Inventory of the Spreckels Sugar Company Collection D-322

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Abstract: Annual agricultural reports and reports of the experiment station of a sugar beet refiner formerly located in Salinas, California. Also includes United States Sugar Manufacturers' Association leaflets and reports; USDA reports on the beet-sugar industry; and one twentieth-century pamphlet on the beet sugar industry.

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History
In 1881, businessman Claus Spreckels (1828-1908) founded Spreckels Sugar Company in California's San Joaquin Valley. Spreckels had already been involved in sugar refining for some years; his California Sugar Refinery processed sugar cane imported from Hawaii, the Philippines, China, Java. The company he founded in the San Joaquin Valley, however, focused on refining sugar beets. Claus Spreckels founded the company town of Spreckels just south of Salinas, California, where the company's factory was located. At first, many of the sugar beets came from farms in Woodland, California, but later came from company-founded farms in King City, Soledad, and Hollister.

After Claus Spreckels' death in 1908, his son Adolph B. Spreckels took on the management of the company. In 1963, the family ultimately sold the company to the American Refining Company (AMSTAR). Today, Spreckels Sugar Company is a subsidiary of Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative.

Sources:
Spreckels Sugar Company History
http://www.spreckelssugar.com/history.php
(Accessed 19 November 2009)

http://www.santacruzpl.org/history/articles/407/
(Accessed 19 November 2009)

Spreckels Sugar Company
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spreckels_Sugar_Company
(Accessed 19 November 2009)

Scope and Content
This collection includes: annual reports of the Spreckels Sugar Company's experiment station (1909-1912); company agricultural reports (1919); United States Sugar Manufacturers' Association leaflets and reports (1916-1931); USDA reports on the beet-sugar industry (1897); and one twentieth-century pamphlet on the beet sugar industry.

Related Collections
The following collections at Special Collections may also be of interest:
D-116, F. Hal Higgins Papers, 1886-1975. This collection contains manuscripts and research notes about agricultural machinery in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

D-119, Oscar M.F. Nelson Papers, 1923-1938. This collection contains drawings and manuscripts pertaining to sugar and refining methods.

D-494, Floyd Halleck Higgins Photographs of Mexican Sugar Beet Workers, 1942. This collection contains photographs of work and daily life of Mexican sugar beet workers in California.

MC031, Walter H. Ziegler Papers, 1881-1962. This collection contains photographs, reports, company histories, and correspondence pertaining to Alvarado Sugar Beet Factory, in Soquel, Santa Cruz County and Holly Sugar Co., in Grand Junction, Colorado.

The following collections at other institutions may also be of interest:
MS282, Spreckels Sugar Company Collection. Located at the University of the Pacific, Holt-Atherton Department of Special Collections.
BANC MSS C-G 190, Spreckels Financial Papers, 1880-1944. Located at the University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Library.

Access
Collection is open for research.

Processing Information
Elizabeth Phillips, Manuscript Archivist, processed the collection and created the finding aid.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Sugar beet industry -- California
Spreckels Sugar Company--Archives.

Box 1, Folder 1       Department of Agriculture Special Report on the Sugar Beet Industry in the United States 1897
Box 1, Folder 2       Sugar: A New and Profitable Industry in the United States for Agriculture, Capital and Labor, to Supply the Home Market with $100,000,000 of its Product 1897
Box 1, Folder 3       Fourth Annual Report of the Spreckels Sugar Company Experiment Station, Vol. 6 1909
Box 1, Folder 4       Annual Report of the Spreckels Sugar Company Experiment Station, Vol. 7 1910
Box 1, Folder 5       Annual Report of the Spreckels Sugar Company Experiment Station, Vol. 8 1911
Box 1, Folder 6       Annual Report of the Spreckels Sugar Company Experiment Station, Vol. 9 1912
Box 1, Folder 7       United States Sugar Manufacturers' Association "A" 1916-1931
Box 1, Folder 8       Agricultural Reports 1919
Box 1, Folder 9       California Sugar Beets [1980?]
Box 1, Folder 10      "Sweetness and Light" Promotional Video circa 1970

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