Scope and Content
The collection is listed in two series. The first consists of minute books, by laws, legal papers, correspondence, leases and account books of the California Bean Growers Warehouse Corporation, covering the years of its existence, 1922-1947. The second series consists of minute books, by laws, administrative material and account books, also covering the years of its existence, 1918-1929.

The minute books are perhaps the most valuable source of information to anyone interested in a corporation of this kind. They cover, with few exceptions, the entire period of activity for both organizations, and include additional material of interest, along with the minutes of directors' and stockholders' meetings. The rest of the material seems quite complete and presents a clear picture of the entire operation of the California Bean Growers Warehouse Corporation and Association.

Historical Note
The California Bean Growers Warehouse Corporation was formed on September 23, 1922, with its principal office and place of business in San Francisco. From paragraph (i) of the Articles of Incorporation, "The primary purpose for the organization of this corporation is to pack, process, clean, store and warehouse the beans delivered to it by the California Bean Growers' Association, a California cooperative marketing association..." All directors were required to be stockholders of the Corporation as well as members of the Association, which was formed in 1918. The Association was dissolved in 1929 and the Corporation in 1947.

Much of the business of the Corporation centered around Pittsburg, a town in Contra Costa County, California, and the operation of warehouses, mill, wharf and fumigator.

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