Homer Laughlin business records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Homer Laughlin business records
Inclusive Dates: 1909-1997
Bulk Dates: 1919-1950
Collection Call Number: mssLaughlinrecords
Creator: Laughlin, Homer, 1843-1913
Extent: Approximately 350 items in 4 boxes.
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Abstract: The business records of Homer Laughlin and the Laughlin Building in Los Angeles, California.
Language of Material: The records are in English.
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Acquisition Information
The collection was a gift of Adele Yellin, who was the wife of Ira Yellin, November 2016.
Historical Note
Homer Laughlin founded the Homer Laughlin China Company of Ohio in 1873. In 1896, Laughlin sold his business and moved to Los Angeles, California, where he was active in real estate. The Homer Laughlin Building, located at 317 South Broadway, was designed in 1896 by John B. Parkinson and was expanded in 1905 by Harrison Albright. In 1917, the Grand Central Market opened inside the building. Real estate developer Ira Yellin purchased the Homer Laughlin Building in 1984, along with other historic properties including the Million Dollar Theater and the Bradbury Building. In the 1990s, Yellin engaged Brenda Levin to complete a major renovation of the building.
Scope and Content
This collection provides documentation on the history of the Laughlin Building, the Grand Central Market and Homer Laughlin and his business activities. There is also some material related to Homer Laughlin, Jr., Homer Laughlin, III, and businessman Beach D. Lyon. There are a few items that were used for advertising the Grand Central Market.
Personal Names
Laughlin, Homer, 1843-1913
Lyon, Beach D.
Yellin, Adele, former owner
Corporate Names
Grand Central Market (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Subjects
Businessmen -- California -- Los Angeles
Real estate developers -- California -- Los Angeles
Real property -- California -- Los Angeles
Geographic Areas
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources

Genre
Booklets -- California -- 20th century
Building plans -- California -- 20th century
Business records -- California -- 20th century
Estate records -- California -- 20th century
Fliers (printed matter) -- California -- 20th century
Leases -- California -- 20th century
Legal documents -- California -- 20th century
Wills -- California -- 20th century

Box 1
Folder 1  Beach D. Lyon - University Club Bonds
           Beach D. Lyon Notes and Correspondence (1931-1934)
           8 items.

Folder 2  Bill for Legal Services and Clipping (1952-1997)
           5 items.

Folder 3  Bond of Administrator Documents and Agreements (1924-1940)
           8 items.

Folder 4  "Feeding a Million People:" Advertising Booklet for Grand Central Public Market
           [approximately 1923]
           2 items. One copy is no longer bound.

Folder 5  Full Reconveyance Document (1975, Oct. 28)
           1 item.

Folder 6  Homer Laughlin Notes and Deeds (1919-1923)
           8 items.

Folder 7  Homer Laughlin, Jr. Mortgage (1921, Sep. 1)
           1 item.

Folder 8  Homer Laughlin III Insurance Premium Documents (1959-1962)
           6 items.

Folder 9  Lauglin-Goss Insurance Advertising Flyer [1920s]
           3 items.

Folder 10 Last Will and Testament of Homer Laughlin, 1843-1913, and Estate Documents
           (1909-1913)
           2 items.

Folder 11 Last Will and Testament of Homer Laughlin, Jr., and Related Documents (1921-1932)
           8 items.

Folder 12 Miscellaneous Bill of Sale and Transfer (1960)
           2 items.
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