Foy Brothers Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Foy Brothers Records
Dates: 1854-1925
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Abstract: This collection contains 62 financial volumes and one folder of ephemera for the Foy Brothers saddler and harness business in Los Angeles, California, dating from 1854 to 1925.
Language of Material: The records are in English.
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Provenance
Gift from Mary E. Foy, November 15, 1938,
Biographical Note
Foy Brothers, a Los Angeles harness and saddler firm was founded in 1854 by Samuel Calvert Foy and his brother, John Moran Foy. Their partnership continued until 1865 when John moved to San Bernardino to open his own firm; he died in 1892. Samuel continued to direct the Los Angeles firm until his death in 1901.
Scope and Content
The collection contains 62 financial volumes and one folder of ephemera for the Foy Brothers saddler and harness business in Los Angeles. Many of the volumes have items in them including correspondence, receipts, invoices, handwritten notes, etc. These were left in place. The ephemera includes receipts, invoices, tax information and receipts, a business license, and a catalog for "S.C. Foy...Manufacturer and Dealer In...Harness, Saddles, Collars, Whips, Lap Robes, Dusters and Nets, Etc. Los Angeles, Cal." These financial volumes give insight into the Foy Brothers' business in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in both Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. They did business with many prominent Californians including Abel Stearns, Pio Pico, and Phineas Banning.
Arrangement
The collection is organized in the following manner:
• Journals (9 volumes)
• Ledgers (8 volumes)
• Cash books (23 volumes)
• Miscellaneous Volumes (22 volumes)
• Ephemera (1 folder)
Each section is arranged chronologically except the miscellaneous volumes which are organized first alphabetically by volume title or type, then chronologically.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
**Personal Names**
- Banning, Phineas, 1830-1885
- Foy, John Moran, d. 1892
- Foy, Samuel Calvert, 1830-1901
- Pico, Pío, 1801-1894
- Stearns, Abel, 1798-1871

**Corporate Names**
- Foy Brothers (Firm : Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Subjects**
- Business enterprises -- California -- Los Angeles -- Archives
- Harnesses
- Saddlery -- California -- Los Angeles -- History -- Sources

**Geographic Areas**
- Los Angeles (Calif.)
- San Francisco (Calif.)

**Genre**
- Account books -- California, Southern
- Business records -- California, Southern
- Cashbooks -- California, Southern
- Ledgers (account books) -- California, Southern

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**Journals (Volumes 1-9)**
- Volume 1: Journal 1854-1866
- Volume 2: Journal 1857-1859
- Volume 3: Journal 1859-1860
- Volume 4: Journal 1861-1876
- Volume 5: Journal 1867-1869
- Volume 6: Journal 1880-1893
- Volume 7: Journal 1893-1897
- Volume 8: Journal 1897-1908
- Volume 9: Journal 1908-1925

**Ledgers (Volume 10-17)**
- Volume 10: Ledger 1855-1862
- Volume 11: Ledger 1863
- Volume 12: Ledger 1864-1865
- Volume 13: Ledger 1867-1871
- Volume 14: Ledger 1870-1880
- Volume 15: Ledger 1870-1897
- Volume 16: Ledger 1897-1906
- Volume 17: Ledger 1906-1925

**Cashbooks (Volumes 18-40)**
- Volume 18: Cashbook 1867-1870
- Volume 19: Cashbook 1885-1896
- Volume 20: Cashbook 1895-1897
- Volume 21: Cashbook 1896-1899
- Volume 22: Cashbook 1897-1899
- Volume 23: Cashbook 1899-1900
- Volume 24: Cashbook 1899-1902
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**Miscellaneous (Volumes 41-62)**

| Volume 41 | Client List                              | [circa 1895] |
| Volume 42 | Credit Sales                             | 1894-1896   |
| Volume 43 | Credit Sales                             | 1896-1897   |
| Volume 44 | Credit Sales                             | 1897-1900   |
| Volume 45 | Credit Sales                             | 1900-1902   |
| Volume 46 | Credit Sales                             | 1902-1904   |
| Volume 47 | Credit Sales                             | 1904-1905   |
| Volume 48 | Credit Sales                             | 1905-1907   |
| Volume 49 | Credit Sales                             | 1907-1911   |
| Volume 50 | Credit Sales                             | 1912-1918   |
| Volume 51 | Daybook                                  | [circa 1898]|
| Volume 52 | Daybook                                  | 1899-1911   |
| Volume 53 | Estimates of Shop Work.                  | 1896-1901   |
| Volume 54 | Expenses                                 | 1892-1897   |
| Volume 55 | Expenses                                 | 1899-1901   |
| Volume 56 | Expenses                                 | 1901-1902   |
| Volume 57 | Expenses                                 | 1904-1907   |
| Volume 58 | Expenses                                 | 1908-1912   |
| Volume 59 | Expenses                                 | 1913-1919   |
| Volume 60 | Inventory                                | [undated]   |
| Volume 61 | Invoice Index File                       | 1892-1897   |
| Volume 62 | Invoice Index File                       | 1897-1901   |

**Ephemera**

Envelope

*Ephemera folder 1869-1920*

16 items