A Guide to the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Company records

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The Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Company was formed in late 1917 or early 1918 to take advantage of the World War I shipbuilding boom. It was located on the shore of Suisun Bay at a location known as Bay Point (later called Port Chicago). The company's senior officers were R.N. Burgess and San Francisco Bay Area shipbuilders Henry Tiffany Scott and John Thomas Scott. The steamer DIABLO was the first ship to be launched from the shipyard. The Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board provided most of the yards early work having contracted ten steamers. Business
tapered off after the war and the company kept its central offices in San Francisco until 1931.

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Collection Arrangement
The collection is arranged into four series: Correspondence; Legal records including contracts and agreements; Project files including specifications, reports, notebooks and printed materials; and Drawings of boilers, tankers, a freighter, hull plans and a wages sheet.

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