Guide to the James B. Pearce Papers

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Biographical Information:

James Pearce was born in Minnesota in 1896. He moved to Lemon Grove in 1923 with his family. When Pearce's father passed away in 1927, he took over the family real estate business, which specialized in the sale of ranches. Pearce also served as a member of the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce. He later sold fire, automobile, liability and compensation insurance. He died in 1968.

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Scope and Contents
The James B. Pearce Papers (1924-1963) primarily document the advertising activities and real estate listings of Pearce's real estate company, H. Pearce "Ranches Only." Of particular interest is the first issue of the Lemon Grove Empire (1928), a rare newspaper about the area's agricultural activities, and scrapbook of Pearce's real estate listings. Arranged alphabetically, the collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, directories, advertisements, and maps.

Box 1, Folder 1 Advertising 1924-1943
Box 1, Folder 2 Correspondence 1924, 1927
Box 1, Folder 3 Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce Mailing List 1950
Box 1, Folder 4 List of Lemon Grove Residents and Addresses 1945
Box 1, Folder 5 Newspaper Clippings 1952-1963
Box 2 Real Estate Listing Scrapbook 1925-1963
Box 3 Lemon Grove Empire, volume 1, number 1 1928
Box 3 Map of Lemon Grove Vista, Lots 105-120
Box 3 Map of San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company - Right of Way in Lemon Grove May 1946
Box 3 Map of Subdivision 3 of Lot 12 in Rancho Mission - Right of Way