misantha, 800 meters distant. Scale 1 : 2,000 [drawing on linen] undated

Box/Folder 24 : 2  042. Wemple, Ross. Map of Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico. [blueprint] Mexico City, Mexico: The Real Estate Company of Mexico undated

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044. Lots Magadalena and Amatan 296,532 and 72,330 acres respectively. [35 3/4 x 22 3/4 inches] Land Company of Chiapas (Mexico) Ltd. undated

Scope and Contents note
Features Mescalapa or Gyalva River.

043. Plano de los terrenos de Pueblo de Pijijiapam antes del trazo definitivo del lindeero Occidental, Chiapas. [blueprint] undated

Scope and Contents note
Features: Hacienda San Antonio, Candelaria borders.

045. Plano de Boca de Monte. Tehuantepec, Oaxaca 25,000 Hectares. [blueprint, 23 x26 inches] San Francisco: The Real Estate Company of Mexico. undated

Scope and Contents note
Features Ferrocarril de Tehuantepec, Palomares, Rio Sarabia, Rio Coalzacoalcos.

046. Tutla. [blueprint, 23 x 20 1/8 inches] undated

Scope and Contents note
Features FCN de T Railroad, rivers, and towns.

048. Untitled 46,613 acres. [linen, 23 1/2 x 20 1/4 inches] undated

Scope and Contents note
Features Gulf of Mexico, Veracruz, Laguna Alvarado, Laguna Camaronera.

049. Hda. de Ixtapa y sus terrenos anexos. [blueprint] undated

050 a-b. Lara, Severo. Plano de una fraccion de terreno ubicada en el Municipio de Ojitlan. [linen and blueprint, 27 3/4 x 22 1/2 inches] 1909 June

051 a-b. Lano Queretaro, Severo. Plano de una fraccion de terreno ubicada en el Municipio de Ojitlan. [linen and blueprint] 1909 June

052. Plano del Perimetro del Terreno Vendido por el Sr. Julian Moques a la Sociedad Agricola el Barrio Juchilan. [blueprint] 1905 March 28

Scope and Contents note
Chivela written on reverse.
053 a. Plano General de la Santa Rita Casas Viejas, Acayucan Veracruz. Scale 1:40,000 [19 3/4 x 33] undated
    Scope and Contents note
    Features Tehuantepec National Railway.


055. Croquis de los Terrenos de Gavalan [blueprint 29 7/8 x 16 5/8] 1904 March
    Scope and Contents note
    "October 1906" and "Gavilan" written on reverse. "Ordered by Golfo de Mexico and Terranos Nacionales" written in red pencil.

056 a-b. Plano de las Haciendas de Chilvela y Tarifa. [2 copies] undated
    Scope and Contents note
    Chivela written on reverse.

    Scope and Contents note
    Features 40 railroad lines. Reverse side: Plano General de la Ciudad de Mexico.

058. Land Company of Chiapas (Mexico) Ltd. San Ficente. [15 1/2 x 22 1/2] undated
    Scope and Contents note
    Features milking herd, orchard and garden, henequen plantation, pastures, rubber plantation, maize.

059. Hacienda Sarabia Juchitan, Oaxaca 1,60,701 Hectares, 150,000 Acres. [17 5/8 x 24] San Francisco: The Real Estate Company of Mexico 1906

    Scope and Contents note
    Features: Terrenoa destinaco por la campa Arellano, Terrenos destinado por la campa Gayan.

061. Plan of Section of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. [21 x 17] undated
    Features Chimalapa Lands, ND 121 x 17 - · -----+--- Tehuantepec R.R. to Coatzcoalcos, Mexican Land and Coffee Co., Illinois ~-,1Coffeeand Rubber Co. Rock Island
    Scope and Contents note

062. Plano del Terreno de Jamiltepec, Oaxaca. [21 1/8 x 18 1/4] undated
    Scope and Contents note
    Features: Pacific Ocean, Rio Verde, border of Guerrero.

063. Republic of Mexico Territory of Tepic. [linen] undated

064. Untitled. undated
    Scope and Contents note

066. West-Central Mexico. [1 printed sheet 29 x 24 1/8 inches] Houston, TX: The Mexico Company 1910 August 31

Scope and Contents note
Features: Capital cities, districts, towns or ranchos, railroads, proposed railroads, telegraph lines, mining districts.

067. Hendges, M. Mexico from Official Mexican and Other Sources. [38 1/4 x 27 3/4 inches] Prepared in the Bureau of American Republics 1900

Scope and Contents note
Features: Indian corn, beans, wheat, barley, cotton, lechuguilla, Henquen fine agave, Mexican hemp, coffee and tobacco.

068. Lilapan, Y. Plano del Terreno De Sta Maria Chimalapa. [25 x 27 5/8] 1896 May 4
069 a-b. Plano General de los terrenos de la Sra. Partido del Carmen, Campeche, Mexico. [linen and blueprint] undated

Scope and Contents note

070. Frieda Velaco, Manuela and Laya Acayucan, Ignacio Ismael. Plano de una fraccion del late No 1 de Texistepec. Propiedad del Sr. Alvaro. [21 x 17 1/2] 1902
071. Mapa de Coajia. 6233 Acres. [15 7/8 x 22 1/2] undated

Scope and Contents note
Features Rio del Obispo, Rio de Coapa.

072. Gavilan, A. Plano General de Terrenos deslinadados el Sr. Lie. Rafael Oorantes en el Municipio Huinanguillo, Tobasco. [22 1/2 x 14 1/2] undated

Scope and Contents note
Features: land sites, distances from sea ports of Mexico and U.S., projected RR Dorantes, Puerto Mexico.

073. Montanaro, A. M. Map of Trinidad River District. [onionskin, 23 x 17 7/8 inches] 1907 June

Scope and Contents note
Features plots with acreage and ownership.

074. Map of the Vera Cruz and Isthmus Railroad (formerly Veracruz and Pacific RR) and its connections. [1 printed sheet, 21 5/8 x 15 inches] Galveston, TX: Clarks and Courts, Engravers and Printers 1908

Scope and Contents note
Includes daily report of the weather.

075 a-e. Map of the Vera Cruz and Isthmus Railroad (formerly Veracruz and Pacific RR) and its connections. [5 printed sheets, 21 5/8 x 15 inches] Galveston, TX: Clarks and Courts, Engravers and Printers 1908

Scope and Contents note
Features report of number of deaths and hospital report of employees.

076. Plano de los Lotes 1 y 2 de los Terrenos Comprados a la Compania de Fomento de Tehuantepec por The Mexican Land Securities Co.
Scope and Contents note  
Features include Rio Jumiapa, Arroyo Tortugero.

76.9795 Hectares 2.9750 in River Zone [1 linen print, 1 blueprint 16 3/4 x 23 1/2 inches] undated

080 a-b. *Untitled.* [16 x 21 inches, 1 linen print, 1 blueprint] undated  
Scope and Contents note  
Features: Arroyo Doce Millas, Monteria.

081a-e. *Property of B. S. Gregory, Mexico City, Mexico - Ownership Island of San Majagual 2493.3 Acres.* [5 blueprints, 32 x 12 inches] Chiapas. undated