Descriptive Summary

Title: Patton Family Papers

Dates: 1856-1934

Collection Number: mssPF 1-350

Creator: Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1856-1927

Extent: 356 items

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Abstract: The collection consists of personal and business papers related to the Patton family, and is particularly focused on the activities of George Smith Patton (1856-1927), an attorney, businessman, and the first mayor of San Marino, California. Topics covered include railroads, Patton's senate campaign, irrigation, land sales, and the development of the San Marino area.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

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Provenance
Gift of David and Peter W. Patton on August 5, 1971.
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Biography
George Smith Patton (1856-1927) was born in Virginia. His father, George Smith Patton (1833-1864), served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was killed in the Third Battle of Winchester in 1864. In 1866, his mother Susan Thornton Glassell Patton (1835-1883) joined her brother Andrew Glassell in California, along with ten-year-old George, his sisters Ellen (who later married Thomas Brown) and Susan, and brother Andrew (known to the family as Glassell). In 1870, Susan married George Hugh Smith (1834-1915), a cousin of her first husband. The couple had two children, Anne Ophelia Smith (1870-1951), who later married Hancock Banning, and Ettinge Hugh (1876-1887). In 1880 George Patton joined the law firm run by his uncle Andrew Glassell and stepfather George Smith, and the firm was subsequently known as Glassell, Smith, and Patton. Susan died of breast cancer in 1883. In 1884 George Patton married Ruth Wilson (1861-1928), the daughter of Benjamin Davis Wilson and Margaret Hereford Wilson. The Pattons and Ruth's sister Annie lived in San Marino, where their children George Smith Patton (1885-1945) and Anne Wilson Patton (1887-1971), called “Nita,” were born. In 1903 the Shorb estate in San Marino was purchased by Henry E. Huntington, who appointed Patton as general manager of the ranch. George Smith Patton (1885-1945) married Beatrice Banning Ayer (1886-1953), known as Bea, in 1910. Their daughter Beatrice Smith Patton was born in 1911, followed by Ruth Ellen Patton (Totten) in 1915 and George Patton III in 1923. Patton was killed in a car accident in Heidelberg in 1945.

Scope and Content
The collection consists of personal and business correspondence, political papers, account books, legal documents, and land papers related to the Patton family, and is particularly focused on the activities of George Smith Patton (1856-1927). Note: this collection originally formed an addendum to the Benjamin Davis Wilson Collection known as Wilson Addenda II. Topics covered include railroads, Patton's senate campaign, irrigation, land sales, and the development of the San Marino area. Some notable items include a letter from George Smith Patton (1833-1864) to his father John Mercer Patton (1797-1858) announcing the birth of George Smith Patton (1856-1927); typescripts of letters from Susan Glassell Patton...
and her children to Sally Taylor Patton and Margaret Williams Patton describing their early life in the California; letters from Ruth Wilson to Patton (1856-1927) written shortly before their wedding in 1884; letters from a family friend named Rose Gray regarding the birth of George Smith Patton (1885-1945); letters from Patton (1856-1927) to Annie Wilson regarding their potential financial difficulties and the childhoods of Patton (1885-1945) and Anne Wilson Patton; multiple verbose letters from Patton (1856-1927) regarding topics such as World War I (letter to Kerchoff, June 1, 1915) and the political campaign in California (1916); correspondence and legal records related to, among other things, the Pacific Electric Railroad and Collis Huntington’s plans to construct a harbor at Santa Monica (1894); and a telegram from Patton (1885-1945) to his father advising him to prevent General John Pershing’s brother James from giving a speech in London “compromising the general politically” (Dec. 10, 1917).


**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into the following series:

- **Correspondence (Boxes 1-2)**
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Each series is arranged chronologically.

- **Benjamin Davis Wilson Collection** (Call number: mssWN 1-2419)
- **James De Barth Shorb papers** (mssShorb papers)
- **Patton Family collection of negatives and photographs** (photCL 282)
- **Banning Family Collection of Photographs, Part I** (photCL 180)
- **Banning Family Collection of Photographs, Part II** (photCL 451)

**Personal Names**

Flint, Frank P. (Frank Putnam), 1862-1929.
Huntington, Collis Potter, 1821-1900.
Huntington, Henry Edwards, 1850-1927.
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1856-1927.
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945.
Smith, George H. (George Hugh)
Wilson, Benjamin Davis, 1811-1878.

**Corporate Names**

Huntington Land and Improvement Company.
Southern Pacific Railroad.

**Subjects**

Domestic relations--California.
Irrigation--California.
Land use--California.
Political campaigns--California--History--20th century.
Politicians--California--Los Angeles.
Correspondence. 1856-1898.

1897, Nov.29. [George Smith Patton, 1856-1927]. Letter to Garber & Garber. [Los Angeles, Calif.]. PF 179.

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**Speeches and articles.**

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1887. George Smith Patton, 1856-1927. Address to the voters of the 6th Congressional District of California on the ownership of the Pacific Railroads by the Government... [printed pamphlet]. PF 349.


[1898?]. [George Smith Patton, 1856-1927]. Address to high school students on responsibilities of American citizenship. PF 183.


1904, Nov.25. George Smith Patton, 1856-1927. Speech at Sunset Club on conditions of national development as modified by diversity of races. PF 201.

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Speeches and articles. c. 1911-1924.


Speeches and articles.


Legal papers and contracts.

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1892, Jan.27. Sutherland Hutton. Affidavit regarding work done on the Good Venture oil claim in Ventura County. Los Angeles, Calif. PF 97.
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1897, Apr.7. Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Stipulation of George Smith Patton (1856-1927) in the matter of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Los Angeles vs. Mary E. Winston. Los Angeles, Calif. PF 32.
1899-1902. Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Court orders in Farmers & Merchants Bank of Los Angeles vs. Maria de Jesus Wilson Shorb [6 items]. Los Angeles, Calif. PF 35.
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1886, Aug.13. Agreement between A. McNally and Frank Young. PF 297.
1887, Aug.16. Deed, M.L. Wicks to Joseph Schindele. PF 298.
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1889. Documents re: Kiefer & Co. court cases [4 items]. PF 308.
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1895, Jan.28. George Smith Patton, 1856-1927. Lease of building on Main Street in Los Angeles to Frederick Arbogast. Los Angeles, Calif. PF 168.
1895, Apr.10. P.A. Howard. Diagram exhibiting Sixth Street...from Park View Avenue to Coronado Street in the city of Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Calif. PF 83.
1925-1927. Miscellaneous papers and maps pertaining to Oak Grove Tract 6928 in Pasadena, Calif. PF 290.


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1898, Aug. Democratic Party, California State Convention, Committee on Platform and Resolutions. Resolutions and miscellaneous [17 items]. Sacramento, Calif. PF 44.
1901, July 7. Rightness, Is. 32:17: [sermon]. PF 293.
[c. 1916?]. [George Smith Patton, 1856-1927]. [Papers on national revolutions, with examples from Roman history]. PF 236.
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1896-1900. San Gabriel Wine Company. Inventories, statements, etc. [9 items]. PF 255.


1897-1900. Winston Ranch. Statements, etc. [5 items]. PF 282.

1898. San Gabriel Wine Company. Monthly and annual statements [including report to stockholders] [10 items]. San Gabriel, Calif. PF 265.


Accounts and receipts. 1900-1934.


1900-1904. George Smith Patton, 1856-1927. Ranch accounts, reports, etc. [5 items]. PF 195.


1930-1934. Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Deposit receipts for stocks and bonds for Anne Wilson Patton and George Smith Patton (1885-1945) [c. 100 items]. Los Angeles, Calif. PF 37.
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